

# Andover Soccer Association

## Parents – Code of Conduct

Participation in Andover Soccer Association (ASA) programs is a choice that requires a significant commitment by players and their parents. As a condition to participation in ASA programs, players and their parents must commit to abide by principles of good sportsmanship at all times. To ensure that parents of players are aware of ASA's expectations of them, ASA has adopted the following "Parents – Code of Conduct". Parents of all ASA players are expected to know and abide by this Parents Code of Conduct.

1. I will always strive to keep at the front of my mind that ASA Soccer is for and about the children that participate in it and, that it is the goal of ASA and should be the goal of all parents, coaches and other adults who are involved in ASA Soccer, to maximize the positive experience and enjoyment derived by our ASA players and to contribute towards their positive development as quality individuals and soccer players. (Progress towards this goal cannot be measured on a scoreboard.)
2. I will inform my child's coach of physical disabilities, allergies or ailments that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
3. I will encourage my child and the other children on their team and keep my cheering positive and supportive
4. I (and my guests) will refrain from coaching my child or other players from the sidelines during games or practices.
5. I (and my guests) will refrain from directing players what to do in a game, e.g., "chase it", "boot it", "kick it", etc. (Encouragement and cheering are great, but please let the kids make their own decisions.)
6. If I am not in attendance at an event I will make every effort to promptly pick up my child or make arrangements for their safe return home and will communicate those plans to my child's coach.
7. I will encourage my child to learn and play by the rules of the game and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or other behaviors that could endanger the health or well being of other players.
8. I will see that my child treats other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of their race, color, creed, sex or ability
9. I will provide my child with a sports environment that is free from illicit drugs, tobacco and alcohol and refrain from their use at ASA youth events.
10. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct toward any official, coach, player or parent. These include, but are not limited to: booing, taunting, use of profane language or gestures, or aggressive physical contact.
11. I (and my guests) will respect game officials and their authority during games. I will not heckle, confront, or openly question any game official during or after a game.
12. I will respect coaches and support their authority during games, practices and other team activities and sessions. I will not confront or question coaches at these times. If I am concerned about a coach, I will communicate directly and respectfully with the coach. If I continue to have concerns, I will bring them to the attention of my child's Age Group Coordinator and/or ASA's In-Town Director (for In-Town teams), or to ASA's Travel Director (for travel teams) and, as necessary, to the ASA President or other member of the ASA Board of Directors.

For ASA contact information see [www.AndoverSoccer.org/board-of-directors](http://www.AndoverSoccer.org/board-of-directors)

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