



# PARENTS & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

 *BE ONSIDE.*

**EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**  
Youth Soccer



## PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

- ✓ Cheer on effort and strong play from both teams
- ✓ Always stay in designated areas behind the touchline
- ✓ Respect the referee and coaches always and encourage players to do the same
- ✓ Observe quality of play of your child and the team rather than focusing on the outcome
- ✓ Encourage all players on the field throughout the game
- ✓ Never engage in offensive or abusive language in any circumstance
- ✓ Clubs should initiate consequences should any violation occur; including being asked to leave, suspension from the club or not being allowed to attend future games
- ✓ Avoid making comments throughout the game directed toward your child
- ✓ Allow your child the choice to discuss or not discuss the game in the car going to the game and coming home

# RESPECT





## Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Parent Code of Conduct

*Any violation of this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action.*

### A Parent Will...

- Promote a positive and safe environment for all players and **prioritize the well-being of players over the desire to win.**
- **Treat all coaches, players, staff members, officials, and opponents with respect,** and focus on the effect of their communication rather than relying only on their intent.
- **Value the opinions of their team's coach(es)** without inappropriately interfering with any decisions or operations.
- **Model inclusive behavior and encourage diversity while opposing all types of discrimination,** including, but not limited to, discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, citizenship, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status.
- Create a **safe space for all players,** and **not tolerate any form of abuse and harassment,** whether verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual.
- Understand and **act upon mandatory reporting obligations,** reporting any suspected child abuse to law enforcement and to the Center for SafeSport.
- Understand the coach's code of conduct and prohibited conduct policies and **report when they witness a violation of the code of conduct,** or when they have reason to believe a violation is likely to have occurred.
- Advocate on behalf of their child to ensure the facilities, equipment, and resources provided **meet appropriate safety standards.**

### A Parent Will NOT...

- **Break policies** set forth by the U.S. Soccer Federation, member organizations, leagues, or clubs. This includes all safeguarding policies such as the organization's prohibited conduct, the MAAPP, and the SafeSport Code.
- Verbally, physically, sexually, or emotionally **abuse, harass, or haze** any player, coach, or referee.
- **Illegally use or possess drugs, alcohol, and tobacco** at team events.
- **Use derogatory, discriminatory, or profane language.**
- **Force their child to participate** in soccer.