



Keys to a successful season



PARENT PLEDGE

I AM AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY CHILD'S SOCCER SEASON. AS PART OF THE AYSO FAMILY, I AGREE TO HONOR THE GAME WITH MY WORDS AND ACTIONS AND I WILL DO MY BEST TO SET A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR MY CHILD.

FUN FACT!

The #1 reason kids play AYSO soccer is to have fun

During the game:

- ❶ I will cheer for good plays by both teams.
- ❷ The games can be really exciting for my child. I will not yell instructions. This could confuse players and they have enough to focus on already. I will let players play and coaches coach.
- ❸ Referees sometimes make mistakes. If I don't agree with the ref's call, I will stay quiet. I am not entitled to an explanation and the ref has enough going on already.
- ❹ I will encourage family, friends and other guests to honor these same pledges, too.

After the game:

- ❺ I will congratulate my child and their teammates for their efforts and, as often as I can, compliment individual players on good plays they made in the game.
- ❻ I will thank the volunteer coaches and referees for their efforts, too. I will thank our opponents for a good game.
- ❼ I will show more interest in how the game was played than the final score, and save advice for another time.

Throughout the season:

- ❽ I understand that the game is for the kids, and I will encourage my child to have fun and keep this sport and this season in its proper perspective.
- ❾ Athletes do their best when they are emotionally healthy, so I will be positive and supportive.
- ❿ I will not make negative comments about the game, coaches, referees or teammates in my child's presence. This sets a bad example.
- ⓫ I will do my best to learn the rules of the game and help others learn them, too.
- ⓬ I will redefine what it means to be a 'winner' in my conversations with my child. Winners put forth maximum effort, continue to learn and improve and do not let mistakes discourage them.
- ⓭ I pledge to be on time or early when bringing my child to practices and games. I am encouraged to stay during practice, but if I do not, I will be there when they are finished.
- ⓮ Yes, they're cute and furry, but I will leave my pets at home.