

## **EDINA SOCCER CLUB PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

**The Edina Soccer Club (ESC) is committed to the development of our players and demands the following best practices for our players. In the event of failures to abide by these best practices, ESC may take action – up to and including suspensions from team events and dismissal from the Club – to protect the values of the Club and in the interests of our players and teams.**

- *Play the game for the game's sake.*
- *Give my best effort at all times. Strive to improve my abilities.*
- *Be generous when I win. Be gracious when I lose. Good sportsmanship always!*
- *Be fair always no matter what the costs.*
- *Learn and obey the rules of the game.*
- *Work for the good of the Team. Encourage and support my teammates.*
- *Respect my coach and teammates.*
- *Accept the decision of the officials with good grace.*
- *Treat my opponents with decency & respect.*
- *Always conduct myself with courtesy, honor and dignity.*

As a player participating in Edina Soccer Club soccer activities, I understand and accept the following responsibilities:

1. I will respect the rights and beliefs of others and will treat others with courtesy and consideration.

• *This means no name-calling, no gesturing, no pointing or no 'trash talking' to the other players, coaches, parents, spectators or referees.*

2. I will be fully responsible for my own actions and the consequences of my actions in all team and club events

• *This means I will play in control in both practices and games. I will control my words and actions. I understand that if I lose control and behave in an inappropriate way, there may be disciplinary actions. I will respect my teammates and opponents and play hard but safely and never intentionally cause physical, or emotional harm to them.*

3. I will respect the property of others.

• *This means that I will not damage or destroy other's property.*

4. I will respect and obey the TCSL soccer rules and the laws of my community, state and country.

• *This means I will follow the rules and obey the law. My failure to do this may result in disciplinary action.*

5. I will show respect to those who are responsible for enforcing the soccer rules and the laws of my community, state and country.

• *This means no yelling, swearing, disrespectful or bad language to referee or linesmen. Only coaches should address the referee.*

6. I will not use, consume or possess alcoholic beverages, tobacco or illegal drugs.

Any player whose character or conduct violates the Player's Code may be ineligible to participate in Edina Soccer Club activities (including league games and tournaments) for a period of time as determined by the Edina Soccer Club Staff and/or Board.

I have reviewed this Code of Conduct with my child or guardian, and understand that by signing it, I agree to follow the code.

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Player Name

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Player Signature

Date

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Parent signature

Date