

# Parent Pledge

## Long Beach Youth Soccer Organization

LBYSO understands that you have paid for your child to play in our league and that you will spend considerable time and effort in supporting your child throughout the season. We know you want your child to learn, have fun and do their best. The following pledge helps to communicate to our families the attitudes that will foster a healthy and fun learning environment for all kids in the league.

1. I understand that the top three reasons kids play sports are to have fun, make new friends and learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the kids, and that I will encourage my child to have fun and keep the sport in its proper perspective. I understand that athletes do their best when they are emotionally healthy, so I will be positive and supportive. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I will redefine what it is to be a "Winner" in my conversations with my child. A Winner is someone who makes maximum effort, continues to learn and improve, and does not let mistakes, or fear of making mistakes, stop them. I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game and that people learn from their mistakes. I understand that all children are born with different abilities and that the true measure is not how my child compares to others but how he/she is doing in comparison to his/her best self. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I will "Honor the Game". I understand the importance of setting a good example of sportsmanship to my child. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, and referees. I understand that officials, coaches, and players make mistakes. If the referee makes a "questionable" call, I will continue to respect the individual and be silent! **I understand failing to "Honor the Game" puts my own participation at risk.** \_\_\_\_\_
4. I understand that games can be exciting times for my child who is trying to deal with the fast-paced action of the game, respond to opponents, referees, teammates and listen to coaches. I will not add confusion by yelling out instructions. During the game, I will limit my comments to encouraging my child and other players for both teams. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I will not make negative comments about the game, coaches, referees or teammates in my child's or another child's presence. I understand that this plants a seed, which can negatively influence any child's motivation and overall experience. \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to honor the LBYSO Parent Pledge in my words and actions.

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Parent Signature

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Print Child's Name