



Northern Virginia Alliance (NVA)

ECNL Player and Parent Code of Conduct

2024-2025

Congratulations and welcome to the Northern Virginia Alliance (NVA) ECNL program for the 2024-2025 seasonal year! We are looking forward to sharing a great year of soccer with your player and your family. To help you get started, please find below an outline of our expectations of players and families accepting a position on a NVA ECNL team. By checking the box during your acceptance, you acknowledge you have read and agree to the NVA ECNL Player and Parent Code of Conduct terms and conditions.

NVA ECNL Player Code of Conduct

As an ECNL player for NVA, I agree to:

- * Attend punctually all training sessions, league games, tournaments, and other team events, recognizing that such events may occur during school breaks or on holiday weekends. Notify my coach in a timely manner if I will be tardy or unable to attend a practice, game, or event.
- * Accept my coach's tactical decisions (player positioning, play time, etc.) without complaint or debate.
- * Play to the best of my ability at all times.
- * Practice skills and conditioning outside of team training.
- * Respect and support my teammates at all times on and off the field.
- * Abide by the Player Code of Conduct for my Club, league, and/or any tournaments or events.
- * Review and understand the NVA Mission and Values statements.
- * Manage my time effectively so that I can also meet my academic and family obligations.
- * Participate in team fundraisers.
- * Demonstrate pride in my team and my Club

NVA ECNL Parent Code of Conduct

As parent of a NVA ECNL player, I agree to:

Abide by the NVA Parent Code of Conduct.

- * Support my child and his/her teammates in a positive manner, avoiding criticism and negativity.
- * Nurture independence in my child by:
 - ** Having my child pack his/her own equipment, and maintain gear in good condition;
 - ** Having my child communicate directly with the coach regarding issues, concerns, and conflicts (as appropriate);
 - ** Allowing my child to participate in practice and games without my active presence and instruction.
- * Ensure that my child fulfills all required academic responsibilities by helping him/her balance school and sports effectively.
- * Encourage my child and his/her teammates to act in a responsible manner, specifically refraining from bullying and the use of foul language, alcohol, drugs, nicotine, and banned substances.
- * Provide safe, punctual transportation to and from all practices, games, and tournaments.
- * Treat all Club members, opponents, officials, coaches with courtesy, respect, and good sportsmanship.
- * Bring all questions and input directly to the coach privately, constructively, and respectfully, observing the 24 hour" rule (wait 24 hours to cool off!). If you feel that your concerns are unresolved after consulting with the coach, escalate to the Director of ECNL Boys or Director of ECNL Girls.
- * Communicate scheduling conflicts to team officials as early as possible.
- * Honor my financial commitments to my team by paying fees promptly and as scheduled.
- * Inform my coach of my child's tryout plans for next year ahead to those tryouts, to initiate a dialogue of questions, concerns, and information about available option.
- * Remain rostered with NVA for the full seasonal year, excepting in specific circumstances (e.g. relocation).
- * Notify my coach and the Director of ECNL Boys or Director of ECNL Girls if a member of another soccer organization-whether coach, club official, player or parent-approaches me, my child, or another Club family for purposes of recruitment.
- * Maintain a healthy perspective on youth sports, and reinforce the positive lessons learned from losses and challenging circumstances.
- * Represent NVA with values, principles, and ethics of the highest standards, both on and off the field.

NVA ECNL Program - Final Considerations

NVA reserves the right to make player participation decisions on short notice due to certain opportunities and circumstances - player development, player distribution, and player (or parent) behavior considerations.

- * Multi-sport athletes will be held to the same attendance standards as all other players.
- * Parent/Player behavior and/or misconduct are grounds for termination from your NVA ECNL team.

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