

# EL DORADO HILLS SOCCER CLUB



## COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

### FOR RECREATIONAL AND COMPETITIVE PROGRAM COACHES

The coach's role is to teach soccer skills and sportsmanship to their players. Coaches should strive to create a player-centered environment where all players feel welcome, included, and respected, allowing them to have fun while learning the technical skills of soccer. EDHSC Coaches should also prioritize long-term athletic development over winning.

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

- Be responsible for the behavior of their players, their parents, and their entire coaching staff.
- Know and respect the rules of soccer and the policies of EDHSC and abide by them at all times.
- Place the players' emotional and physical well-being ahead of the coach's desire to win.
- Be responsible for the safety of their players. Ensure youth players are never left unsupervised.
- Adhere to the **SafeSport Code**. All coaches are mandated reporters of suspected child abuse.
- Avoid practicing in unsafe weather or atmospheric conditions. Please refer to the club's **Heat & Air Quality Policy**.
- Teach and practice fair play and good sportsmanship by personally demonstrating unwavering commitment to these virtues.
- Treat all players, coaches, officials, referees, parents, and spectators with dignity and respect at all times under any circumstance. Avoid angry confrontation and overt criticism of any kind.
- Work cooperatively with other coaches to ensure that all players get fair and equal use of field space and goals at practices and before games for warm-ups.
- Distribute playing time fairly. All recreational players must be given the opportunity to play at least 50% of every game, regardless of their abilities or score in the game.
- Assist club officials and referees in maintaining control before, during, and after game play.
- Abide by the decisions of game officials without argument or dissent, especially youth referees.
- Take appropriate steps to minimize scoring in runaway games.
- Communicate openly and positively with players, parents, and other members of the club.
- 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. Harassment of any kind or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by EDHSC. This **Coach 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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**COACH SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**