



# PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

**Effective Date:** January 15, 2022

The Dixie Soccer Club is committed to ensuring that all soccer players have the opportunity to participate in a safe and welcoming environment that is encouraging and promotes their overall development. Parents have an enormous influence on their child's experiences in the sport. The quality of the team experience is strongly influenced by the relationships with parents. In this code, "parents" shall refer to the "parents and guardians". This code applies to all parents who are members of the Dixie Soccer Club or have children who are members of the Dixie Soccer Club. Parents shall abide by this code at all times while participating in any Dixie Soccer Club practice, game, or activity.

1. All parents are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner consistent with the values of fair play, integrity, open communication, and mutual respect.
2. Parents shall always model positive responsible behaviour and communicate with their child that they expect them to do the same. Parents will assume the major responsibility for their children on field conduct and attitude.
3. Parents shall at all times treat all individuals and property with dignity, courtesy, and respect, including but not limited to teammates, coaches, officials, volunteers, other parents, and all other individuals that are part of the Dixie Soccer Club, district, provincial or national organizations.
4. Parents shall refrain from any behaviour, or comments, which are profane, insulting, harassing, sexist, racist, abusive, disrespectful, or otherwise offensive without hostility or violence,
5. Parents shall emphasize the importance of values like sportsmanship, respect, cooperations, competition and teamwork to their child offering praise for competing fairly, participation and skill development.
6. Parent shall model and encourage their child to maintain a healthy balance better sport and life.
7. Parents shall model and encourage balanced, healthy food choices and subscribing to an active and healthy lifestyle.
8. Parents shall set reasonable expectations for their child's participation in soccer focusing on development and enjoyment for the child.
9. Parents shall instill confidence in their child's ability and skill development, always avoiding comparisons with other soccer players.
10. Parents shall celebrate the acquisition of skills and goals achieved by their child.
11. Parents main concern is the child's overall progress and development.
12. A parent's role shall be to take a healthy interest in their child's development and be responsible for the child's nutrition, rest and adherence to a training regimen set by the coach or other fitness professional, overall health, life-balance, and moral and emotional support.
13. Parents shall ensure their child wears proper soccer clothing and equipment. Soccer equipment will vary dependent on the field type and parents should be diligent to ensure cleats, futsal, and turf shoes are all worn on the appropriate surfaces. Parents must also ensure the proper use of shin guards. Players that require the use of glasses must use sport spectacles during all active play including practices, fitness sessions and games.
14. Parents shall never provide alcohol or drugs to minors in a Dixie Soccer Club activity, event, or competition.
15. Parents shall follow the City of Mississauga By-laws regarding consumption of alcohol and drugs in city parks and facilities.
16. Parents shall never provide or advocate the use of performance enhancing drugs or substances.

17. Parents shall avoid any conduct which brings the Dixie Soccer Club, into disrepute.
18. Parents shall openly support and uphold this code of conduct policy and take actions and steps to ensure other parents follow and uphold this policy.
19. Parents shall adhere to the policies, procedures, rules, standards, and ethics of the Dixie Soccer Club, Peel Halton Soccer Association, Ontario Soccer, and Canada Soccer at all times.
20. Parents shall never promote profanity and/or violence at any DSC practice, game, or event.
21. Parents shall demonstrate tolerance and an acceptance of diversity at all times.