

# Michigan Lightning Parental Code of Conduct

I understand that the Michigan Lightning's mission is to help youths reach their full potential by developing team and individual soccer skills and I will keep youth sports in proper perspective at all times. Losing and winning both provide opportunities for learning. I therefore agree to adhere to the following Code of Conduct and to be supportive no matter the game results:

- I pledge my support to all participants in Michigan Lightning activities including my player, his/her team members and coaches.
- During games and practice sessions, I will refrain from making negative comments and I will not criticize or discredit any player in the presence of another youth athlete.
- I will let the coach perform his/her job and will not interfere by attempting to coach any player (including my own), from the sideline. Should a question arise over coaching decisions, I agree to call the coach later to discuss my concerns in private. If I'm dissatisfied with my off-the-field discussion with the coach, I will talk to the Michigan Lightning Director of Coaching. Should I still have concerns, I understand I may contact the RSC's Board of Directors as a final measure.
- I will respect referees at all times. Even if I disagree with a call, under no circumstances will I ever confront or harass a referee directly during a game. I understand that this is the prerogative of the Coach. Should a referee stop a game to address my comments, I understand that there may be further disciplinary actions taken at the discretion of the Coach and or B.O.D.
- I promise to respect opposing teams and their fans. Under no circumstances will I harass, engage or talk to a player from the other team, nor will I engage a parent from the other team in a confrontational manner.
- I understand that, as a member of Michigan Lightning, I am one of the organization's representatives. I pledge to always show good sportsmanship and conduct myself in a manner befitting a high-quality community organization.
- I also assume responsibility for encouraging my family members to follow this Code of Conduct without compromise.
- I understand that my Michigan Lightning membership is contingent upon compliance with this Code of Conduct. Should I fail to comply, I may be subject to disciplinary measures at the discretion of the Coach or the Board of Directors.
- I have read this entire Code of Conduct and fully agree to all its provisions.

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Parent or Guardian Name Printed

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Team Name

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date