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## **A MESSAGE TO THE COACHES**

The Ancaster Soccer Club has set guidelines and protocol in place for all their Competitive coaches to follow and abide by, the philosophy of the Competitive teams can only work with all coaches following and abiding by these policies. Coaches in Competitive must understand that they are a unit and need to work together in helping these players attain their true potential with encouragement and discipline. Coaches under this policy are **expected** to encourage their players to advance to the next step of their development so as to strengthen the competitive program.

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### 1.0 GENERAL ASC POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

1. Following the appointment of a selection committee (of no more than 4 members) by the Competitive Director. Committee shall then begin the appointment process for the Competitive team coaches.
2. Competitive coaches and team officials shall abide by the policies and procedures put in place by the ASC Board of Directors.
3. All Competitive coaches receive a Coaching Agreement which must be signed and returned to the Competitive Director. Appointment of Head Coaches is pending on the signing and return of this Agreement.
4. Competitive Coaches will select their team officials (Assistant Coach, Manager ) and submit them to the Competitive Director for final approval before they can be registered with the ASC.
5. Police checks must be obtained and submitted to the ASC by all team staff within 30 days of appointment. Police checks must be updated every 2 years (the ASC shall reimburse costs on receipt of all original documents).
6. Coaches are responsible for their own development and are encouraged to upgrade their coaching levels beyond the minimum required by the OSA or individual leagues. All A team coaches are encouraged to obtain a B Licence, contacting the ASC Manager for a listing of available clinics.
7. The ASC has set specific levels for coaches, (community, Sr. Level). As of 2006 all ASC coaches are required to be certified at the Senior Community Level or actively seeking.
8. Team officials (Competitive coach, Assistant Coach, Manager and Trainer) must register with the club who then will register all team officials with the proper organizations (i.e. MJDL, OSA, and HDSA). passport Books are available by contacting ASC office.
9. All Coaches are to attend ASC coach's clinics and meetings.
10. ASC acknowledges the right of any player registered with the ASC or players that are residents of Ancaster and surrounding communities to have the opportunity to try out for an Ancaster Competitive team.
11. Competitive coaches must submit a roster of all players trying out for their team by February, 1<sup>st</sup> to the ASC, this roster shall be forwarded to the House League Coordinator in order to insure that House League team projections and waiting lists are not duplicated. A Rep team roster of 14 players must be submitted to the House League Director to ensure house league balancing and planning. Details should include the players name, address, phone number and date of birth. Select coaches must submit a roster of players trying out for their team by April, 5th.
12. Competitive Coaches or team officials must submit a complete player's roster with as many players names as they plan to carry for the season. An updated roster is required by certain leagues.
13. Competitive teams **MUST** have an **BUDGET STATEMENT** submitted the ASC at the beginning of each season (May, 15th) and at the end of the ASC fiscal year (end of September). A copy of the teams budget must be given to each player/parent at the time of submittal to the ASC. At least 1 update should be given to each players/parents by July, 15th.

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14. All ASC Competitive players must be registered in the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) Database before forwarding to the appropriate leagues for registration. **ONLY** the ASC Manager can register team officials and players.
15. In addition to the ASC registration fee, all Competitive players must pay any applicable late registration fees. All fee schedules are posted on the ASC web site. All fees, club, competitive, late fees, etc... must be paid before the ASC Manager shall release competitive player's passport books.
16. Written request must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval on conducting fundraising at venues or events that are hosted by the ASC, the request **MUST** be submitted on April, 15th of the year of the event. Such events include: tournaments, photo days, registration, etc. The ASC Manager can provide direction on the proper protocol.
17. All ASC Competitive teams **MUST WEAR ASC APPROVED UNIFORMS, TRACKSUITS AND TRAINING GEAR** for all league games, cup games and tournaments unless written permission has been given by the Board of Directors prior to the event. The ASC Board of Directors has approved burgundy as the primary uniform jersey for **ALL GAMES** unless asked by the referee to change to alternate whites.
18. The ASC shall provide a feedback document asking for assistant in the evaluation of teams programs. This shall be done in confidence and the ASC would like to achieve full participation. The ASC Manager should encourage players/parents to submit feedback forms. The goal of this feedback is to assess the ASC program and to supplement in the coaches non technical selection process. The ASC Manager shall keep these feedbacks on a confidential basis and **SHALL NOT** share them with coaches, other ASC staff or Board Members, with the exception of any criminal allegation where the records shall be turned over to the proper authorities.
19. All ASC Competitive players in age divisions 12 years and above shall participate a minimum of 25% of allocated playing time, the coaching staff shall decide on the remaining amount. All ASC Competitive teams 11 years and under shall participate a minimum of 40% as to encourage the development of players. Head Coaches shall have final say in remaining playing time.

### 1.1 Preventive Guidelines for Parents, Players and Fans

All coaches are encouraged to schedule a meeting with players/and or parents before the season to set individual and team objectives and to implement the necessary committees for the upcoming season.

Players must be dealt with in a fair and respectful manner. Competitive Coaches must explain team outline and objectives for all parents (i.e. team rules for parents/players, tournaments, fundraising, budgets, practice schedules, estimated cost per player etc. ).

Appoint your team officials. Be sure to **REMEMBER** to update all information on your team officials with the ASC Manager so as they may be registered for coverage for liability and accident insurance.

**All Competitive coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team, parents and friends of players. Conduct control applies to home and away games.**

ASC Competitive players must at all times conduct themselves to the FIFA laws as well as the ASC code of conduct and fair play.

Game officials are instructed to approach the Head Coach when they feel that fans are not conducting themselves in a proper manner, it is then the Head Coach responsibility to ask that the fans behave in a proper manner or leave the field. If the behaviour does not improve the game official may stop/or cancel the game.

Competitive head coaches and clubs can be held accountable and fined for the inappropriate conduct of their fans. Make every effort to inform your parents that unruly or abusive conduct **SHALL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

**Players, Coaches and team officials are responsible for payments of all fines. If a player does not pay their fines, the team then becomes responsible for the payment. Monies from fines paid by the team for an individual player shall be paid back to the team funds by the player/or parents, they WILL NOT BE allowed to continue playing and or seek joining another club.**

Dates for disciplinary action are published by each league.

## **1.2 Tryouts**

Open tryout dates for fall shall be scheduled for October. Specific times, dates and locations will be posted on ASC web site. All players wanting to either tryout for Rep/Select **SHALL ATTEND** tryouts in fall (October) dates. There will be 5 fall tryout dates, the Rep teams **SHALL** conduct their tryouts first **ALL** players will attend all tryouts. Select coaches shall be present in order to ascertain the skills of players not yet ready for the Rep Team.

## **1.3 Residency Guidelines**

As a community organization the ASC is committed to provide developmental and competitive opportunities for local players. The preference is for 80% of all U8 to U10 Rep/Select players (boys and girls) to be residents. Competitive U11 to U18 (boys and girls) shall be permitted to carry as many non-resident players as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, ensuring that each team roster includes a minimum of 50% of Ancaster residents. Teams will be required to complete a player exception form for each non-resident player on their team rosters to be registered with the ASC.

Any exceptions to the above guidelines must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for review. **ALL EXCEPTIONS MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** and is only valid for one season.

## **1.4 Under Age Players**

The ASC policy is that players will play within their respective age in order to create a fair and equal opportunity for all players.

A player may be identified as being ahead of their peers from a development perspective and one that would benefit from advance opportunities available only with an older age group. The player should be brought to the attention of the Director of Player Development and or Director of Competitive Sports.

The club will provide the opportunity to be challenged as part of the player Development Philosophy. The issue of playing up will be reviewed by the Director of Player Development and or Director of Competitive. A mid season and

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Request for a player to play up can only be initiated by the team head coach, a Developmental Director or the Competitive Director. Requests must be in writing and approved by the Director of Development and or Director of Competitive.

### 1.5 Uniforms

Teams U8 to U10 will purchase 1 goalie shirt and the registered amount of players to a maximum of 14 sets of player uniforms which shall be purchased from the team budget.

Teams U11 to U18 will receive 1 goalie uniform and the registered amount of players to a maximum amount of 17 sets of player uniforms which shall be purchased from the team budget.

Competitive teams wishing to purchase additional team uniforms for call ups will pay for these out of their team budget and the uniforms shall remain the property of the team. Uniforms cannot be purchased by players not on the team roster, therefore call-ups cannot purchase uniforms.

All teams shall wear their home (or primary) team colors as registered with their league and sanctioned by ASC Board of Directors. The home team shall change into their alternate jersey only when directed by the official (referee) of the match due to a conflict in color.

Team sponsorship names may only be placed on the front of the uniform in a 3"x6" area, 2" below the ASC crest.

### 1.6 Club Track Suits ( Two Year Program)

Only registered players and team officials of Competitive teams shall purchase a club tracksuit on a two year cycle.

The ASC will select both the style and the supplier of the club's Competitive team's tracksuit.

All players new to the ASC may purchase a tracksuit at his or her additional cost.

Tracksuits shall be ordered through the ASC designated supplier. Please be sure to have proper measurements taken before ordering in order to avoid problems and or delays.

All coaches must only deal with the ASC in the event of a problem with the tracksuits. Please keep the ASC advised of any problems with the purchase or ordering of tracksuits.

### **ABSOLUTLY NO ALTERING TO THE ASC TRACKSUITS IS ALLOWED.**

### 1.7 Discipline

1. The Competitive Director must be informed immediately of any pending disciplinary cases against the Coach or any team official.
2. When any ASC Competitive coach or any registered member of your team is asked to appear before any League, district or the OSA they must have an ASC representative present.
3. The team must pay for any fines levied against any team member (coaching staff or players). ASC shall not be responsible for any fines. The leagues will fine the club who in turn will adjust the team accounts. If found guilty in any cases the team shall be fined an extra \$50.00 by the ASC on top of any other possible fines or suspensions levied from leagues or governing bodies.

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4. The team is responsible for payment of bonds, the bond will be forfeited for any disciplinary penalty or for any other reason.
5. If a player is suspended, the team is responsible for having the player pass books stamped. This can be done at either the District office or the SRSI office.

### 2.0 Competitive Philosophy

The Competitive philosophy priority is “player development”, the guidelines are set to ensure that as the players improve and develop their game they must continually be assessed and placed in an environment best suited to their ability.

#### 2.1 Team

The ASC Competitive team’s programs offer an A team with the option of fielding a B team per age group should the level of play warrant it. The Select team will be decided by ability and not numbers. The Competitive Director and his Committee will make the final recommendations as to how many teams there will be in each division this will then be sent for final approval by the Board of Directors.

##### Rep Team

Will roster 14 – 18 players, preferably 16 players leaving room for additional call ups from the Select team. Call up’s will be given the opportunity to premier their skills in a call up situation. **ALL** call up’s will always be at the discretion of the Head Coach inviting the player.

##### Select Team

Will roster 18 players. Since players will be called up to the Rep Team, this should leave the select team with approximately 16 players per game and the opportunity to call up additional players that have been designated for the Competitive program. **ALL** call ups will always be at the discretion of the Head Coach inviting the player.

#### 2.2 Player Movement

This structure will allow coaches the opportunity to **ENCOURAGE** players to play with the top teams in each age group.

#### 2.3 Competitive Environment

This structure will create a healthy competition within the club itself, as competition for positions are the basis for each team. Without this environment player development can never fully be achieved. Without such challenges to competitive players growth becomes stagnant and the player’s development is limited. The most successful clubs are the ones who commit to player development, it has been well documented that players need to become competitive within the club before they can become competitive outside of the club. With this in mind the ASC has to continually assess player development through their Head Coaches, Development Directors, Competitive Directors and his committee.

## **2.4 Playing Out of an Age Group**

Players will be placed on a team on ability. Should a player need to be further challenged by playing up an age group or more he /she will be evaluated by the Competitive Director and the Committee to ensure the player is placed in the proper environment best suited to challenge and develop his/her skills. It should be noted that these opportunities will only be given to exceptionally talented players whose Competitive coaches deem to be talented. Therefore the number of players out of their age group shall be kept to a minimum.

## **2.5 Players**

Any players wishing to play Competitive soccer at the ASC must agree to the terms of the philosophy. There must be clear understanding with the player that they will be continually evaluated, and if their level of play does not meet the standards of a Rep Player or a Select Player becomes a more suitable candidate they will be asked to play for the Select program so as to further develop their skills.

Our Competitive policy will clearly state that all players must be committed to the development of their skills and challenges of playing in an intense competitive atmosphere. The ASC goal is to have a program that challenges and develops each player's skills to the highest levels possible. In order for the challenge and development of these skills each player in the Competitive program is expected when asked to move up or down.

Exceptions will be considered for vacations, work schedules, etc. but each player must make all attempts to play. This is a commitment the ASC expects to be taken very seriously in order for the program and each team to be successful in their endeavour to be competitive.

## **2.6 Head Coaches**

Will be selected by the Competitive Director and his Committee and then be passed on to the Board Of Directors for approval, Competitive Head Coaches must understand and sign an acknowledgement of the ASC Competitive philosophy. The Head Coach will be responsible for their staff and make certain that there is a clear understanding of the Competitive player Development policy.

As we expect are players to understand and support the ASC Competitive philosophy, we shall also expect that the ASC appointed Head Coaches and their staff understand and support the Competitive Philosophy.

## **3.0 PLAYER REGISTRATION**

### **Overview**

Requirements for registering players can change at anytime by the league. Updates will be published but coaches need to check on the latest registration requirements based on the league policies. The Ancaster Soccer Club is affiliated with the Hamilton District Soccer association (HDSA) the majority of the ASC Rep teams are affiliated with the South Regional Soccer League (SRSL) some are affiliated with the Ontario Youth Soccer League (OYSL). Select Teams are affiliated with the Multi Jurisdictional Soccer League (MJDSL).

Every Competitive team is assigned an OSA number, each Competitive team will play in a registered league which will also have a OSA number. Every player regardless of being Competitive or recreational is assigned an OSA number.

### **3.1 Team Allotment**

The ASC provides each Competitive team with the initial registration fee paid to the club, which will be transferred for each player that becomes a member of a Competitive team by the ASC Manager.

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**ALL** Competitive teams must submit their teams account to the ASC Manager for club records and to keep all accounts balanced. As leagues and Cup schedules are released the ASC Manager will release funds for referees and linesmen where need be.

### 3.2 Team Roster

All ASC teams 10 and under may sign up to 14 players, under 11 to under 18 may sign up to 18 players. All Competitive players must be registered with the ASC before attending tryouts or receive written document from the Director of Competitive stating that permission has been granted.

### 3.3 New Player Registration

All Competitive players must have a OSA Player Registration Handbook, these books are also known as Player Passbook. Head Coaches may receive additional OSA Player Handbooks at the coaches meeting in March or from ASC Manager.

The ASC will not process any Handbooks not properly filled in. On the inside cover where it is marked passport photograph a current photograph is needed ( **photo is to be glued**). Photos must be less than 3 years old for youth players and 5 years for adults. All updated photos must be placed in the next available opening and initialled by the Head Coach.

Print clearly the players surname and given name in the designated areas. Fill in the player's birthday. Attach a copy of the player's birth certificate (with a paper clip). On the inside of the front cover is a space for the player's signature, **have each player sign the appropriate line as this is a proof of birth.** The HDSA will only process books that have been properly signed.

**Books are the property of each player. A Coach must return the player's book upon request.**

**There will be a \$20.00 fee to replace a lost player's book.**

Once the player's book has been properly filled out it will be returned to the ASC Manager for processing. ASC does keep a complete Competitive player file.

### 3.4 ASC House League Player

No ASC House League player can be assigned to a Competitive team after June 15<sup>th</sup> without a Competitive player moving to HL or leaving the club, also no Competitive player can be sent to HL after June 15<sup>th</sup>. A House League player that has been transferred to Competitive team cannot be transferred back to House League without the player or player's parents/guardian asking for the transfer.

A House League player must have a player handbook to be eligible as a call up player, but will still remain part of the House League team.

### 3.5 Single Player Registration

For players not previously registered in the Competitive program a Players handbook must be completed. The completed documents must be signed by the ASC Manager or the ASC President and stamped by the HDSA.

**Absolutely** under no circumstances can a team official directly register a player with the HDSA it must be the ASC Manager or President

### **3.6 Temporary Player Registration**

The ASC supplies Player Books for every Competitive team. Players **CANNOT** be used for Cup games. The procedure for a Temporary Player is similar as carding except that an OSA sticker is not used.

Coaches must note that a House League Players first priority is House League. House League Director or Competitive Director can make an exception.

### **3.7 Competitive Player on Loan**

The Coach seeking to loan a player must first gain approval from the players Competitive Head Coach before approaching the players. The coach seeking the player must then inform the Competitive Director. A player must then bring their Handbook to the game, **ENSURE** that the players Handbook is returned at the end of the game.

## **4.0 PLAYER TRANSFER**

### **Overview**

Requirements for transferring of players may be modified at anytime, the transfer requirements described below are accurate. Coaches should validate current transfer requirements on the ASC website.

### **4.1 Player Transferring to the ASC**

A player transferring must receive a player transfer form from their current club, the player must then purchase a player transfer form from the ASC Manager and have the Manager complete the form.

ASC Manager or ASC President must sign the transfer form. A new Player Handbook page must be completed. Their ASC Competitive registration fee will be paid by the player.

### **4.2 Player Transfer from the ASC**

The team receiving the player must complete the transfer form (as specified in point 4.1)

Competitive Coaches must include in writing along with the completed transfer form any outstanding or potential fines due by the player.

The ASC Manager or President must sign the fully completed transfer form.

### **4.3 Player Release**

A release form must be completed for any player that is released from a competitive team or a player from the recreational league. The ASC Manager has this form.

A player wishing to enrol with another team must follow and complete a transfer form a waiting period of 30 days applies.

## 5.0 SOCCER FIELDS

All Competitive teams must abide by ASC policy found on the ASC website.

All Competitive teams are not allowed to practice on fields before permits are issued in the spring unless so instructed by the ASC Director of Fields. Unauthorized field usage will result in a \$100.00 fine to the Competitive Head Coaches. The ASC Director of Fields or the ASC Manager will assign fields for exhibition games.

### 5.1 Nets

ASC will supply a set of keys to each Competitive Head Coach for the season if the keys are not returned to the ASC Manager a charge of \$15.00 will be applied to the Competitive teams account.

## 6.0 ONTARIO CUP

ASC will pay for teams willing to enter Ontario Cup games and then be reimbursed from the teams account.

### 6.1 OSA Cup Eligibility Rules

No player will be considered registered for cup competition or compete in a cup match unless all documents are completed and in the hands of the OSA registrar 3 days before any participation. No player will play for more than one team in Ontario Cup play.

Once your team has received confirmation of acceptance into the tournament you will receive further documentation from the OSA. It is now your responsibility to read all the documents carefully all procedures, maps and referee payments are in the documentation.

## 7.0 HERITAGE DAYS TOURNAMENT

**ALL** ASC teams are expected to participate in the Heritage Days Tournament unless there is a conflict with Cup Games or Ontario Cup games. **ABSOLUTLY** no exception well be granted, Head Coaches and their staff failing to attend the Ancaster Heritage Days Tournament without just cause will result in disciplinary action imposed by the Competitive Director and his committee and then sent to the Board of Directors for final approval.

### 7.1 Volunteers

Competitive teams **MUST** supply volunteers for every day of the Ancaster Heritage Days Tournament. Teams not fulfilling their mandatory volunteer hours well be disciplined by the Competitive Director, HDT Rules Committee and sent to the Board of Directors for final approval.

## 8.0 TRAVEL PERMITS

Teams entering tournaments, playing an exhibition games that are **NOT** within the Hamilton District (HDSA) a travel permit is required. The permits can be processed on line to access applications to travel forms on the OSA website go to: <http://www.ontariosoccer.ca/forms.htm>

Teams attending a Tournament or exhibition game out of our District will be subject to fines and or suspensions. It is also likely that the team will not be covered by league insurance as a result any liability will be passed on to the Competitive Head Coach.

## 9.0 TRAINING AND CAMPS

Any guest coaches that are not registered with the ASC must be approved by the Board Of Directors before being involved with any ASC team.

Any elite camps that have been set up by the ASC, are **Mandatory** attendance for all Rep players.

## 10.0 FINANCE POLICY

All teams registered to the ASC are considered an extension of the ASC and so are subjugated to the Executive Boards decisions in accordance to club and Competitive policies and procedures in order to maintain proper conduct and edicate at all times.

### Procedures

Team budgets will be submitted to the ASC and team parents by May, 15<sup>th</sup>.

1. Each team will create and submit a team budget of monies and expenditures proposed for the year, this shall be presented to the parents before the first official practice.
2. players on the team roster will be charged enough to pay for club fees, league fees, tournament fees, practice equipment and extra team uniforms if required etc.
3. At the beginning of the season parents shall receive the team's **POSSIBLE** policy regarding fundraising and season end refunds and carryover funds if any.
4. Cost of operating team shall be included in the team budget.
5. After the team has been finalized the Head Coach is responsible for appointing a team manager to oversee the team's finances.
6. All teams must open their team account at a banking institution approved by the ASC.
7. All team accounts well be submitted to the ASC.
8. All sponsorship funds must utilized first and any additional player fees must be returned to each player according to participation and contribution.
9. Any funds that have been obtained due to fund raising must not be allocated back to individual players families.
10. Teams must give a mid season update of the teams finances.
11. Any equipment purchased through the team funds, stays as property of the team.
12. No player should be denied the opportunity to play for a competitive team due to financial restraint.

### Important Policies

- Employees of the ASC are not permitted to become team Managers.
- Team officials must show financial team budget twice a year.

## 11.0 IMPORTANT DATES

ASC website is an important and vital source of information for Coaches as well as parents/player's. ASC will attempt to keep the website current and updated regularly. Please feel free to contact us with any concerns.

March 1	First 14 player Handbooks along with the Head Coach must be submitted to the ASC office.
April 1	Balance of Rep team must be registered.
April 5	Select team training roster is due.
Mid April	Open Spring select tryouts.
April 25	Balance of select team's roster must be submitted.
April 30	Police checks for all team officials must be submitted.
May 15	Competitive team budgets well be submitted to ASC.
July 15	Competitive player's final opportunity to be transferred back to House League.
September 30	Final financial team statement must be submitted to the ASC.
October TBA	Competitive open Fall tryouts.

## 12.0 INSUARANCE COVERAGE

ASC has acquired insurance for registered players in the Ancaster Soccer Club. Any players wishing to tryout or practise with the ASC must first register with the ASC Manager.

The OSA's insurance will take place on the day that the completed registrations are accepted to the District Office. All forms must be completed to the satisfaction of the District Registrar incorrect data will void insurance coverage. Coverage will only be valid till May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

Coverage will include players listed for the outdoor season. In the case of an accident forms are available from the Ancaster Soccer Club. Players must submit all insurance claims directly to the OSA office. Do not deregister A player who is filing a claim since the coverage becomes null and void.

Dental claims are **NOT** eligible unless the player's wears a protective mouth guard. Teams are recommended to purchase additional insurance when traveling out of Province or out of Country.

### **13.0 INDOOR ASC LEAGUE**

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## **14.0 DEVELOPMENTAL COMMITTEE LAISON WITH COMPETITIVE TEAMS**

This shall be a liaison role between the Competitive Coaches and the Developmental Committee this will allow attention and communication of information pertinent to the Competitive programs.

## **15.0 CODES OF CONDUCT**

### **15.1 Player Code of Conduct**

#### **I Will:**

1. Play to win
2. Play Fair
3. Observe the Laws of the Game
4. Respect Opponents, Team mates, Officials and referees
5. Accept defeat with dignity
6. Promote the interests of soccer
7. Reject corruption, violence, drugs and other harmful items to the sport of soccer.
8. Help others to resist tempting pressures.
9. Speak out to those who attempt to discredit the sport of soccer.

### **15.2 Parental Code of Conduct**

#### **I Will:**

1. Encourage and support my child's play on the field.
2. Respect and accept the official's decision.
3. Always support the Coach, manager and the team.
4. Volunteer my services and talents to the club when possible.
5. Always know or seek out the laws of the game.
6. Except the rules, policies and procedures of the team and the ASC as they apply to me.
7. Discuss my child
  - a) Never before, during or directly after the game.
  - b) Respect the 24 hour cool down period.
  - c) With the Team liaison.
  - d) Only with the coach.
8. Not interfere with the duties and responsibilities of the coach or team officials.
9. Not act in any manner which may damage the reputation of the team or the Ancaster Soccer Club.
10. Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach player or parent.

### **15.3 The Role of the Parent**

The role of the parent is an important one in the lives of all young athletes. At practices we ask all parents to please respect the players training and stay a good distance from the fields during all training sessions. If parents and family are planning on attending the games we look forward to having you applauding and encouraging the players. We do hope however that parents and family remember that there is to be **NO COACHING BY PARENTS FROM THE SIDELINES** during games or practices, this is a time for both the coach and the team to be focused on the task at hand. Let us all remember that we are all human and make mistakes, please refrain from making any rude or abusive remarks at the referee. The Ancaster Soccer Club **WILL ABSOULUTLY UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES TOLERATE ANY VERBAL ABUSE** to any player either from the ASC or an opponent. Please remember these are children trying their absolute best and only need encouragement and support from adults. The ASC believes in its athletes and parent base are second to none and would like to applaud you for following and abiding by the Policies and Guidelines outlined in this manual.