



Parent Policies and Expectations:

Be **Positive**. Be **supportive**. Cheer for the team. Encourage all of the players. Keep negative comments to yourself. Remember that the players and coaches are doing the best they can and keep in perspective that it is youth soccer.

Do not coach, please :). Let the coaches make adjustments as they see the need. Many times the instruction from a spectator is exactly the opposite of the instruction given by the coach. Allow the players the freedom to make their own decisions and learn from their mistakes. Spectator statements like "Stay Wide," "Clear It," "Pass The Ball," "Get Rid of It," "Move Up," "Move Back," and the infamous "Boot It!" tend to undermine the need for players to communicate with each other and undermine the coaches.

Never address players on the other team, except to encourage.

Treat the officials with respect. Let the coaches approach the officials if they feel the need.

Do not engage in game-related discussions with parents from the opposing team. We will be playing these teams for many years to come. We want to be known in the soccer community as an organization that has class and integrity whether we win, lose or draw. The score will not be remembered. The argument or inappropriate remarks will be.

Leave the game on the field. When the game is over, no amount of comment, question or discussion with the players, officials or coaches can change the outcome. Regardless of the outcome, the coaches will evaluate the performance; reinforce the good things and work to correct the things needing improvement.

Playing time at the AP level is not guaranteed. Players may play multiple positions. The coach will decide what is best for the teams. Parents are asked to support and respect these coaching decisions.

Please reserve the use of emails for exchanging information only. If there are any issues or concerns, we encourage players themselves to address them with the coach in person (not via email or phone). Please wait at least a period of 24 hours before addressing issues to avoid the potential of an emotional confrontation.

Keep the game fun. Winning is more fun than losing, but each player should enjoy playing because they love the game.

Select has worked hard to assemble a dedicated and professional staff. All coaching decisions should be respected. We remind our staff (and our players) often about what our core values are at Select:
Respect Dedication Passion Communication: Honest and Open, Integrity & Family

We hope that the families in our organization also share these values and can help us continue to make Select an incredible community to develop strong and confident young women.

We are looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely,
South Shore Select