



AJAX PREMIER PROGRAM

2023/2024 SEASON



PARENTS / FAMILIES CONDUCT

COACHING FROM THE SIDELINE:

- Cheer - DO NOT coach. Avoid yelling specific instructions and issuing commands. This can be extremely confusing for a child and possibly contrary to the coach's instructions.
- Let the coaches coach. If you are telling your son or daughter – or any other player for that matter – to do something different from what the coach is telling them, you create distraction and confusion.
- Make positive comments from the sideline.
- Be encouraging to your child. Be positive to them on their efforts whenever possible.
- Avoid running up and down the sidelines shouting. If you want to follow the action, make sure that you don't distract the players or block the view of other spectators.

CRITICIZING PLAYERS AND FAMILIES:

- Do not discuss the playing of specific young players in front of other parents. Do not use negative comments, such as: “I don't know how that boy made this team...” or “she's just not fast enough...”. Negative comments and attitudes are hurtful, totally unnecessary and kill parent harmony, which is often essential to youth team success.
- Speak about the positive qualities of a player, family, and coach.
- Avoid making any negative comments about players on the other team. It is tasteless, rude, and unnecessary. These kinds of comments are hurtful to the young person and to their family. Remember all the players are learning and mistakes happen in any learning process.
- Try to keep interaction with parents on the other team as healthy and positive as possible.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- If a player makes a mistake, do not react. The play is over, and it cannot be changed. Do not wave your hands or throw them in the air in frustration.
- Violent conduct, abusive language, racial slurs, and homophobic language, and indecent language will not be tolerated.
- Do not make comments about players/parents/coaches/referees/etc. in any language. You never know who on the field or in the stands can understand what you are saying.

CRITICIZING COACHES:

- Speaking poorly of any coaches will not be tolerated. Please do not speak poorly about the coach to your child. This impacts the relationship between the coach and the player we are trying to build.
- Do your best not to complain about your son or daughter's coaches to other parents. Once that starts, it spreads beyond control. Before you know it, parents are constantly talking in a negative way behind the coach's back.
- Threats of any kind towards coaches/players/parents/employees of LWSA/AJAX PREMIER will not be tolerated.
- If a coach speaks to you about your behavior, be respectful and be open to feedback and take action to improve your behavior.
- If there is an issue you would like to discuss about coaching, game strategy or playing time, arrange an appointment to meet privately with the coach and/or AJAX PROGRAM DIRECTOR (LESZEK WRONA).

CRITICIZING REFEREES:

- The easiest thing in any sport is to criticize the referees. Referees do their best to be fair and objective. Yes, they will miss calls or make incorrect calls that may or may not affect the outcome of the game, but they are there for our kids and they are doing the best they can.
- Outbursts from parents on the sidelines made toward the referees only signal to our own children on the field that they can blame the refs for anything that goes wrong. Blaming others is not a formula for success in sports or life.
- Keep comments to yourself. Do not speak to the referee or linesmen. Do not argue with the referee.

STRIKE I:

Meeting with both parents and Director Leszek Wrona to discuss incident and present verbal warning.

STRIKE II:

Second meeting with both parents and Director Leszek Wrona to discuss incident and issue suspension from attending training and matches for one week, and issue final warning.

STRIKE III:

Third meeting with both parents and Director Leszek Wrona which may result in removal from AJAX PREMIER.

**REFUSAL TO ADHERE TO THE PARENTS / FAMILIES CONDUCT POLICY CAN LEAD TO THE
TERMINATION OF YOUR CONTRACT WITH LWSA/AJAX PREMIER.**

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