



The East Stroudsburg Football Club (ESFC) Parents Code of Conduct for Youth Sports

I will encourage good sportsmanship at all times by setting a positive example for my child. I pledge to support all participants, including teammates and opponents, coaches, referees, and spectators.

I will demonstrate a positive attitude towards youth sports, not embarrassing myself, my child or any other participant by yelling or creating a scene. I will applaud good effort in victory and defeat. **I understand and support ESFC's "no tolerance policy" regarding foul and/or abusive language by our parents/spectators. I will not use foul or abusive language and understand that this behavior may require immediate expulsion from the field.**

I will make sure my child is participating voluntarily in the sport and not forced to because of my wishes.

I will strive to learn the rules of the sport and support the officials in their enforcement of these rules.

I will support the goals of youth sports, including skill development, emphasizing fundamentals, building teamwork, and encouraging fair play.

I will support and communicate with the volunteer coaches, encouraging them to uphold the Coaches Code of Conduct.

I understand that youth sports are not babysitting services. I will offer to participate as a coach, team liaison or parent, or provide transportation.

I will demand a healthy environment, refraining from alcohol, drug, or tobacco use at all sports events. I will insist that all other participants display the same restraint.

I will monitor game and practice venues for safety.

I will teach my child to respect other players, coaches, referees, and spectators regardless of their race, creed, gender, or ability.

I understand and support ESFC's "no tolerance policy" regarding foul and/or abusive language by our players. I understand that the no tolerance policy (upon said violation) includes directives for the Coach or Referee to remove the player from the game and be immediately escorted off of the field. I understand that for the First Offense, the player will not be permitted to play the remainder of the game and will also be suspended for one additional game. I understand that upon the Second Offense, the player will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season. I understand that this rule will be strictly enforced and NO refunds will be distributed.

If I identify problems or have concerns, I will calmly seek solutions at a proper time and location, refraining from confrontations in front of the children.

I will strive to make youth sports fun. After all, isn't that why my child signed up in the first place?

Parent Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Child's Name: _____ **Team Number/Coach:** _____
(if applicable)

Date: _____