



NORTH METRO SOCCER ASSOCIATION

TEAM PACT MEETING

- NMSA promotes positive youth development through soccer. Youth soccer is intended to be fun for all – players, parents, coaches, opponents and officials.
- NMSA supports and promotes the PACT program.
- NMSA will not tolerate verbal harassment, or any other inappropriate conduct, towards players, coaches, other parents, officials, or anyone else at NMSA events. This includes the conduct of the players themselves. Experience demonstrates the most frequent complaint received by the NMSA Board is about parent or coach conduct towards officials or opponents. Please, do not communicate with officials. Do not try to help them officiate the game or make known your approval or disagreement with a call. Without doubt, we have all been in a game where we believe a call affected the outcome of the game. Remember, this is youth soccer and a recreational activity for your child! All players, coaches, parents and officials make mistakes. Please consider the impression you leave with others, including your children, as you react at games.
- NMSA expects players and families use social media responsibly. Refrain from posting personally identifying information about any minor or making negative or hurtful posts about others including teammates, opponents, and referees. Do not post anything you would not want someone else posting about you or your child. Remember; anything you post is considered public information and deleting a post doesn't mean that it isn't still floating around the internet.
- NMSA will investigate allegations of inappropriate, abusive, or unsportsmanlike conduct by anyone affiliated with NMSA. The Board has the authority to impose discipline for allegations demonstrated to be adverse to the best interests of NMSA.
- Parents should refrain from coaching from the sideline. Players, especially young players, often tell coaches that during a game they become confused or distracted when their parent yells, says their name or gives advice while the play is going on. As a parent, you may have no idea what the coach has asked players to do, or try, at a particular time. Parent influence during a game can frustrate the players and create unnecessary tension between player and coach. Please, be supportive of the team as a whole and mindful of the unintended impact of your well-meaning comments during a game. Let the coaches' coach. The coaches are with the players at every practice and have a plan for continued improvement.
- Coaches may also have a "Parent Pre-Game". This is an opportunity for the parents to hear directly from the coach about the goals or strategy for the particular match.