



# East Hartford Soccer Club

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The East Hartford Soccer Club is an organization formed entirely by volunteers committed to creating a fun and safe environment to introduce soccer skills to the youth of East Hartford. East Hartford Soccer Club programs focus on the best interest of the players in an atmosphere of wholesome community participation with an emphasis dedicated to helping children enrich their lives and on becoming good and decent citizens in the community. East Hartford Soccer Club programs strive to inspire youthful participants with the fundamental principles of teamwork and fair play, while having a focus on FUN.

## Code of Conduct for Parents

As a parent of a player in the East Hartford Soccer Club, I agree to remember the following:

### **1. I will be my child's best fan! Support my child and make him/her feel like a winner every time!**

2. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.

3. Remember that children learn best by example. Show appreciation for good performances and skillful plays by all participants with applause and positive comments. Refrain from yelling loudly and shouting excessively, as this is distracting to players and disruptive to surrounding spectators.

4. Remember that children participate in sports for their enjoyment, not mine. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.

5. Learn the rules of the game and the policies of the organization.

6. Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from all soccer activities.

7. Respect the decisions of officials, referees and directors, and teach children to do likewise. Never dispute or challenge any call/decision made during a game. Any questions about a game should be calmly discussed with a director after the game.

8. Referees, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best. I will refrain from speaking to and/or arguing with a referee, unless it is to say thank you after the game. Most officials are youth referees and deserve the support of the parents as they learn and develop. There will be zero tolerance for any negative comments or actions towards a referee.

9. I understand that my attitude can influence the players, coaches and spectators. I promise to maintain a positive attitude at all activities.

10. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. They give their personal time to provide a recreational activity for my child. They are providing a valuable community service, often without reward other than their personal satisfaction with a successful season. Without them, there would be no club for my child to participate in.

11. I will remain in the spectator's area of the field and will not stand/sit around the soccer players or the goal area. I will refrain from coaching from the sideline, as this only confuses the players.

12. Be sure my child is available for most practices and games, arrives on time and dressed ready to play with all proper equipment (shin guards, cleats, ball and water). It is important that the players practice as a team. When my child is unable to attend, give the coach advance notice to enable proper planning.

13. Report to the coach all injuries, special medical conditions (such as asthma) or extenuating circumstances that may affect the player.

14. Use of tobacco products, alcohol and drugs is prohibited within the boundaries of the soccer complex.

15. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their guest spectators. Please be sure that all spectators are aware of these conduct rules.

**16. Consequences for violating club rules can result in removal from the field, suspension from participation or dismissal from the club. There is a no refund policy and NO REFUNDS will be given in the event of dismissal due to non compliance.**

**Keep for**  
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(Player Name)

**your**  
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(Parent Signature) (Date)

**records**  
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(Coach Signature) (Date)