

Edina Soccer Club
Player Code of Conduct for Out-of-Town Overnight Travel

This document should be reviewed by each Edina Soccer Club (ESC) player prior to traveling out of town with his or her team to a tournament or other competition or team activity that involves an overnight stay. Parents should go over the document with their children to ensure that they understand what is required and the importance of adhering to this code of conduct. Coaches and/or parent chaperones also should review these guidelines with the players at the beginning of the trip.

When you travel to out-of-town events as a member of the ESC, you are not only representing yourselves, but also your family, your team, your club and your community. The goal of every ESC team when traveling is to have whomever we come in contact with say the same thing about us: "That ESC team was the BEST group of young people we have ever encountered." Nothing less meets club expectations. All ESC athletes should abide by the following standards of conduct while traveling with their team:

General Standards of Conduct:

- Players should at all times demonstrate honesty, good sportsmanship, courtesy and respect towards others.
- Policies, procedures, rules and regulations of your coach and ESC must be followed at all times.
- Players must follow all directions provided by parent chaperones.
- Use of language that is abusive, foul or offensive to others is prohibited.
- Players should not yell, talk loudly, wrestle, engage in horseplay, "roam the halls" or engage in any other conduct in the hotel that is disruptive to other hotel guests.
- No indoor soccer of any kind is permitted at the hotel. No sock soccer, balloon soccer, tin-can soccer, pop bottle soccer, etc.
- Possession and/or consumption of any alcoholic beverage/illegal drugs (even if it is legal in the state/country we are in), are prohibited.
- Theft or possession of stolen property is prohibited.
- A willful act of destruction to property of others is prohibited; it is the responsibility of the individual perpetrating such acts to make restitution.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Eat good food and plenty of it.
- Drink lots of water.

Hotels/Lodging:

A hotel is a place of business; you are not the only one paying to stay there. Activities in hallways are prohibited. Yelling or loud talking in lobby areas is also not allowed. Do not engage in horseplay inside any area of the hotel. Pick up after yourself and refrain from playing pranks on teammates or other people in the hotel.

Extra/"Party" Hotel Rooms: Extra hotel rooms may not be rented for the purpose of social gathering. Some hotels have downstairs meeting rooms that the group could choose to rent for meals and/or gatherings – this is the appropriate place for these activities.

Curfew:

Nightly curfew is decided by your coach. No one is allowed to leave the hotel during free time unless your coach or designated chaperone has granted permission. No player is permitted to leave his/her assigned hotel room after curfew. You are to be in your own room at curfew. Coaches and chaperones need rest too.

Room Visitation:

NO one of the opposite sex is allowed in ANY hotel room at ANYTIME. All interaction with the opposite sex must be in an open, visible public area.

Attendance, Tardiness and Dress:

Players are expected to participate in all scheduled meals and activities, to be prompt when meeting for designated activities, team meetings and to be appropriately attired.

Swimming:

You are traveling for a soccer event/tournament and everything that we do is geared for success on the field. Swimming and pool play can deplete players' strength and energy. Therefore, only your coach can give you permission to swim. A chaperone or coach must be present when players are in the pool area. This is to help ensure that you are 100% when we play.

Travel Etiquette:

It is expected that players will cooperate fully with chaperones, coaches, travel personnel, airline attendants, bus drivers, tour guides, hotel personnel, and staff.

Belongings:

It is understood that all personal effects may be subject to inspection by the coach or designated chaperone in the necessary enforcement of the policies and rules of the trip at any time during the trip. There will be no liability on the part of ESC, the coaching staff or chaperones for any theft or damage to personal effects during the trip. If it's important to you, keep track of it. Electronics are high target items that thieves easily steal! DO NOT TAKE THEM TO THE FIELD!

Body/Hair Alterations:

You should look the same when you come home as when you left. This means no body piercing, tattoos, hair colorings, etc. Even if you have your parents with you – and they verbally approve of it – a team travel event is not the time or place for these activities.

Consequences of Violations of this Code of Conduct:

Players who violate or disregard any of the standards or policies set forth in this document will meet with your coach and the (involved) chaperones. Appropriate action will be taken and may include loss of playing time, game suspensions (up to and including the players being sent home-- upon notification) and/or permanent removal from the Edina Soccer Club roster. Dismissal and early return from at an out of town event is at the expense of the player's parents or guardians.

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Out-of-town games and tournaments provide a tremendous opportunity for ESC and its athletes to grow together on and off the field. By following these standards of conduct, you will help ensure that your travel experience is positive for yourself, your family, your team, your club and your community – as well as the community you are visiting. Represent yourself and ESC in a way that makes you and your family proud.