



PARENT PLEDGE

1. **I pledge to be on time when bringing my child to a practice or game.** I understand that I am putting him/her at physical risk by not providing adequate time to warm up. I understand the importance of remaining at the game or practice. This shows respect for the coach who is volunteering his/her time and it tells my child that they are my top priority.
2. **I understand that the three main reasons children play sports are to have fun, make new friends and learn new skills.** I understand that the game is for the children and I will encourage my child to have fun and keep sport in its proper perspective. I understand that athletes do their best when they are emotionally healthy, so I will be positive and supporting.
3. **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.
4. **I will “Honour 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.
5. I understand games can be an exciting time for my child who is trying to deal with the fast-paced action of the game, respond to opponents, referees, team mates 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 the other players for both teams.**
6. **I will not make negative comments about the game, coaches, referees or team mates in my child’s presence.** I understand that this can negatively influence my child’s motivation and overall experience.

I agree to honour the Tecumseh Recreational Soccer Club Parent Pledge in my words and actions.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signatures

Date

Players Name (please print)