



Benoni Northern Football Club

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Side-line Behaviour

Good day:

All players, coaches, managers, parents, guardians, grandparents, friends and family members

It has been brought to our attention that the behavior and language on the side of the field is becoming a problem!

In recent weeks, our club has had to attend a number of disciplinary hearings with the Eastern Local Football Association because of the above. As a club, we cannot condone this bad behaviour and any role player found guilty of bringing our club into disrepute and not conforming to our code of conduct will be severally dealt with in terms of our club disciplinary structures and constitution.

Parents should cheer for good play regardless of which side it comes from, and encourage fair play and good sportsmanship from the sidelines.

This means that you as a parent need to model appropriate, mature behaviors during the game.

Yelling at your child, his teammates or the opponents is NOT mature, appropriate behavior.

Loudly criticism the officiating is NOT mature or appropriate either. It is NOT your job to criticise the referees. Regardless of how well you may know this game, your calls are not better than the referees'.

Loudly complaining to the ref every time he makes a "bad call" is not only an embarrassment to your child, but it's quite selfish on your part. It takes the focus of the game, off of the kids where it belongs and puts it on YOU. Remember, soccer is about the kids, NOT the adults.

Along these same lines it is NOT appropriate for you to spend your sideline time grumbling to other parents about your team's coaches and the playing or tactical decisions that they make. If you have a problem with the coaches then deal with them at an appropriate time and place, NOT just before, during or right after a game. Most coaches are volunteers and are doing the best job that they know how. What they need from you is your support and help, NOT your disdain and criticism.

Finally, try to act on the sidelines in a way that would make your son or daughter proud to have you as a parent. Remember, your child is not the only one that's performing during the game. You are also a performer and the quality of their experience is in your hands. Conduct yourself in such a way that you clearly communicate to your child and those around you that this is just a game for children, played by children. That is, you need to keep the proper perspective at all times.

Remember, soccer is a wonderful vehicle to help your children learn valuable life lessons. Do your part to insure that the lessons that they learn are constructive and positive

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Farrell". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial 'R' and a cursive 'Farrell'.

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