

## **PORT ANGELES YOUTH SOCCER CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Parents**

- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desire to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. Deemphasize games and competition in the younger age levels.
- Know and study the rules of soccer (you can download the Laws of the Game at <http://www.fifa.com>), and support the officials on and off the field. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat and enforce the positive points of the game.
- Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice. It is destructive. Work toward removing physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can and dedicate time as a volunteer!

### **Spectators**

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials.
- Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans. Enjoy the game together.
- Cheer good plays of all participants, avoid booing opponents.
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.
- Help provide a safe and fun environment; throwing objects on the field can cause injury to players and officials.
- Support the officials and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- Be responsible for your own safety and remain alert to help prevent accidents.
- Respect bench areas as private areas for players, coaches and officials.
- Be supportive after the game, win or lose. Recognize good efforts, teamwork and sportsmanship.

**Failure to abide by PAYSC's Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy may result in disciplinary actions against the player(s), parent(s), and/or spectator(s) involved, at the sole discretion of the PAYSC Board of Directors.**