

WGRC Soccer Program Mission Statement
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The mission of the program is to promote, develop, supervise, and voluntarily assist the interests of youths participating in recreational soccer. The WGRC will provide a supervised program of competitive games. The primary goal of the program is to provide a safe outlet for youth activity and sportsmanship training under adult leadership in an atmosphere of wholesome community participation. The attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is of secondary importance.

In other words, our number one priority is “kids having fun”. Parents - and kids - everywhere agree with this simple philosophy. Having fun is what kids recreational sports are all about.

Our community is blessed with a great number of caring and compassionate coaches. These volunteers are the heart and soul of our program. Our coaches are tasked with three basic challenges:

- first and foremost, let all the kids play and play a lot.
- be sensitive to every youngster’s wishes and dreams.
- make yourself an active and solid role model.

Thank You coaches for your support and involvement.

Parents also have an immense impact on the success of the soccer program. Here are our **10 Commandments of Parental Behavior:**

1. 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.
2. It’s nice to give the coach a pat on the back after a win. It’s nicer when you give the coach a pat after a loss.
3. Don’t hesitate to give the Ref a pat on the back either.
4. Remind your child that it’s the effort that counts.
5. Avoid the P.G.A., Post Game Analysis.
6. Smile! Kids take their behavioral cues from you.
7. If you aren’t a “good sport” at the games, the kids won’t be either.
8. Take the time to learn the rules of the game.
9. If you must make noise at the games, shout only praise and encouragement.
10. Above all, be there for your children. Support them, praise them, and let them know that you can always be counted on for unconditional love, regardless of the final score.

Thank you, parents, for your continued efforts to keep your passions in perspective. We hope this is a fun and memorable program.

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