



# Lapeer Soccer Club, Inc.

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## Parent Expectations

The purpose of the Lapeer Soccer Club is to create an environment where each participating player can learn and grow both as a player and as a person. To assist in creating that environment, we ask that parents:

1. Actively encourage and support the team at games
2. Support the **positional** and **playing-time** decisions of the coaches
3. Call or email the coach if there is a scheduling conflict with a game or practice
4. Remember, the coach is spending time away from their family to be part of your child's life. Please respect the coach and the coach's time.
5. To ensure a safe and positive learning environment, all parents are to follow these procedures at all games:
  - **DO Root positively** for your child and our team (clap, say, "good job").  
**DO NOT Coach or Instruct players** (i.e., "boot it", "shoot", "move up", etc). You may confuse your child by telling them something that contradicts the instructions of the coach. Players also find it distracting to have different voices talking to them at the same time. Players need to hear their coach's voice, and the voice of their teammates.
  - Stay in the appropriate spectator area at all times during games. Once players arrive on the bench for pre-game, they are in the hands of the coaches until released after the post-game talk. It is against the rules for parents to be behind the goals or on the wrong sideline.  
**Under no circumstances is a parent to approach the coach during a game.**
  - **DO NOT yell at officials** or undermine the officials after a game (i.e., "Come on ref!" "Foul!" etc...). Our coaches constantly reinforce the idea that "**calls of officials need to be respected**". If something needs to be said to the official, let the coach address it. If parents challenge calls, it sends the wrong message to players.
  - **24-hour rule:** Parents should wait to approach the coach for 24 hours after a soccer match to **set up a meeting** to address individual player issues. Coaches have many things to think about after a match and this is a difficult time to address individual player issues. Parents may call or email the coach the next day to **set up a meeting** to address any issues they may have. If after setting up a meeting and talking to the coach you still have issues not addressed, please talk to one of the Directors.
6. Enjoy the experience! You have very special kids that will only be young once. Most parents of past players have found that travel soccer is a very gratifying experience. We want you to have as much fun as the kids do!

We know that all of our parents are great people and supporters of both Lapeer Soccer Club players and teams. Thank you for being so involved.