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## WELCOME TO THE FALL SEASON!

As we head into the fall season starting on Saturday, August 25, the League would like to encourage coaches, players, family members, and club officials to consider how they will behave around their upcoming soccer games.

- Everyone will leave their dogs at home. No dogs are allowed at games due to safety and insurance liability. The coach and team parent are responsible for enforcing at all locations. Failure to comply can result in not starting the game, and potentially abandoning the game.
- Adults will engage in No-Directions Cheering, limiting comments during the game to encouraging all players (from both teams). Get Alexi Lalas' point of view by [watching his video](#) on how silence on the sidelines lets kids learn and coaches coach.
- Adults will help children succeed in sports and live by encouraging children to exert maximum EFFORT; help children LEARN life lessons through sports; and urge children to get past MISTAKES and move on to the next play.
- Everyone will set an example by Honoring the Game, respecting Rules, Opponents, Officials, Teammates, and Self.
- Everyone will respect the referees. The referees are our sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, and grandparents. Our praise, respect, and admiration should be shown to them for taking on what is often a thankless task. If you disagree with an official's call, you will Honor the Game and be silent.

## Continuing in 2018

The Folsom Lake Soccer League has implemented a weekly Honoring the Game Committee meeting for coaches, players, and parents who do not observe the code of conduct as described. Failure to comply will result in an invitation to the committee for explanation and potential disciplinary actions.

If you do have a technical or administrative complaint, the League encourages you to engage your coach first, then escalate through Recreation/Technical Directors, then Club Managers for conflict resolution.

Providing a positive youth soccer experience in our Folsom Lake communities is our priority by emphasizing Safety, Fun, Fair Play, and Development. Good luck to everyone participating in the fall season.

Best regards,

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