



Bloomington Bobcats

Bloomington Bobcats strives to be uplifting and God-honoring in all we do. With that end in mind, the following are the guidelines of conduct expected of our parents:

Conduct of Parents/Guardian

- Talk about the other kids on the team – indeed, on both teams – in the same manner you would want other parents to talk about your child. This is the golden rule applied to sports. To always be on the safe side, only voice praise for the other children.
- It's nice to give the coach a pat on the back when he or she wins. It's even nicer when you give the coach a pat on the back after a loss.
- Don't hesitate to give the officials a pat on the back, either. As you might have guessed, officials are people, too.
- Remind your child that it's the effort that counts. We know all the kids want to win. That's a given. But we also know that for every winning team, there's also a loser. Be prepared to cushion your child's disappointment after a loss by pointing out that he or she played hard and put forth a tremendous effort.
- If you aren't a "good sport" at games, the kids won't be either.
- Take the time to learn the rules of the game. If you don't know the rules of the game, why don't you and your child learn them together?
- If you must make noise at the games, shout only praise and encouragement. If you're a screamer and yeller, make certain that when you open your mouth, you're only pouring-forth cheerful encouragement for your child's team. There's never any place for derogatory, snide, or sarcastic comments at a soccer match.
- Above all, be there for your children. Support them, praise them and let them know you can always be counted on for unconditional love, regardless of the final score.

I agree to abide by this Code of Conduct of Bloomington Bobcats.

Parents/Guardian Signed: _____ Date: _____