

EAST HAMPTON SOCCER CLUB PLAYER/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The objective of the East Hampton Soccer Club (EHSC) is to encourage the sport of soccer, provide for the training and improvement of youth in skills for team soccer competition, and to organize and promote team soccer competition in league and team format. The Club is committed to promoting principles of good citizenship, good sportsmanship, and teamwork through knowledge of (and association with) the competitive sport of soccer.

Player expectations

East Hampton Soccer Club players are expected to participate in all training, matches, meetings and other club activities and display commitment and dedication to the team and club. Players should be committed to improving their Technical, Tactical, Physical and Mental abilities as well as their development as a teammate and leader. As members of the EHSC, players will be expected to be disciplined, honest, focused, respectful and hardworking.

Players should:

- Represent the East Hampton Soccer Club in a positive and professional manner at all times.
- Wear East Hampton Soccer Club gear to all training sessions and matches as requested by their coach or EHSC representative.
- Possess and maintain a positive and competitive attitude. Exemplify and demonstrate sportsmanship at all times.
- Always reflect respect for all authority figures including coaches, trainers, referees, administrators, teammates, opponents, fans and parents.
- Attend all training sessions and matches.
- Arrive 15 minutes early to training sessions and 30 minutes prior to a match unless otherwise specified by their coach.
- Arrive at all club activities prepared and ready to participate (i.e., appropriate attire and drinks to remain fully hydrated).
- Give coaches prior notice if you are going to miss a training or match.
- Approach your coach with any personal soccer related problems. The coaches are there to help you. If you don't understand something the coach does or says, don't be afraid to ask the coach for clarification.
- All injured players are encouraged to attend every training session and match. Excused exceptions include travel to away games/tournaments, and training sessions that may conflict with physical therapy or doctor visits pertaining to the injury.
- Show respect for all decisions made by your coaches, including but not limited to playing time, position selection, and player rotation schedules.
- Education comes first. No matter how talented, enthusiastic, dedicated, and passionate you are, your education is always your first priority.

Parent expectations

Having supportive families is essential to individual player and team success, as well as the success of the East Hampton Soccer Club. The EHSC recognizes and values the amount of work and commitment parents put into a dedicated soccer player's development. We need you to be supportive and involved but ask that you leave the coaching and soccer related matters to the coach and EHSC Staff. Parent coaching may conflict with that of the coach and this can cause confusion/tension between coach and player, or between coach and parent.

Parents should:

- Communicate openly with the coaching staff, and identify and discuss issues with a coach or EHSC staff member in a respectful manner. Never confront a coach or other club staff member with emotionally charged issues in front of players or other parents. In most cases issues are best discussed in a private setting.
- Encourage your child to speak with his/her coach and take responsibility for all aspects of their commitment to the team, including areas where they need additional explanation or guidance. Younger players should have these discussions with a parent/guardian present.
- Never interrupt training sessions or games. You are welcome to observe training sessions and matches. Please do not distract the players or place unnecessary pressure on them (during practices/games) as this is disruptive to your child, other players, and the coaching staff and can negatively affect development of the player and the team.
- Refrain from entering the field if your child looks like s/he is injured. The official will assess the situation and call the coach onto the field if necessary. The coach will then determine if a parent needs to be called onto the field or over to the bench. Every measure will be taken to make sure players are safe and receive proper treatment.
- Never coach from the sidelines or give instructions, but instead provide encouragement and support.

