

## **North Durham Soccer League**

### **Sportsmanship Award Guidelines**

To keep with the purpose of the NDSL, for the 2008 season, the League has decided that 2 players per Team shall be awarded "Sportsmanship Awards". All players and coaching staff will each nominate 2 of their teammates to potentially receive the Sportsmanship awards. The 2 players with the most nominations will receive the awards. The coaching staff will have final decision on any ties in the nominations for the 2 awards and they will be presented by the coaching staff at the Cup weekend.

Some key aspects of sportsmanship to consider when selecting the individuals for the awards:

- 1) Full commitment to participation (e.g., showing up on time, working hard during all practices and games, acknowledging one's mistakes and trying to improve)
- 2) Respect for the Laws of the game
- 3) Respect and concern for the officials, facilities and all involved with the match
- 4) Respect and concern for your Teammates, Coaching staff and parents
- 5) Respect and concern for social conventions (e.g., shaking hands, recognizing the good performance of an opponent)
- 6) Respect and concern for the opponent (e.g., lending one's equipment to the opponent, agreeing to play even if the opponent is late, not taking advantage of injured opponents, willing to play with the opponent to balance teams)
- 7) Avoiding poor attitudes toward participation

***A member of the coaching staff from each Team will need to come to the clubhouse to request the awards for their Team on the Cup weekend.***

#### **Purpose of the North Durham Soccer League**

To have fun and to enjoy the game of Soccer at the houseleague level, not competitive or representative. We want to see and hear enjoyable games in a friendly atmosphere and fair play between evenly matched Teams. Teams will win some games and lose some but it will all be a fun experience. We want to ensure that all coaches, parents and players are aiming for the victory of SPORTSMANSHIP, RESPECT, FRIENDSHIP and the notion of GOOD PLAY. The tone of the competitiveness should be to just enjoy the game, which will improve our soccer skills and also our social skills.