THE VALLEY EAST SOCCER CLUB
Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers and Spectators

This policy was designed to promote the high standards of behaviour expected in the game of soccer. Parents, carers and spectators have a responsibility and are expected to show respect and positive attitudes towards:

- Players
- Referees
- Coaches
- Board members
- Other spectators

VESC is adopting a *Show Your Respect* attitude to ensure soccer can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. Remember children's soccer is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything.

- Children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Respect the referee's decisions
- Remain outside the field of play; Chairs, blankets, and physical bodies must be 5 feet from the field sidelines in all designated spectator areas
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do. If you are interested in coaching, please do not hesitate to speak to a VESC Board member
- Encourage all players (including your own) to respect the opposition, referee and coaches
- Do not criticize players, referees or coaches for making mistakes – mistakes are part of the learning process. All of the coaches are volunteers, many of them having never coached soccer previously. For many of the referees, this is their first job. They are children too (youngest being 12). Have patience and show support for their efforts.
- Under no circumstances is it OK to engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviours

Understand that if you do not follow this Code of Conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by VESC

- Verbal warning from a VESC Board member
- Required to meet with the VESC Director of Discipline or another Board member
- Asked to leave the fields by a VESC board member
- Requested to not attend future games by a VESC board member
- Involvement of Greater Sudbury By-Law Officers or Greater Sudbury Police depending on the severity of the situation