

## **Elite Soccer Camps of New England Code of Conduct For Interaction with Minors**

Elite Soccer Camps of New England are committed to the safety and protection of minors. Under New Hampshire State Statute a minor refers to an individual who is under 18. This Code of Conduct applies to all staff and volunteers representing Elite Soccer Camps of New England who interact with minors.

If you have questions about this Code of Conduct, please contact:

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### **Statement of Acknowledgement**

#### **I will:**

I promise to strictly follow the rules and guidelines in this Code of Conduct while interacting with minors who participate in Elite Soccer Camps of New England.

I understand that as a person who interacts with minors under the auspices of Elite Soccer Camps of New England, I may be required to undergo a criminal history background check with results acceptable to Elite Soccer Camps of New England.

I understand that if I am currently enrolled as a student at the College, I hereby consent to have my disciplinary case history reviewed with results acceptable to Dartmouth and the program operator.

Unless my paid or volunteer position requires otherwise, I will never to be alone with a minor (or minors) at Elite Soccer Camps of New England activities without notifying another adult and asking the adult for assistance.

If I am alone with a minor, I will utilize buddy systems and pursue safety in numbers when another adult is not available to help, e.g. a child who needs to be excused during a group activity will be accompanied by another child of the same sex.

I will maintain appropriate physical boundaries at all times. I will touch children only when necessary in ways that are appropriate, public, and non-sexual.

I will treat everyone with respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy and dignity.

I will use positive reinforcement rather than criticism or comparison when working with minors.

#### **I will not:**

I will not touch or speak to a minor (or minors) in a sexual or other inappropriate manner.

I will not inflict any physical or emotional abuse such as striking, humiliating, ridiculing, or degrading minors.

I will not use, possess, or be under the influence of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs at any time while working with minors.

I will not provide transportation to a minor (or minors) unless doing so is an acknowledged component of a program.

I will not accept or give gifts to minors without the knowledge of their parents or guardians.

I will not engage in private communications with minors via text messaging, email, Facebook, Twitter or the like except for activities strictly involving Elite Soccer Camps of New England business.

I will not use profanity in the presence of children and/or youth at any time.

**Reporting of Possible Abuse of a Minor:**

I understand that, under New Hampshire law, I must report any suspected child abuse to the New Hampshire Child Protection Services at 800-894-5533 (in state) or 603-271-6562 (out of state).

If I am not sure that I should make a report to New Hampshire Child Protection Services, I may call Safety & Security at 603-646-4000. Or I may also contact the anonymous Dartmouth Compliance and Ethics Hotline at <https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/35378/index.html> or call (888) 497-0516.

I will comply with the mandatory reporting regulations of the State of New Hampshire. I understand that failure to report suspected child abuse to civil authorities is against the law.

I will cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of children and/or youth.

**My signature confirms that I have read this Code of Conduct and that any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_