

Edgerton Youth Soccer Association (EYSA)
COACH / PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when recreational and competition play reflects these “six pillars of character”

1. I will not force any child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach or coordinator of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of a child and the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for the children, and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands or use of profane language.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the children.
8. I will teach children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will require that any child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
10. I will endeavor to teach children that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that they will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will encourage children to compete fairly and try hard, and make them feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at any child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skills development and practices, and how they benefit a child over winning. I will de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of all the children ahead of any personal desires I may have for a child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for all children that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sporting events.
17. Unless I am one of the official coaches of the team, I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices.