



## **President's Statement**

The Olympic Soccer Club was forged from the belief that the development of our children's athletic abilities went hand in hand with a moral imperative of a child's right to mature within an atmosphere of love, respect, and cooperation. Parental involvement was encouraged and a coaching staff recruited to put this philosophy into practice.

As the Club matures and grows these values continue to shape our children's lives. The coaching staff is an experienced group of individuals with the necessary expertise to not only develop the soccer skills that our young stars need, but to impart the proper winning attitude reflected in a respect for the laws of the game and the joy of healthy competition.

Fair play is demanded while negativity on and off the field is admonished.

The Board of Directors has the same charge as it relates to your children, but we have the added commitment of servility to all the members of the OSC community. It is important that we address our member's needs so that the club will continue to grow competitively in nature, but developmentally in spirit and practice.

Thus, Club size has increased incrementally as the need developed and the proper coaching staff recruited. We are always interested in new members but we do not create teams to satisfy a niche. We develop the players that a team needs, and we actively search for those players, outside our member community, that want to play on a competitive travel team. These are children that want to learn a multitude of skills; play some great soccer; develop new friendships; travel to some awesome tournaments; and work hard at **HAVING FUN PLAYING SOCCER.**

Our current players are not shunted aside in favor of a new "SUPERSTAR" but learn that soccer is a team sport where it takes the contribution and cooperation of all players to create a winning season. The children learn early that a ME first attitude is not conducive to a cohesive team spirit. That it is those team mates who provide that assist to the leading scorer that are the true heroes on the field.

The Board must also look to the future and develop new avenues for our more gifted players, so that they remain within the OSC community. We must constantly search for the best and brightest to teach our children those values and skills that they will need both on, and off the field of play. We must be vigilant to the spirit of our mission statement, but recognize that growth necessarily brings change. The Board of Directors and coaching staff commit to the Olympic Soccer Club's continued growth, and promise to do so while adhering to trust that our players and parents have placed in our stewardship.