

## Parents Expectations

The parents are an integral part of the Atlético Santa Rosa Soccer Club's support system. It is important that parent's observe the guidelines established by the Club, Leagues, and United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

### I will....

- Be encouraging, supportive and affirmative in regard to my child's play on the field
- Respect officials and accept their decisions
- Support the coach, manager and the team
- Volunteer my services and talents to the club when possible
- Familiarize myself with the Laws of the Game
- Comply with the rules, policies, and procedures of the team and the club as they apply to me
- Discuss my child only with my coach not with the manager or any other person only at a time mutually agreed up on by the coach never prior to, during or directly after a game

## Parents and Spectators

No parent or other spectator shall persistently address the referee or assistant referees at any time.

This includes but is not limited to:

- Spectators shall not make derogatory comments to players of either team.
- Spectators shall not dispute calls during or after the game.
- Spectators shall not advise the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play.
- Spectators shall not yell at the referee, EVER, including criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, discriminatory comments or feedback of any kind before, during, or after the game.

Below are some simple rules you should observe. **PLEASE CONSIDER THEM CAREFULLY!**

- Do not shout instructions to your child. This only causes confusion, since the coach has already instructed your child on how to play. If you do shout instructions, your child will probably try to please you and the coach at the same time. In trying to do two things at one time, the child becomes unable to handle his loyalties and ends up pleasing neither parent nor coach.
- Cheer for your child when he/she plays the ball well. However, remember that your child is a member of a team. Let the other players know you support them too.
- Suffer in silence (or moan softly) whenever something occurs that goes against your child's team. A display of anger may inflame a delicate situation resulting in embarrassment for you or your child. Some parents embarrass their own children by making a spectacle of themselves.

- Do not run up and down the sidelines. Find a comfortable place to sit down or stand, relax and enjoy the match.
- Do not shout insults or verbally abuse the referee. It's hard for a child to learn respect for the referee or other officials when their parents set a poor example. The referee **can** and **will** stop the match if the crowd becomes discourteous.
- Set the tone for good sportsmanship by adopting a positive attitude if your team loses. Compliment your child upon his/her good plays and ignore the mistakes. Your child will be happy you noticed his good qualities.

**REMEMBER**—your child will forget about today's game. Next week he/she will probably have forgotten the score. However, both of you will remember the good time the child had playing the most popular sport in the world.