



El Dorado Hills Soccer Club

Coach Code of Conduct

Coaches

The coach's role is one of teaching soccer skills and sportsmanship to their players. Coaches should encourage fair play and good sportsmanship among players, foster team camaraderie, and help players have fun while teaching the technical skills of soccer.

In addition, each Coach is expected to:

- Be responsible for the behavior of their players, their parents, and their entire coaching staff.
- Place the players' well-being ahead of the coach's desire to win.
- Ensure that youth players are never left unsupervised.
- Work cooperatively with other coaches to ensure that all players get fair and equal use of field space and goals.
- Avoid practicing in unsafe weather or atmospheric conditions.
- Ensure that EDHSC rules and policies are followed by all players and spectators.
- Ensure that their team and their team's spectators treat the opposing team and referees with respect and assist the game officials in maintaining control before, during and after game play.
- Avoid openly and loudly criticizing coaches, players, or referees, especially youth referees.
- Abide by the decisions of game officials without argument or dissent, especially youth referees.
- Take appropriate steps to minimize scoring in runaway games.
- Avoid angry confrontation with game officials (especially youth referees), coaches, players and/or spectators, before, during or after a game.
- Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues.
- Cooperate with referees and/or club officials in identifying persons who are found to be in violation of this Code of Conduct.

Remember that soccer is a game, and to treat players and coaches on other teams as opponents, not enemies. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by the EDHSC. Failure to abide by the EDHSC rules, policies, procedures and guidelines will result in disciplinary action that could include, a) warning; b) probation; c) game suspension; d) removal from the club.

_____ **Coach Signature**

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