

The Tosa Kickers Way: Building a Positive Soccer Experience for Players and Parents

The number one reason we play is because SOCCER IS FUN! However, fun doesn't always mean easy. We want our kids to play for many reasons. It's essential to understand that the game is a teacher. What do kids learn from playing?

- Improve their soccer knowledge and skill level
- Encouraging and supporting others
- Leadership qualities
- Communication skills
- Hard work builds confidence
- Working together toward a common goal
- Resilience and persistence
- Build relationships

Players should encourage club culture by:

- Be on time and ready to play.
- Respect teammates, coaches, and referees.
- Be ready to listen, work hard and cooperate with coaches and teammates.
- Bring a positive attitude to the field.
- Encourage and support teammates.

Parents should encourage club culture by:

- Encouraging your child to have fun, work hard, and respect their teammates, coaches, and referees.
- Encouraging and cheering on all players on the field in a positive and supportive way: "Great job," "Good shot," "Great save," "Way to work hard," "Nice teamwork."
- Refraining from "coaching" from the sideline. "Coaching" includes giving them any instruction: "shoot it," "pass it up," "get rid of it," as examples.
- Refraining from making any comments toward the referees. The majority of our referees are under 18 and are learning and doing the best they can. We will not tolerate any negative behavior toward referees in Tosa.

- Respecting the time commitment of our volunteer coaches. All of our coaches volunteer hours of their time every week to spend with your child and the team.
- Waiting at least 24 hours to talk with a coach if you have a concern stemming from a game.
- If you have concerns, addressing them directly with the coach privately, off the field.
- If any situation escalates, after addressing it with the coach, the parents can contact Jess Taylor, Director of Coaching at directorofcoaching@tosakickers.org