

## U.S Soccer Parent Promise List

### Don't:

- I will not pressure my child to participate in soccer
- I will never question the official's judgment in public
- I will never criticize or yell at my child for performance or losing a competition

### Do:

- I will remember that children learn best by modeling
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or event
- I will recognize and reward good players' performances by both my child's team and the opponent
- I will encourage my child to play in the spirit of the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will remember that my child plays soccer for his or her enjoyment, not for mine
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth activities
- I will respect and show appreciation for the coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be part of my child's development
- I will respect and show appreciation for the other parents who share these standards of behavior
- I will support my child in all circumstances by offering praise for competing fairly and for honest effort