

## The GAME FOR ALL KIDS.... A SOCCER-PARENT'S PROMISE LIST

(Please make two copies of this document, one to give to your coach and one to keep in your files)

### DON'T

- I WILL NOT PRESSURE MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCCER.
- I WILL NEVER QUESTION THE OFFICIAL'S JUDGEMENT OR HONESTY IN PUBLIC.
- I WILL NEVER RIDICULE OR YELL AT MY CHILD FOR MAKING A MISTAKE OR LOSING A COMPETITION.

### DO

- I WILL REMEMBER THAT CHILDREN LEARN BEST BY EXAMPLE. I WILL APPLAUD GOOD PLAYERS' PERFORMANCES BY BOTH MY CHILD'S TEAM AND THEIR OPPONENTS.
- I WILL TEACH MY CHILD THAT DOING ONE'S BEST IS AS IMPORTANT AS WINNING, SO THAT MY CHILD WILL NEVER FEEL DEFEATED BY THE OUTCOME OF A GAME/EVENT.
- I WILL MAKE MY CHILD FEEL LIKE A WINNER EVERY TIME BY OFFERING PRAISE FOR COMPETING FAIRLY AND FOR HONEST EFFORT.
- I WILL ENCOURAGE MY CHILD TO PLAY IN THE SPIRIT OF THE RULES AND TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS WITHOUT RESORTING TO HOSTILITY OR VIOLENCE.
- I WILL REMEMBER THAT MY CHILD PLAYS SOCCER FOR HIS OR HER ENJOYMENT, NOT FOR MINE.
- I WILL SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS TO REMOVE VERBAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE FROM YOUTH ACTIVITIES.
- I WILL RESPECT AND SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THE TRAINED VOLUNTEER COACHES WHO GIVE THEIR TIME TO PROVIDE SPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MY CHILD, UNDERSTANDING THAT I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE A PART OF MY CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT.
- I WILL RESPECT AND SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THE OTHER PARENTS WHO SHARE THESE BELIEFS.

**I AGREE TO HONOR THE GAME:** \_\_\_\_\_