



## *Sportsmanship Reminders*

The Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association expects that all clubs will call on their team SAGE representatives and/or everyone else to report to team or club officials any good and/or poor sportsmanship displayed at the field.

Clubs will then follow up with whatever action they deem necessary, including possible recognition for good sportsmanship. The league will continue to deal with improper player and coach conduct but the clubs can add additional penalties if they wish and can act even if the league does not. The teams and their clubs have primary responsibility for spectator behavior.

Suggestions about the SAGE program are always welcomed! Tell your team or club officials or email:

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## *Things we know, but sometimes forget*



### **Set a Good Example**

By not criticizing and showing respect for everyone, the same

### **Respect**

We would want if we were coaching, playing or refereeing

**Reminder:** when they try their best, they are always winners, whether they win or lose.

Our main mission at a match is to enjoy watching the players have fun.

Cheer and support the team.

Applaud good work by players from either team.

Please don't offer them a reward if they score a goal or win because they will be concentrating on the reward rather than on having fun.

Please don't yell instructions during the game. It is too distracting and often too late and may contradict what their coach has told them.

Be positive, not angry, frustrated or critical, to help their confidence and keep them excited about playing.

Please don't criticize the coaches, referees, or players and don't blame them when the team is doing poorly.

Shake hands with your child's coach and the referees when the match is over, win or lose.

Express pride often to your child for his or her achievements, big or small.

Remember that the game is for the kids and that the fun, both theirs and ours, is more important than winning.