



# JESA Youth Player Code of Conduct

## Expectations

- Competitive players are expected to commit fully to the club and attend all scheduled team events.
- Players are expected to give their best at all practices to maximize their growth and development.
- Guest playing with another team or participating in school soccer require **prior written approval from the Coach.**

## Respect

- Treat teammates, coaches, opponents, referees, and spectators with respect at all times.
- Use positive language and body language when communicating.
- Respect coaches' decisions, even when you disagree.
- Avoid all forms of verbal or physical abuse.
- Help de-escalate conflicts in the best interest of players and the club.
- Address disagreements with your coach respectfully and in person.

## Fair Play

- Always play by the rules of the game.
- Avoid cheating, diving, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Accept referees' decisions without argument.
- Do not respond to provocation from opponents, referees, or spectators.

## Teamwork

- Support and encourage your teammates on and off the field.
- Communicate effectively and work collaboratively.
- Understand that mistakes are part of learning, and everyone's contribution is valuable.

## Sportsmanship

- Win with humility and lose with grace.

- Shake hands with opponents and thank referees after every match.
- Acknowledge and appreciate your parents' support after each game as a team.

## **Work Ethic**

- Show dedication to practice, training, and skill development.
- Arrive prepared and give your best effort at every practice and game.
- Put the needs of the team above individual interests.

## **Time Management**

- Be punctual for all practices, games, and team events.
- Notify coaches in advance if you cannot attend.

## **Equipment Care**

- Bring a ball
- Keep uniforms and equipment clean and in good condition.
- Respect team property, facilities, and the belongings of others.
- Assist with setup and cleanup of equipment as directed by coaches.
- Always wear the proper training jersey for practices and the official uniform for games.

## **Listening to Coaches**

- Follow your coaches' instructions and guidance.
- Remember that they are here to support your development both as a player and as a person.

## **Conflict Resolution**

- Address conflicts calmly and respectfully.
- Seek your coach's assistance to resolve disputes with teammates, opponents, spectators, or officials.

## **Supportive Behavior**

- Encourage and uplift teammates during practices and games.
- Negative or disrespectful language toward anyone—including opponents—will not be tolerated.

## **Off-Field Conduct**

- Remember that your behavior off the field represents JESA.
- Live out the values of respect, responsibility, and sportsmanship in all aspects of your life.

## Parent/Guardian Conduct

- Parents are expected to support the team positively, respect coaches' decisions, and encourage their child and teammates without applying undue pressure.
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## Consequences for Violations

Failure to follow this Code of Conduct may result in:

- Disciplinary action by the Coach.
- Reduced playing time.
- Suspension from practices or games.
- Loss of opportunities for player development or identification exposure.

## Attendance & Commitment

Players must attend all scheduled games and practices on time. Failure to do so will result in the following consequences:

### First Offense:

- Verbal warning from the Coach.
- Possible reduced playing time at the next game or practice.

### Second Offense:

- Written warning issued by the Coach.
- Suspension from the next game or practice.

### Third Offense:

- Meeting with the Coach to discuss repeated absences.
- Suspension from future practices and/or games.

### Repeated Offenses:

- Disciplinary action determined by the Coach and the JESA Parent Advisory Group.
- Possible removal from the team.

Commitment to attendance is critical—not only for your own development but also for team cohesion, performance, and respect for teammates and coaches.