

## Players Code of Conduce

As a soccer player with Evanston Youth Soccer you have made a commitment to yourself, your teammates, your coaches, your parents, and the club. You have a responsibility to always represent Evanston Youth Soccer in a positive fashion.

- I will treat my coaches, my teammates, other players, referees, and spectators with respect always.
- I will be a positive role model and encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, and parents always.
- I will not bully or haze any teammate or other person involved with the club. I will report any bullying or hazing to the coaches or staff members.
- I will remember that all players have talents and weaknesses, the same as I do. I will never ridicule or yell at any player for making a mistake during a soccer game or during practice.
- I will listen to my coaches and do what is asked of me in order to improve my game and my position on the team. If I need to leave a practice or game early, I will inform my coaches in a timely manner.
- While sitting on the bench during a game, I will watch the game and support my teammates who are in the game. I will provide only positive comments to the players on the field.
- I understand that I am responsible for my uniform and my equipment.
- I understand that I must be on time and play my best at all practices and games.
- Once I am at the soccer field for practice, I will not utilize my cell phone to call or text anyone unless I receive approval from one of my coaches.
- I will tell one of my coaches in advance if I cannot attend training, games, or other team events through the Team app, text message or verbally.
- I will never use social media to damage my reputation or our soccer community. I understand that posting hurtful information can destroy a friendship, family relationships, and even a soccer team in a matter of minutes. I will treat these words for what they are: permanent records that can never be erased.
- I understand that drug use and other inappropriate behavior, including posting inappropriate information on any social media are grounds for dismissal from the team.

I understand that if I do not follow this code of conduct, there may be a consequence. The consequences may include, but are not limited to

- A verbal warning from the team coach or manager
- A meeting between my parents, myself and my coach
- Suspension from practice or a game
- Expulsion from the team

## **Parents/Guardians:**

Parents are an important part of a players' soccer development and of a team's success. Parents are an integral part of the Evanston Youth Soccer community. As such, parents' behavior on the sideline and support of their child is of the utmost importance. Towards that end, this contract outlines what is expected of parents in order to create a positive environment for all players.

- I understand that I am a role model for my child and others around me. I will display appropriate behavior on the sidelines, at practices and all Evanston Youth Soccer events.
- I will encourage players with cheers and positive comments and demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- I will not speak ill of any player on my team or on the opposing team at any time.
- I trust my coach to talk to the referees, opposing coaches or opposing players if he/she deems necessary.
- I will support my coach in any way I can. Including, but not limited to, lineup choices and discipline.
- I understand that I am responsible for all family members that I bring to the games or practices. I will make them aware of the code of conduct.
- I will bring my player to practices and games prepared and on time. Prepared includes having the proper soccer equipment as well as proper attire for weather and any other items specific to my player.
- I will do my best to not schedule vacations or other appointments during practices or games. If my player does need to miss, I will inform the coach in advance.
- I will focus on the effort of the coach and the development of the players – not winning.
- I will communicate with coaches if I have any questions or concerns but NOT during, before or after games or practices. I will contact the coach to set up a time to meet.
- I will report any bullying to the coach. Whether I see it myself or my player reports it to me.
- I will read, agree to and follow the no bullying policy and procedures.
- I will not complain about my coach, players, or the Evanston Soccer board. Instead, I will build the program with my ideas and support.

I understand that failure to comply with the parent code of conduct may result in my suspension from games and/or practices.

I understand that any fines incurred by the club due to my actions will be my financial responsibility.

I understand that if my player does not adhere to his/her code of conduct and as a result is suspended from practices or games, I will not be financially reimbursed.

**Coaches:**

It is the responsibility of each coach to provide a fun, positive, and secure environment in which players can learn teamwork and enjoy the game of soccer.

- I will provide a positive role model for their players and parents, by consistently acting in a positive, controlled, and mature manner expected of an Evanston Soccer coach.
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship and maintain a proper perspective on the purpose of EYSC soccer, namely, participation is for the enjoyment and benefit of the players (not the adults).
- I understand it is my job learn the rules of soccer for the age I am coaching. If I need additional resources I will reach out to the Evanston Youth Soccer Board for help.
- I understand that above all else, my job is to maintain the safety and well-being of my players.
- I will read, agree to and follow the bullying policy and procedures.
- I will explain to (and remind) parents what is expected of them and their players.
- I will refrain from open arguments with referees and other coaches.
- I will encourage parents to support the team with their presence as much as possible.
- I will provide necessary guidance and equipment at games and practices.
- I will discipline players in a fair and consistent manner.
- I will refrain from making negative comments about other coaches, players, parents, and referees.
- I will be prepared to deal with injuries in a timely manner.
- I will build my practices and drills to be both fun and challenging for the players.
- I will work with the Soccer Board if I have any questions.
- I will not complain about Evanston Youth Soccer and instead build up the program with my ideas and help.
- I will support Evasnton Youth Soccer board. Including their decisions on who my players are and in disciplinary situations.

I understand that my failure to comply with the coaches code of conduct could result in my suspension of practices and/or games. If I consistently fail to uphold this code, I could be permanently banned from coaching for Evanston Youth Soccer.

I understand that any league fines incurred by the club due to my actions will be my financial responsibility