

# Hampton Youth Soccer Player Expectations

Coaches must read these expectations to players before the start of the season and are responsible for ensuring that their players meet these expectations throughout the season. Remember that our league exists to promote fun, fundamentals of soccer, sportsmanship, working as a team, and respect for fellow players.

## PLAYER EXPECTATIONS:

- **RULES:** All players are expected to learn the official rules for their league and to follow these rules throughout the season.
- **BEHAVIOR:** We are here to have fun, but not if your fun means someone else is not having fun. Respect your fellow players and help them to enjoy the game as well.
- **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Players are to show respect and sportsmanship to others involved in the game including their own teammates, other team players, coaches, spectators, and especially the officials. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
- **DO YOUR BEST!** Always try to do your best. No player is perfect, and everyone will make mistakes, but try hard and do your best so you do not let your team or other players down.
- **SHOW UP:** Show up on time to practices and games with your proper uniform and equipment. Showing up on time shows respect and team spirit to your fellow players.
- **BE READY TO PLAY:** Come to play and work hard with a good attitude, water bottle, shin guards, soccer socks, and clothing suited to weather conditions, the rules of the game, and the sport of soccer.
- **OFFICIALS:** If you disagree with a rule or a call by a referee, do not ask about it during the game. Instead, talk to your coach privately after the game or practice in a positive manner.
- **DO YOUR BEST:** No one player wins or loses the game. Winning is not the most important part of soccer in the Hampton Youth Soccer League – doing your best is!