



EDC Football Club

Parents Code of Conduct

- All parents will exhibit good sportsmanship and show respect to all players, spectators, parents, and coaches.
- All parents must remember that children should be playing sports primarily for their own enjoyment.
- Parents must place the emotional and physical well-being of the children ahead of their own personal desire to win.
- Parents must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their child's behaviour and work with coaches to resolve it.
- Parents must stand well back when watching training or matches and must stay behind any barriers or lines that are designated for that purpose.
- At no time is it acceptable to stand with management or coaches during matches or training.
- Parents must let the coach do their job and not confuse players by shouting instructions or coaching from the sidelines.
- Offensive, abusive, or insulting remarks made towards any player, coach, official, or parent will be dealt with resulting consequences. This also applies to opposing players, officials and spectators.
- Parents must develop an appropriate supportive relationship with both the coach and their child based on mutual trust and respect.
- If you wish to discuss any concerns about training this should always be in private.
- Conversations had with coaches or staff from EDC Football Club will only be about your child only. No conversation regarding other players is acceptable at any time.



- If you wish to discuss any concerns around matches, you will need to contact the manager directly 24 hours after the game has finished.
- If you need to report any safeguarding issues you will need to contact our Designated Safeguarding Officer directly via our website or by contacting Sussex FA directly for more serious issues
- Parents must always respect the referee's decisions and avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
- Ensure that your child arrives at the designated location for matches or training on time.
- Ensure that your children wear the correct suitable kit to both training and matches.
- Ensure payments are up to date and let us know about any change in circumstances.
- Support the coach's decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the coach in private.
- If you need to report about anything un-game related that is a concern to you, you will need to make a formal complaint via our website following our complaints policy and procedures.
- Report any change in your child's medical condition immediately.
- Respect our staff members and coaches are only contactable between 9-6pm Monday – Friday and 830-12pm on Saturday's and Sundays.
- For departing players, kit must be returned to us prior to leaving and payments will continue until a full return has been received. Any missing items will be charged for.



Parents must understand if they do not follow the code of conduct set out any/all the following actions may be taken:

I MAY BE:

- Issued a verbal warning from Elite Development Coaching
- Required to meet with us, or our Designated Safeguarding Officer
- Take a FA Education Course
- Be asked to leave either the training or match venue
- Be requested to not to attend further training or matches
- Requested to leave along with any dependants

WE EXPECT

- Parents to applaud good play from whatever team it comes from.
- Always encourage players and support positively.
- Respect the referee's decision even when you don't agree with them.
- Be always polite and respectful.

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