## Club Principles: H.E.A.D.S.

The following are the principles on which the H.E.A.D.S. club operates and on which conduct will be judged for all players, coaches, parents and guardians, referees, competitors, spectators and all club volunteers:

- 1. Recognition that the primary goal of play is the enjoyment of the game by all
- 2. Promotion of safe play
- 3. Promotion of fun, skill improvement and honest effort
- 4. Promotion of respect for oneself and for others and taking responsibility for one's actions
- 5. Encouragement of all no matter what their level of skill
- 6. Sharing knowledge of the game with others
- 7. Appreciation of good play on both sides and good refereeing
- 8. Fair hearing of genuine concerns when they arise
- 9. Appreciation of those who donate their time for the good of the Club and the community
- 10. Promotion of respect for our facilities and our environment

## Coaches Code: H.E.A.D.S.

- 1. Responsible to teach lifetime values of sportsmanship, fair play and team spirit toward the game.
- 2. To make sure the players show respect to each other, the opposing team and the officials.
- 3. To encourage the players to do their best no matter what skill level they may be at and to give each player equal playing time.
- 4. To promote safe play through proper prevention with safe equipment and facilities and to enforce safe play at all times through preparation for unforeseen accidents or injuries.
- 5. To make sure that the quality of the sport experience is more important than who wins or loses.
- 6. To show controlled enthusiasm and positive attitude toward the game. '0
- 7. Responsible for the control of parents enthusiasm at each and every game.
- 8. All coaches must show respect for the officials and their decisions.

  Just remember without officials we would not have any games.

## Players Code: H.E.A.D.S.

- 1. Play for the enjoyment of the game, not to please parents or coaches.
- 2. Control your temper; fighting and "mouthing off" spoil the game for everyone
- 3. Cooperate with your teammates and opponents-without them, you do not have a game!
- 4. Understand the rules and play by them.
- 5. Wear proper equipment and report unsafe field conditions.
- 6. Work equally hard for yourself and your team-your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- 7. Winning is only part of the game-having FUN, improving your skills, making friends and doing your best are equally important.
- 8. Cheer all good plays, both your team's and the opponent's.
- 9. Coaches and officials are there to help you-cooperate with them. You have the right to expect fair treatment. Report any serious concerns to your parent/guardian.
- 10. Your coach is a volunteer, donating time. Do not waste it by being late or not attending practices/games without notice.
- 11. Respect the facilities you play on. Do not litter or damage equipment. Stop or report others who do.

## Parents/Guardian Spectator Code

- 1. Remember that children play for their enjoyment, not yours.
- 2. Encourage your child to play by the rules of the game and by the Player Code.
- 3. Show appreciation of volunteer coaches and officials who donate their time to teach and coach your child; help them whenever possible.
- 4. Never ridicule or yell at your child or other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 5. Turn defeat into victory by emphasizing the value of honest effort, skill improvement and fair play.
- 6. As spectators, applaud all good plays on BOTH teams.
- 7. Actions speak louder than words; set a good example for fair play and the love of the sport.
- 8. Teach your child that doing his or her best is as important as winning.
- 9. Bring serious concerns re player, coach, spectator or referee conduct to the attention of the Club Executive.
- 10. Ensure your child arrives at the game/practice on time and inform coach if not able to attend.
- 11. Ensure your child has proper and well fitting equipment.
- 12. Do not permit littering of soccer facilities by your family or by others
- 13. Please do not bring pets to soccer games. If they are present they must be leashed at all times and kept at least 15 metres from the playing field to keep from interfering with play, players and spectators