

Codes of Conduct

Coach / Volunteer Code of Conduct

Coach / Volunteer Responsibilities:

- To remember that you are an ambassador for the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association [EMSA], your Zone, and your Community, as such, carry oneself with respect, dignity and pride.
- To accept and work within all parameters set forth by the EMSA. To act in accordance with the Aims and Objectives set forth by EMSA.
- To demonstrate a commitment to a role chosen (coach, assistant coach, team manager, etc.).
- To act in accordance with all EMSA Bylaws Rules, Regulations and Policies.
- To carry out one's duties and responsibilities in a manner exhibiting the utmost professionalism, dignity and respect.
- To respect and honor the EMSA Codes of Conduct.
- To carry out one's responsibilities efficiently, accurately and to the best of one's ability.
- **To be accountable for the behavior of one's team (if affiliated to one) including all its coaches, players and parents.**
- To be accountable for all team-related activities including the accurate completion and timely submission of game sheets, the proper registration of players, the proper use of trialist players and the meeting of all league imposed deadlines.
- **To respect the authority and dignity of ALL EMSA game officials including game referees, Board of Directors, staff and other volunteers.**
- To comply with any mandates handed down, including all player / coach suspensions.
- To treat all EMSA Board of Directors, staff, fellow volunteers / coaches, players and parents with the utmost dignity and respect.

Coaches' Code

- Soccer is a game for happiness
- The laws of soccer should be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit or letter of which no one should try to avoid or break
- Visiting teams and spectators are honored guests
- No advantages except those of superior skill should be sought
- Official and opponents should be treated and regarded as honest in intention
- Official decisions should be accepted without looking angry no matter how unfair they may seem
- Winning is desirable, but winning at any cost defeats the purpose of the game
- Losing can be a triumph when the team has given it's best
- The ideal is the greatest good to the greatest number
- In soccer, as in life, do unto others as you would have them do unto you

Players' Code

- Play the game for the game's sake
- Be generous when you win, be gracious when you lose
- Be fair always, no matter what the cost
- Obey the Laws of the Game
- Work for the good of the team
- Accept the decisions of the Officials with good grace
- Believe in the honesty of your opponents
- Conduct yourself with honour and dignity
- Honestly and wholeheartedly applaud the efforts of you teammates and opponents

Parents' Code

- Children have more need for example than criticisms.
- Make athletic participation for your child and other a positive experience.
- Attempt to relieve pressure of competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
- **Be kind to your child's coach and Referee officials.** The coach is a volunteer giving personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child. The coach is providing a valuable community service, often without regard other than the personal satisfaction of having served their community. The Referee's are learning, conduct yourself accordingly.
- The opponents are necessary friends. Without them your child could not participate meaningfully.
- Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.