



# Parental Code of Conduct/ Sportsmanship Contract

Heart of the Valley Soccer Association (HOVSA) is a non-profit youth soccer program that serves players ages 4 to 19 in the Heart of the Valley and greater Little Chute Community. We are a volunteer run organization. This soccer club would not exist without the endless provision put forth by our volunteers, parents, and community. We appreciate all efforts given by those dedicated to supporting HOVSA and hope to provide all players with a positive soccer playing environment where good sportsmanship is displayed and team play is promoted.

HOVSA is a member of the East Central District locally and on a state level, the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA). We follow rules and regulations set forth by WYSA. All coaches are required to obtain licensing issued by WYSA and must also follow rules and regulations to maintain coaching status.

**ONE AREA OF PLAY THAT WE DO NOT TAKE LIGHTLY IS SPORTSMANSHIP. SPORTSMANSHIP REQUIRES ONE TO UNDERSTAND HIS OR HER OWN BIAS AND THE ABILITY TO PREVENT THE DESIRE TO WIN FROM OVERCOMING RATIONAL BEHAVIOR.**

**HOVSA COACHES HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK ANY SPECTATOR NOT DISPLAYING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP TO LEAVE THE AREA OF PLAY.**

## Expectations of Parents

Your enthusiasm as a spectator includes a vital responsibility for good sportsmanship. Your habits and reactions determine the quality of sportsmanship, which reflects upon our program and our community. Parents are expected to:

- ✓ Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of good sportsmanship.
- ✓ Respect park/school property and authority.
- ✓ Show respect for opponents and opposing coaches/ fans.
- ✓ Show respect for players who are injured.
- ✓ Respect the judgement and strategy of the coach (even if you disagree).
- ✓ Respect the judgement of game officials (even if you disagree). **Do not EVER speak to the officials directly**
- ✓ Avoid profane language and obnoxious behavior at all times.
- ✓ Avoid applauding errors or penalties of the opponents.
- ✓ Refrain from heckling, jeering or distracting opponents.
- ✓ Refrain from being critical of players, coaches or officials for a loss.
- ✓ Refrain from throwing objects on the playing area.
- ✓ Avoid the use of artificial noisemakers.
- ✓ Refrain from using cheers that taunt or ridicule opposing players, coaches or spectators.
- ✓ Refrain from booing or showing displeasure with game officials or game activities.



### GOOD SPORT PARENT

- Supports the coach
- Lets their child make decisions
- Encourages their child
- Lets their child have fun
- Praises their child and cheers for everyone
- Is a role model
- Respects officials
- Respects the opposition
- Supports the coaches decisions
- Gives their child autonomy
- Wants their child to learn lessons from sport

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### BAD SPORT PARENT

- Argues with the coach
- Constantly shouts instructions
- Criticises their child
- Over pressures their child
- Compares their child to other players
- Demonstrates negative behaviours
- Is abusive towards officials
- Argues with opposition parents/players
- Disagrees with the coaches decisions
- Tells their child how to play
- Wants their child to win at all costs

I certify that I have read and understand the above expectations and information related to sportsmanship. I understand that I am a role model for my son / daughter and that I represent our program and our community when I attend an activities function. I also understand that if I do not comply with the above listed responsibilities that I may forfeit my privilege of attending future activities involving our program.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_