



Lake Hills Soccer Club Parent Pledge

In keeping with the LHSC mission statement, this Parent Pledge has been designed to clarify and define the expectations for Lake Hills' parents or guardians. LHSC is committed to promote the development of self-esteem, fitness and technical and tactical soccer skills in an age appropriate, positive, healthy, safe, educational and enjoyable environment. The goal to win is balanced with a second goal that is even more important - - to use the sport of soccer to help our kids learn valuable "life lessons" and positive character traits that will help them be successful throughout their lives. Each club-sponsored team depends on the support and cooperation of parents and guardians to help fulfill this mission. To that end, we are asking each parent or legal guardian to read, initial, sign and return to coach the following parent pledge.

1. I pledge to get my child to practice and games on time. I understand agree that my child needs adequate time to warm up for optimal play and to prevent injuries. I will not interrupt the coach during practice, but will wait until a break or practice ends before approaching him/her. I will be on time to pick my child up from all games and practices; this shows respect for the coach. Although coaches are required to stay after practice with players whose parents are late for pick up – I agree not to keep the coaches waiting.

2. I pledge to use positive encouragement to motivate my child and his/her teammates. I agree that the top three reasons kids play sports are (a) to have fun, (b) to make new friends and (c) to learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the players and I will keep the game in the proper perspective.

3. I pledge to reinforce the principle that winners are people who make maximum effort, continue to learn and improve and do not let mistakes or fear of making mistakes stop them. I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game and that people learn from mistakes. I understand that children are born with different abilities and that the true measure is not how my child compares to others but how he/she is doing in comparison to his/her best self. I will let my child know that I am proud of him/her regardless of the outcome of the game. I will support players on the team that have lesser abilities than my child and understand and support their continued development. _____

4. I pledge to "Honor the Game." I understand my actions are a reflection on the team, club, community, association and soccer. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans and especially referees. I understand that referees make mistakes. If the ref makes a "bad call" against my team, I will Honor the Game and not comment to the Ref or to the players. If I have an important issue regarding the officiating I will take it up with the coach or the Board member responsible for Referee Coordinating. _____

5. I pledge to refrain from yelling out instructions (e.g., "get rid of it," "kick it," "pass it," "shoot," "hustle," "run," "it's your ball") to my child and his/her teammates. I understand that this can confuse the children and undermine the efforts of the coach. I will limit my comments during the game to positively encouraging my child and other players for both teams. _____

6. I pledge to refrain from making negative comments about my child's coach, trainer or teammates in my child's presence. I understand that this can negatively influence my child's motivation and overall experience.

7. I pledge to be generous when our team wins. _____

8. I pledge to be graceful when our team loses. _____

Please read, initial each item above, sign below, and return to the coach.

Signature _____

