

SPORTSMANSHIP

WASA endeavors to teach soccer skills to young players and instill good sportsmanship. To accomplish this we need your help. Spectators and coaches who are calm, supportive and under control set an example that shows respect for the game, players, and officials. When someone criticizes a player, or verbally abuses a referee, the message to young players is that it is okay to disrespect other players and game officials.

Sportsmanship also means being considerate of the other team. Running up the score deflates the players on the other team. In a rec. soccer program there is no reason to do that. The winning team doesn't learn anything constructive and it makes the weaker team's players not want to play soccer. If a team is ahead by a lopsided score, the league expects the coach who is ahead to make changes to reduce the likelihood that the team will continue to score. If this occurs, please support the coach. For more information on this see "WASA Position on Running Up Scores" in the Coach Info section of our website.

Soccer is a game. Let the players have fun.