

Eastwood Youth Soccer Association

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Code of Conduct for all Volunteers

The Eastwood Youth Soccer Association (EYSA) Board, together with the East Suburban Soccer League (ESSL) Board and all affiliated districts want to ensure that all of the games played are fair, positive and enjoyable for our players, coaches, referees and spectators.

In order to create a unifying atmosphere that promotes a spirited social and athletic event, we are asking that all volunteers adhere to a code of conduct under the ESSL.

- Before, during and post game should promote dignity, patience and positivity to all players, volunteers and spectators.
- Prior to the start of a match, introduce yourself to the opposing coach and the referee.
- During the game, you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game to calm them down.
- During the game, you are responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting.
- Encourage parents and spectators to cheer and applaud for good plays by either team. Discourage them from yelling at parents and the referees.
- Refrain from addressing the referees during the game. If you have a small issue, discuss it with the referee calmly and patiently AFTER the game. If you have a major complaint or if you feel the referee was unfair, biased, unfit or incompetent, report your opinion to an EYSA board member or an ESSL board member. Your opinions will be taken seriously if presented objectively and formally.
- Please thank the referees after the games and ask that your players do as well.

The referees are often young and may be inexperienced. They need time to develop, just like the players and coaches from each team. It is important to let them concentrate on the game, encouraging them, accepting their inevitable, occasional mistakes and offering constructive POST- game comments. Do not discourage them from doing their job by verbally abusing, criticizing decisions or inciting and/or accepting overly aggressive behavior by your players.

Your behavior is a powerful example. Your players and parents will take notice if you insist on fair play, support the referees, concentrate on your players' enjoyment of the game and promote long term development. Adversely, your players and parents will note if you are overly concerned with the results, criticize the referees and players and provide a poor example for good sportsmanship.

Coaches and volunteers who do not follow the expectations described above will be disciplined or removed

Together, let's uphold the spirit of the game and foster a love of soccer in our youth!!

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I have read the Code of Conduct and will adhere to the conduct referenced herein.

District

Coach/Volunteer

Date
