



Hampton Coaches' Pledge

As a soccer coach for Hampton Soccer Club, I agree to:

- ✓ **Treat soccer as a 'game' with the main objective being to have FUN**
- ✓ Act as a role model for the kids
- ✓ Keep my temper under control
- ✓ Treat the kids as individuals and not just soccer players
- ✓ Remember these are kids and not adults. The motivations and concentration levels are much different.
- ✓ Remember that kids' development stages are all different
- ✓ Provide instruction and training in a positive manner
- ✓ Work on skills in ALL age groups
- ✓ Play all children as equally as possible no matter the skill of the player or score of the game. They come for the fun of playing in the game, pay the same fee as everyone else, and the parents come to see their children play. Sometimes it takes some creativity and real coaching skill and patience, but you will generally be rewarded.
- ✓ Play all children in a variety of positions in ALL age groups
- ✓ Help teach the children to communicate and run their own games without constant sideline coaching. Try asking the kids to coach their game for the most part, except for maybe substitutions.
- ✓ Coach at practices and attempt to eliminate the non-stop sideline coaching at games
- ✓ Win or Lose, emphasize the positives with the kids.
- ✓ Do not single out children for negative issues (ie. The goal was your fault) but rather give them ways to improve.
- ✓ I will strive not to criticize referees. We must recognize that the referees are trying to do their best in a game with very subjective and often misunderstood rules, the referee has a different view of the game, decisions are made instantaneously, and no video replay is available. Otherwise, please join our referee class – we are always looking to increase your soccer knowledge.
- ✓ **Attempt to make soccer an enjoyable experience for all of the participants**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____ Email: _____

Age Group(s): _____