

Albany-Berkeley Soccer Club

Positive Sideline Behavior For Coaches, Parents, and Spectators

Parents and Spectators

1. Tell your child before each game that you are proud of him or her regardless of how well he or she plays.
2. Your biggest job is to cheer in a positive manner and applaud great plays and great efforts by ALL players on your team as well as the other team. MAKE IT FUN!
3. Don't give instructions to your child during the game. Let the coach "coach" the players.
4. Only registered team officials may talk to the referees.
5. If an official makes a "bad" call against your team? Honor the Game, BE SILENT!
6. Don't do anything in the heat of the moment that you will regret after the game. Ask yourself, "Will this embarrass my child or the team?"
7. Thank the coaches for their commitment and effort.
8. Remember to have fun! Enjoy the game.

Coaches

1. Inspire a love for the game and the desire to compete fairly.
2. Realize that you are a teacher (and role model) and that the soccer field is a classroom.
3. Develop respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
4. As a role model and teacher refrain from exhibiting negative behavior such as shouting or arguing with the referees or the opposing team's coaches.
5. YOU, THE COACH, are responsible for parents and spectators. Prior to the season, remind parents and players about the importance of positive behavior and the sideline behavior rules.
6. Be sure to give gentle reminders throughout the season and praise when players or spectators set a great example.

Everyone

1. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs before, during, or after games are expressly prohibited.
2. The use of tobacco is not allowed on any soccer field or within 25 yards of any ABSC-affiliated activity involving youth players.
3. Each team is responsible for making sure that all trash has been removed from the game area before they disperse.

HONOR THE GAME AND HAVE FUN!