

General Club Policies

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The foregoing policies of the Edinburg Youth Soccer Club (EYSC), a non-profit corporation (“Club”), have been adopted by the Board of Directors of Edinburg Youth Soccer Club on March 31, 2010. The purpose of this document is to provide the players, parents, managers and coaches of the Club (collectively “members”) a basic understanding of the Club’s policies that govern its operations. This document does not attempt to explain it all, nor is it desired to duplicate information that is readily available elsewhere. Nonetheless, these policies should be adhered to by the Club membership.

In addition to the by-laws and policies of the Club, Club members are governed by the rules and regulations of the United States Youth Soccer Association (“USYSA”), South Texas Youth Soccer Association (“STYSA”) and the Rio Valley Youth Soccer Association (“RYVSA”). The rules and regulations of these governing soccer associations are usually posted on their respective websites. The provisions set forth herein as well as the policies and rules of the other governing organizations may be enforced by the Board of Directors of the Club and any violation of such may result in expulsion of a player, coach, or team from the Club.

1. Edinburg Youth Soccer Club Mission Statement

The Club is dedicated to promoting the sport of soccer in Edinburg among girls and boys of all ages and to helping our players reach their potential as athletes and as people in an environment of care and respect.

2. General Rules of Conduct.

The following rules apply to the Club membership:

- a. You are not allowed to engage in dissent directed toward a referee.**
- b. You are not allowed to engage in any kind or type of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent.**
- c. You are not allowed to interfere at any time with the duties and responsibilities of the coach or manager.**
- d. You are not allowed to Act in any manner which is detrimental to the team or the Club.**

Club members can and will be asked to remove themselves from the field if they do not adhere to the foregoing or engage in any unbecoming conduct to anyone during any Club activity. An example of such conduct would be berating a referee, coach, manager, players, parents, or member or guest of an opposing team. Engaging in such unbecoming conduct may result in expulsion of the parent and player from the Club.

3. Teams

The Club will strive to have balanced play among its member teams. Teams will be formed by age group through a blind draft process. Fall teams remain intact for the following Spring season.

4. Uniforms

Uniforms for all teams shall be obtained through the Club appointed purchaser. As much as possible, all Club teams shall have the same game uniform in all respects, with the Club logo.

Sponsorship of Club or team uniforms are encouraged.

5. Payments by Players and Teams

Each player shall be responsible for the following payments to the Club in addition to any other fees and expenses that may be assessed by each team:

- a. A yearly fee to the Club, in an amount to be decided by the Board of Directors, for each EYSC seasonal year. The Club yearly fee is payable when the player enrolls in the Club to play in a regularly scheduled season.

Although the funds collected will be commingled, it is the intent that the yearly fee be used to pay for operational expenses, referee fees, Club events and other common Club expenses.

- b. The EYSC yearly fee will consist of a Fall seasonal fee and a Spring seasonal fee.
- c. Summer seasonal fees are not connected to Fall or Spring.

6. Rules and Expected Conduct for Teams, Parents, and Coaches

Along with the rules set forth by other governing organizations and the Club Bylaws, coaches are expected to adhere to the following club policies.

- a. Fields are to be shared during times of team practices, with no single team occupying a complete field during periods of heavy congestion. On large fields there may be times when more than two teams must practice. Coaches are expected to share their fields and work together for the benefit of all players and teams. Teams shall make every attempt to practice on or near their age appropriate fields.
- b. Coaches and parents are expected to encourage good sportsmanship among players as well as between themselves.
- c. Recreational teams are to play all games with an equal number of players on the field at all times. If a team is unable to field the standard number of players for their age division, both teams shall play with fewer players so long as the teams are at our above the minimum players allowed for that age division set by our governing bodies and both teams have an equal amount on the field of play.
- d. As set forth in the Club Bylaws, no recreational team shall practice more than three times in one calendar week, or more than one and one-half (1.5) hour per practice.
- e. Coaches shall attend the Club's General Meeting once per month. If a coach is unable to attend then a parent representative of the team may attend in his/her place. It is expected that information obtained at the General Meeting will be shared with other members of the coaches' team.
- f. All members are expected to clean up after themselves and help maintain clean and safe fields for our teams to play on.
- g. At no time are unauthorized individuals or spectators allowed on the teams' sideline or field of play. No spectators or coaches shall be in the goal area or along the goal line.