



# El Dorado Hills Soccer Club Player/Parent Code of Conduct

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect are upheld among players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators, the Club has adopted this Code of Conduct. It is the obligation of all Club participants to create an environment that promotes these principles. The foundation of our club is the youth who play soccer in El Dorado Hills. None of the adult participants should ever lose sight of this important fact.

## Players

Every player is expected to:

- Know and respect the rules of soccer and EDHSC and abide by them at all times.
- Show respect and courtesy to officials and coaches by following their instructions and directions at all times.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions during or after the game.
- Maintain control of his/her emotions, avoid the use of abusive or profane language, taunting or humiliating remarks, and/or gestures and physical assault upon another player at any time.
- Show respect to the other players, coaches and spectators and display good sportsmanship at all times.
- Respect the property of others at all times.
- Remember that soccer is a game and treat players and coaches on other teams as respected opponents, not enemies.

## Parents and Spectators

The parents' role is one of support to the players and coaches. Parents should not engage in "coaching" from the sidelines or criticizing players, coaches or game officials. Every parent and spectator is expected to:

- Be supportive of coaches and players.
- Recognize the value and importance of coaches, who volunteer significant time for the benefit of the players.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner from the sideline, especially youth referees.
- Cheer for your child's team in a positive manner, refraining at all times from making negative or abusive remarks about the opposing team. Maintain control of your emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile.
- Refrain from entering the field of play or seeking out verbal or physical confrontation with opponents or referees before, during or after a game.
- Ensure that your child is at all games and practices at the required time or notify the coach in advance.
- Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose.
- Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues.

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_____	Player Signature	_____	Date
_____	Parent Signature	_____	Date