

# **EWG YOUTH SOCCER REMINDERS FOR PARENTS, PLAYERS AND COACHES**

## **Guidelines for Everyone**

- *All participants (players, coaches and spectators) will exhibit proper behavior at all times. Good sportsmanship is a priority of our association. Please be familiar with the association's Code of Conduct.*
- *Players and coaches should be on one side of the field and spectators on the other side during games. The exception to this is the Under 5 games where spectators may watch from either side of the field. No one can view any game at the goal ends of the field.*
- *Parents should sit back three feet from the side or touch lines so as not to interfere with play. Folding chairs, umbrellas and coolers can be a hazard to players.*
- *Players are objectively assigned to teams within each age group, as equitably as possible. Team selection is primarily based on players' previous ratings, gender and age. The committee tries to create teams that are equal in strength, so all players can benefit from recreation, sportsmanship and competition.*
- *Requests to place a child on a specific team are discouraged, except to assure siblings play together. Coaches have their own children assigned to their team unless they request otherwise. Absolutely no requests will be considered on applications received after the deadline for forming teams! Parents should NOT attempt to shift their child to a team other than the one to which he or she was assigned. In the event a switch in team assignments is necessary, it must first be approved by the Registrar. Failure to comply with this rule is considered a **SERIOUS VIOLATION** of the association's rules and will not be tolerated*
- *The referee is in charge on the field at all times, even when there is an injured player. Coaches, players and parents should all be familiar with the new injury policy adopted this season by the association. Everyone has a role in assuring the proper treatment of an injured player.*
- *Drivers should be cautious when entering and leaving the parking area. Do not park along the driveway leading to the parking lot. Cars parked there cause a bottleneck for traffic and would block access to the complex by rescue vehicles.*
- *Pets are not allowed in the soccer complex or on the fields.*
- *Tobacco and/or alcohol are not allowed on the fields, parking lot or surrounding grounds.*
- *Dispose of all litter in the proper containers. It would be great appreciated if parents remove the trash bags from the barrels after the last games of the day and dispose of them in the dumpster. Parents should also bring in the flags and goals for the U5, U6 and U8 games.*
- *In order to protect property and prevent injury, there shall be no hanging from goals, digging up of the fields or any other malicious activities.*

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## **Guidelines for Players:**

- *Players are to arrive from 10 to 15 minutes before the start of the game.*
- *Players should bring a water bottle to games and practices.*
- *Players should bring the appropriate size ball to practice.*

## **Rules & Regulations for Players:**

- *Players will be required to remain with the team and coach throughout the duration of the game unless there are extenuating circumstances.*
- *Players must dress appropriately for all games. This includes and is not limited to shirts tucked in shorts, and shin pads covered by soccer socks. Red shirts are for home games; gray shirts are for away games. Black shorts are preferred.*
- *Players will not wear any jewelry or hats during games and practices.*
- *Cleats (if worn) will be rubber (no metal spikes) and have no cleat on toe of shoe. Cleats are not required; athletic shoes (sneakers) are acceptable.*
- *The referee will evaluate players prior to the start of each game.*

## **Guidelines for Coaches:**

- *Coaches should hold 1 practice per week. Any additional practice sessions are not encouraged. Players must wear shin guards for practice.*
- *Practices should last between 30 minutes to 1 hour depending on the age group.*
- *Coaches should provide every player the opportunity to play every position on the field. This is recreation soccer and is to be fun yet challenging.*
- *Coaches should insure that their team leaves no debris, clothing or equipment on the sidelines after a game or practice.*
- *Coaches CANNOT cancel games due to inclement weather. The decision to cancel is made ONLY by the executive committee. Coaches must make every effort to get their players to scheduled games, despite weather conditions. If games are canceled, coaches must relay this to their players.*
- *Coaches should decide when practices are cancelled and how this information is relayed to players and parents*
- *Remember. There are no goalkeepers in U5, U6 and U8 games. A defender must advance beyond the midline when the ball is in the other end of the field.*
- *Coaches must be familiar with game rules specific with U5, U6 and U8 games. These rules are designed to get players of all abilities involved in game activities. They will be diligently enforced.*