

Egg Harbor Township Soccer Club (EHTSC)

Egg Harbor Township, NJ



Coaches' Code of Conduct

Soccer is the players' game. The paramount concern of EHTSC Coaches and Assistant Coaches (hereafter referred to collectively as "Coaches") shall be the development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players. EHTSC Coaches understand that, even though they are volunteers, they serve at the sole discretion of the EHTSC Executive Board, and above all, for the benefit of the players. As such, all EHTSC Coaches agree to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

Coaches must be positive role models for our children, and represent the Club in a positive light

- Know the official Laws of the Game of soccer and the rules of the Egg Harbor Township Soccer Club, and abide by them at all times.
- Coaches bear responsibility for teaching their players to strive for success while playing fairly, observing the Laws of the Game and the highest levels of sportsmanship. Coaches shall instruct players and parents about the rules and best traditions of the game to motivate exemplary behavior.
- In both victory and defeat, the behavior of a coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
- Communicate with players in a positive and age-appropriate manner. Foul or abusive/derogatory language will not be tolerated.

Coaches must be effective team managers

- Maintain regular contact with the team's parents. At minimum, communicate practice and game times and locations in a timely fashion.
- Attendance at each EHTSC meeting by the Coach, Assistant Coach or designated team representative is mandatory.
- Seek both parental and Board approval for all team expenditures and fundraising activities in advance, and provide receipts or a report to both the parents and Board on any funds raised.
- Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including, but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of soccer.
- Set realistic goals for each season for both the individual players' and overall team development. Design practices that are positive, highly active, and fun in pursuit of those goals.

Coaches must be effective game managers

- Contact opponents and officials to confirm games in advance.
- Arrive early and be prepared for each game with the correct player passes and game fees. At home games, ensure that fields and equipment (e.g. nets, corner flags) are ready for play and stored properly afterwards.
- Coaches shall treat officials with respect and dignity, and shall insist their players do the same.
- Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Coaches will model such respect for opponents and expect their players to do likewise.
- Ensure that parents/fans of his or her team exhibit sportsmanship and maturity at all times and assist league and game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
- Respect our fields and our opponents' grounds by ensuring that all trash is removed and properly disposed of.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the above and will adhere to its tenets. I understand that failure to abide by the EHTSC Code of Conduct or EHTSC By-Laws could result in disciplinary action as described in the By-Laws, up to and including, removal from the team.

Signed

Print Name

Date