



NORTHERN EAGLES SOCCER CLUB

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

As a parent or guardian involved in your child's soccer experience, your behaviour and support play a crucial role in fostering a positive, respectful, and safe environment. This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for players parents at Northern Eagles Soccer Club, to ensure that all players, coaches, and families have an enjoyable experience, while promoting sportsmanship, respect, and fairness.

1. Respect for the Players

- **Encourage All Players:** Cheer for all players, not just your own child, and offer positive reinforcement to everyone on the team. Soccer is about teamwork, skill development, and enjoyment.
 - **No Negative Criticism:** Refrain from criticizing or yelling at players, whether they are on your child's team or the opposing team. If you have feedback, direct it to the coach in a respectful manner.
 - **Support Your Child's Development:** Allow your child to enjoy the game at their own pace. Avoid placing undue pressure on your child to win or perform perfectly. Focus on their personal growth and enjoyment of the sport.
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2. Respect for the Coaches and Officials

- **Support the Coach's Role:** Coaches are responsible for instructing the players and making decisions during the match. Trust their expertise and do not undermine their authority. Refrain from offering instructions or coaching from the sidelines.
- **Respect Officials:** Show respect for referees and match officials. Their role is to ensure the game is played fairly, and they deserve your support. Do not argue or criticize officials' decisions, and remind your child to do the same.
- **Be Supportive of Team Decisions:** Support your coach's strategic decisions, line-ups, and game-time choices. Trust that the coach is doing what's best for the team's development and success.



3. Sportsmanship and Positive Behaviour

- **Model Good Sportsmanship:** Set an example of good sportsmanship for your child. Show respect to the opposing team, their supporters, and the referees, regardless of the outcome of the match.
- **No Verbal Abuse:** Do not engage in or tolerate any form of verbal abuse, including taunting, swearing, or making negative comments about players, coaches, parents, or officials. This behaviour has no place in the game.
- **Promote a Positive Atmosphere:** Focus on creating a fun, positive, and supportive environment for your child and their teammates. Celebrate victories with humility and learn from defeats gracefully.

4. Respect for Other Parents and Spectators

- **Be Respectful of Other Spectators:** Be mindful of other parents, family members, and spectators. Avoid interrupting their view of the match or creating unnecessary distractions.
- **Limit Sideline Distractions:** Keep sideline discussions to a minimum and avoid excessive noise or interruptions during the match. Maintain a respectful distance from the players and coaching staff.
- **Set a Positive Example:** Be courteous and respectful towards other parents, opposing fans, and spectators. Disagreements should be handled calmly and privately, not in front of children or during the game.

5. Behaviour During the Match

- **Stay in Designated Areas:** Please stay in the designated spectator areas and respect any boundaries set by the club or match officials. This ensures that players and coaches can focus on the game without unnecessary distractions.
- **Avoid Interfering with the Game:** Refrain from calling out instructions, advice, or comments that might distract or confuse the players. Let the coach handle communication with the players.
- **Applaud Good Play:** Whether it's your team or the opposition, applaud good play and effort. Encourage healthy competition and appreciate the skills and talents of all players.



6. Health and Safety Considerations

- **Monitor Your Child's Well-Being:** Ensure your child is physically ready for the match and has the appropriate equipment (e.g., shin guards, proper footwear). If your child is feeling unwell or has been injured, please inform the coach immediately.
- **Respect Match Schedules:** Arrive on time for matches and pick up your child promptly afterward. Be mindful of match start times and the team's schedule to help maintain an organized event.
- **Stay Calm in Case of Injury:** If an injury occurs, remain calm and allow medical staff or the coach to assess the situation. Do not rush onto the field unless instructed to do so by a coach or medical professional.

7. Promoting Fair Play

- **Encourage Teamwork and Cooperation:** Soccer is a team sport. Encourage your child to play cooperatively with their teammates and understand that team success is more important than individual performance.
- **Promote Healthy Competition:** Help your child understand that the goal of soccer is to have fun, improve their skills, and learn from both victories and losses. Winning is important but learning and growth should always come first.

8. Adherence to Club Policies and Expectations

- **Follow the Club's Rules and Policies:** Familiarize yourself with and adhere to the club's policies, including any specific rules regarding behaviour, sideline etiquette, and safety.
- **Report Concerns Appropriately:** If you have a concern about a coach, referee, or any other aspect of the game, address it in a respectful and constructive manner. Use the club's designated channels to report concerns rather than addressing issues during the match.

9. Consequences for Violating the Code of Conduct

Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including being asked to leave the match or event, temporary or permanent removal from club activities, or other sanctions deemed appropriate by the club. The club is committed to providing a positive and respectful environment, and violations of this code will be taken seriously.



This Code of Conduct ensures that parents and spectators support their children and the team in a way that fosters enjoyment, respect, and growth for everyone involved. Thank you for helping us maintain a positive, safe, and enjoyable soccer experience for all players.

Parent Acknowledgment:

By registering my child as a player at Northern Eagles Soccer Club, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to follow this Code of Conduct, and I will encourage other parents and spectators to do the same.
