



PARENTS CHARTER

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

Supporting your child by giving encouragement and showing an interest in their team is very important. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game and every coaching session. It is vital players have a good attitude in all aspects of their football.

ALWAYS BE POSITIVE

Parents serve as role models for their children. Become aware of this and work to be a positive role model. Applaud good play by your child's team **as well as** good play by the opposing team.

Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth football.

REMEMBER: YOUR CHILD WANTS TO HAVE FUN

It's very important to let children establish their own goals - to play the game for themselves. This is a part of the learning process, which we at Thistle Weir are actively trying to encourage. Let the players express themselves on the field of play with no fear of rebuke from the sidelines.

Remember that your *child* is the one playing football, NOT YOU.

REINFORCE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Positive reinforcement is the best way to help your child achieve their goals and their natural fear of failure. Nobody likes to make mistakes. If a child on the team or especially your child does make one, remember it's all part of learning, so encourage your child's efforts and point out the good things your child accomplished.

DON'T BE A SIDELINE COACH OR REFEREE

Coaches spend a great deal of time in preparation work, which players and parents do not see. They work tirelessly in order to make your child's youth football experience a positive one. Referee's decisions are not always right but they must be respected at all times. That means refraining from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines, let the coaches do their job.

In the event that the team coaches see or hear active coaching by parents at the side of the pitch or other parents chastising or abusing any other player on the field of play, their child will be removed from the field of play. Repeat behaviour of this nature will mean that the player is released from the Academy.

RESPECT

Treat all coaches with respect, they should not be verbally or physically abused or insulted. Any such conduct will not be tolerated by the Academy.

PARENTS, FAMILY OR FRIENDS ARE NOT PERMITTED ACCESS TO THE CHANGING ROOMS AT ANY TIME WITHOUT THE EXPRESS CONSENT OF THE COACH.

The Academy will strive to ensure that the best interests of each player are looked after at all times. Any concerns held by a parent should be raised in the first instance with the Academy Director. Parents are reminded not to attempt to acquire information from coaches on match days.

Players name -

Parents signature:

Date: