

Recreational Sportsmanship Pin award - to be awarded by the opposing team to the player that most exemplifies the following characteristics:

1. **Abides by the rules of the game**
 2. **Plays fair and hard**
 3. **Follows the directions of the coach**
 4. **Shows respect for the other team and their effort**
 5. **Offers encouragement to teammates and is a leader**
 6. **Shows respect to the referees and officials**
 7. **Shows class in victory and defeat**
- This award will be given out after the players shake hands/high five at the end of every game. Both teams should come together and each coach should award the pin to the opposite team player. The goal is to end every game in a positive fashion and to give a player an opportunity to be recognized for outstanding behavior.
 - We recommend that your team appoint a group of 2-3 coaches/parents to look for the 7 sportsmanship qualities above.
 - Each coach will receive a pin for every league game played in the spring and the fall. Pins will be provided for coaches at the beginning of the season.
 - At the end of the season the player from each team that receives the most pins will be entered in to a drawing for a special soccer prize. **Coaches please keep track of who receives the pin each week.**

THE SPORTSMANSHIP CODE

- Play for the fun of it, not to please parents or coaches.
- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with or complain about the referee's calls or decisions.
- Control your temper and most of all, resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged.
- Concentrate on playing soccer and on affecting the outcome of the game with your best effort. Work equally hard for your team and for yourself.
- Be a good sport by cheering all good plays, whether they are your team's or your opponent's.
- Treat all players the way you would like to be treated.
- Cooperate with your teammates, coaches, opponents and the referee.