



East York Soccer Club

On Field Code of Conduct

Playing fair and in a sportsman like manner has to do with making choices. As we interact with each other in sport, or as spectators in sport, we must regularly consider and define what we think is right and what is not. As our children interact with each other in sport, their ability to think and learn about fair play issues matures along with their ability to think and learn about what makes for a rewarding and fulfilling life in society.

It is the expectation of the East York Soccer Club that all affiliated with the Club will conduct themselves in a manner which allows all players the opportunity to reach their full potential and most important enjoy the game. This Code of Conduct provides the principles by which everyone associated with the Club must comply. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action that could result in the termination of membership of a player and/or coach or termination of employment of referees. Parents and (other) spectators who fail to comply with the Code of Conduct will face disciplinary action.

The Club reserves the right to amend this Code of Conduct without notice should the City of Toronto and/or the Ontario Soccer Association make any amendments to their by-laws or policies.

General:

- zero tolerance operating procedure is the policy from the City of Toronto that intends to provide the safety and leisure environment in all City facilities, parks and programs.
- act at all times according to the East York Soccer Club Fair Play Code for players, coaches, referees and parents ;
- abusive behaviour and communication styles are not acceptable;
- the use of profanity is prohibited;
- alcohol or other controlled substances are prohibited from all City of Toronto recreational grounds; this includes parking facilities;
- smoking in the playing and spectator area is prohibited;
- keeping fields and parks clean of garbage, respecting municipal By-Laws and the neighbours for parking is expected and encouraged.

Players:

- will play co-operatively with team-mates
- will treat opponents, game officials, coaches and spectators with respect;
- will arrive a minimum of 15 minutes before game time, this will vary for Rep players and will be determined by the coaching staff;
- should arrive in their uniform ready to play;
- will keep their shirts tucked into their shorts during play;
- must wear shin guards for all games and practices – no exceptions;
- cannot wear metal cleats in house-league games or tournaments.

Coaches:

- will set an example of fair play, respect of others and good sportsmanship through example during the season;
- of House League teams will ensure that each player is on the field for 50% of game time; should arrive in their uniform ready to play;
- will speak respectfully to players, officials and parents;
- will offer constructive feedback in an effort to improve the skills of their players.

Referees:

- will officiate the game in a fair, non-partisan and unbiased manner;
- will follow the rules set by their governing body;
- be respectful when addressing players, coaches, spectators or parents

Spectators:

- will treat players, referees, opponents and other spectators with respect;
- must stand on the opposite side of the field from players and coaches;
- will not step onto the field during the game;
- to avoid injury to themselves and players, will maintain a distance of not less than three meters from the field during the game;
- must ensure young spectators in their care do not interrupt the game and remain well away from the field;
- will not play with a ball any closer than five meters from the field;
- pets must be leashed at all times as required in City of Toronto By-Laws and are prohibited at a number of fields. If a referee deems a pet to be a nuisance the pet must be removed at once.