

# EL DORADO HILLS SOCCER CLUB



## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

### FOR RECREATIONAL AND COMPETITIVE PROGRAM PARENTS

The parent's role is to support and encourage the players and coaches. Parents should remember that the game is for the players, not adults. Parents should not "coach" from the sidelines. Parents should also keep winning in perspective and please remember that EDHSC Coaches prioritize long-term development over winning.

In addition, every **EDHSC Parent** is expected to:

- Remember that kids participate in youth sports mainly to have fun.
- Recognize that kids value their effort, fair playing time, and playing with friends over winning.
- Promote the emotional and physical well-being of their child ahead of their own desire to win.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches, who dedicate significant time for the benefit of the players and the community. Professional coaches deserve equal respect.
- Respect their child's coach and do their best to have their child at all practices and games on time or notify the coach in advance.
- Inform coaches of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child or the safety of others.
- Know and respect the rules of soccer and the policies of EDHSC and abide by them at all times.
- Be a good role model for their child and encourage good sportsmanship by showing courtesy and respect, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and spectators.
- Respect game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner, especially youth referees. Let it go.
- Demand that their child treat other players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
- Never criticize or ridicule any child's or team's performance. Applaud their effort and encourage their child to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Praise their athlete for competing fairly and trying their best, irrespective of their performance or the outcome of a game.
- Refrain from coaching their child or other players during games and practices, unless they are an official coach of the team or are under the direct supervision of an official coach.
- Review the **Player Code of Conduct** with their child and sign acknowledgment on their behalf.

Remember that soccer is a game and to treat all participants with respect. This **Parent Code of Conduct** exists to promote the ideals of EDHSC. Any serious violation of this code is subject to disciplinary action at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, that could include warning, probation, suspension, or removal from the club. I acknowledge that I have read and understand this code:

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**PARENT SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**