



EYSA Player Code of Conduct / Fair Play & Respect Initiative

The Exeter Youth Soccer Association promotes and encourages high standards of sportsmanship and fair play. Since 1997, FIFA has dedicated one week of its international match calendar every year to praising and promoting the spirit of fair play. As part of this program Eastern PA Youth Soccer (EPYSA) celebrates Fair Play Days each September to honor the game and each other throughout the season. The mission is to continue to institute the ideals of fair play and respect into our daily habits – on the field and off.

Fair play and respect extends from the field to the sidelines to the entire community. No person – player, coach, referee or spectator-should ever be the target of bullying, violence, foul or racist language. Children should be free to play without unnecessary distractions. The minimum measures of good will and sportsmanship expected include spectators cheering in a positive manner and players & coaches to take part in post-game handshakes.

In support of the Fair Play and Respect Program, EYSA is requesting that all Travel players apply a patch to their uniform – “Fair Play” for girls & “Respect” for boys – and we require all players to sign indicating their promise to adhere to the EYSA Player Code of Conduct.

Players will:

- Be responsible for my personal conduct and behavior and do my very best to honor the game by demonstrating sportsmanship and respect.
- Encourage good sportsmanship and a positive spirit from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
- Treat my coaches, officials, other players and coaches, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- Play by the Laws of the Game at all times; and if I don't understand these Laws, I will attempt to learn them so I can become a better player.
- Be humble and respectful when I win, and gracious when I lose.
- Always give my best effort, both in practice and in games.
- Be the best teammate that I can be. I will be on time for practices/games and will notify my coach if I cannot attend. I will follow coaching direction and not be disruptive during practice or games. I will not talk back to coaches, teammate and officials and will not use foul language.
- Conduct myself with honor and dignity. I know that at all times; I represent EYSA, my team, my town and my family and I will act accordingly.

Players will NOT:

- Behave in a manner that in the opinion of my coaches and EYSA is harmful to the reputation of our club or my team.
- Bully, threaten or cause physical or verbal harm to another player, coach, official or parent.

If a player repeatedly demonstrates a lack of respect for their coaches, teammates, competitors or officials, a player may, after the coach consults with the appropriate Board Member, be suspended from future practices and games for a period of time. This rule includes yellow and red card infractions in games, however, goes further by including behavior issues that are not game related.