**Player/Parent Code of Conduct**

The mission of Centerburg Trojan Soccer is to promote the defined Core Values in an environment where all levels of players will enjoy their soccer experience. We choose to focus on the longevity of a player’s development as opposed to short-term results and performances. Centerburg Trojan Soccer will provide youth with the opportunity to participate in a soccer experience where they can develop positive self-esteem and build character by learning the virtues of hard work, fair play, respect, honesty, self-control, teamwork, and sportsmanship. This high-quality experience begins with providing our youth with high-quality coaches. It is our duty to ensure our coaches have the necessary tools and training to succeed as a positive coach. While our goal is to build the best young athlete on and off the field, we hope to also build lasting, positive relationships with parents and members of the community who are ultimately the foundation of Centerburg Trojan Soccer.

**Responsibilities of the Parent or Guardian**

**Commitment:**

* Ensure your child is prepared to play soccer.
* Provide the necessary equipment. Appropriate sized play, shin guards, socks to cover guards, water, and cleats.
* Please try your best to make sure your child is on time to all scheduled practices and games. If your child is sick or unable to make it please notify the coach as early as possible.
* Remember our environment is tobacco and alcohol free. Please refrain in engaging in any of these activities at an event sponsored by the league. Also, please refrain from the use of inappropriate or threatening language. There is never a place for this in youth sports.

**Sportsmanship and Excellence:**

* As parents and guardians you have the opportunity to lead by example. Please attempt to make it common practice to show respect for all players, opponents, coaches, referees, and other spectators. Your child will follow your lead.
* You are the parent or guardian, we will provide a coach. Please refrain from coaching on the sidelines. Please cheer and encourage as much as you like.
* Please remember that your coach is a volunteer. Refrain from criticizing your coach in front of your child. We would like to continue with building good relationships.
* Understand that referees are not perfect. Instead of focusing on what they are doing wrong, try to teach your child to continue with integrity, just as it is important for you to spectate with the same level of integrity.
* At no times are you to engage with the referee or the opposing teams coaches, players, or parents. There will be a zero tolerance policy for this behavior.
* Praise and Support: Your child needs your love, support, and encouragement. We are promoting an environment that should not only be instructional, but safe and fun as well. Using positive reinforcement will help your child overcome their fear of failure. Mistakes are necessary in learning. By focusing on the effort and positive aspects of the game, your child will be successful and not fearful to make a mistake. It is important to remember your child needs to play the game for themselves and have goals that are their own. Please don’t add pressure to them in concerns of winning or scoring goals. Remember, children play soccer for their enjoyment, not yours.

**Player Code of Conduct**

***As a player of Centerburg Trojan Soccer, I will understand the Core Values as they apply to me. I will do my best to use them in my everyday as a soccer athlete. This will help me become the best athlete I can be, both on and off the field.***

**TEAMwork**: I will adopt the attitude, “Together Everyone Achieves More.” I will put the success of the team before my own success. I will do my best to always cooperate with my team. I will strive to give my team 100% effort whenever I step onto the field.

**Respect**: I will respect parents, coaches, officials, opponents, and teammates. I will treat others the way I would like to be treated. I will show kindness to those around me. I will accept others for who they are. I will be thankful for and listen to those who are offering instruction.

**Sportsmanship**: I will respect teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators. I understand there is grace in not only winning, but also losing. I will choose to be a positive reflection of my team, school, and community.

**Integrity**: I will do what is right, even in difficult situations. I understand that doing this will teach me patience, honesty, responsibility, accountability, and caring. I understand all of these qualities are necessary to become a great athlete.

**Competitiveness**: I will show persistence, hard work, and a positive attitude on and off the field. I will make sure my competitiveness takes the place of our other Core Values. I will not forget that I can still have fun while being competitive.