



Elizabeth Downs Soccer Club Code of Conduct

The Elizabeth Downs Soccer Club (EDSC) is committed to fostering an enjoyable and relaxing environment for socializing and sporting activities. To maintain this atmosphere, the committee encourages all members, players, and visitors to adhere to the following Code of Conduct. Any behaviour that significantly detracts from this goal is considered unacceptable.

Unacceptable behaviour includes, but is not limited to:

1. **Foul, Abusive, or Racist Language:** Language that is disrespectful, offensive, or discriminatory towards others.
2. **Violent or Reckless Behaviour:** Actions that pose a threat to the safety of individuals or disrupt the club environment.
3. **Damage to Club Property:** Behaviour that results in the destruction or vandalism of club facilities or equipment.
4. **Intoxication:** Excessive drinking leading to drunkenness is not tolerated. Under the Liquor Licensing Rules, the club is required to refuse service to individuals who are excessively intoxicated.
5. **Unlawful Behaviour:** Any actions that violate local, state, or national laws.

The EDSC reserves the right to refuse service and ask individuals to leave the club's facilities if their behaviour is deemed unacceptable. Such actions may result in a warning or a ban from the club and its facilities for a maximum period of three (3) months. Individuals who receive more than three (3) warnings within a twelve (12) month period will be automatically banned for three (3) months. Any individuals who cause damage to club property will be required to repair or replace the damaged items.

In severe cases, the committee may prohibit individuals from representing the club or using its facilities until the committee decides to lift the ban.

Judgment and Notification: All decisions regarding unacceptable behaviour will be made by the current committee within one month of the incident, based on all relevant information available. Individuals will be notified of the decision in person or by certified mail, as deemed appropriate. All warnings and bans may be appealed within seven (7) days of receipt of notification.

Community Responsibility: All individuals wishing to enjoy the club's facilities share the responsibility of monitoring and preventing unacceptable behaviour. Parents are especially encouraged to supervise their children to ensure compliance with these standards.

The EDSC imposes this Code of Conduct on all individuals wishing to use the club's facilities and encourages members to share this code with all new visitors.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a welcoming and respectful environment at the Elizabeth Downs Soccer Club.

Mark Swann - EDSC Chairperson 2025