



## What type of player does the Eau Claire Memorial Soccer Program want to work with?

- 1) Does constant work on the field; is always in on the action; never ball watching; always offering an option or channel; always after the ball, the challenge, or the goal; makes things happen, gives a little extra when it is important.
- 2) After a mistake, goal against, or coach's constructive criticism, comes back with a strong effort, makes the right moves, stays in the play or game, and tries harder to correct or make up for the mistake. Doesn't hang his head!
- 3) Never gives up (for example, takes a hard challenge, gets back into the play quickly, tries and tries again).
- 4) Plans, evaluates, and corrects with players on the team, encourages others; passes to better-positioned players on the field.
- 5) Takes tips, asks questions, listens, admits errors and corrects them without excuses; shows that he wants to learn.
- 6) Pursues activities both in and out of season to maintain conditioning and improve skills (for example, fitness training, weight training, other soccer opportunities).
- 7) Learns how to perform in a big game as well as in a normal game; comes through in tight situations or close games, makes the big play when needed.
- 8) Learns how to stay motivated, come back and play well after a setback, mistake, missed chance, call against his or team, or bad call.
- 9) Learns to control temper (for example, does not needlessly retaliate after a cheap shot or setback). Learns to react to referee, coach, teammates, and crowd in a mature and positive way, particularly in big games.
- 10) Learns to adapt to the stress of success, travel, and playing with different players (for example, changing of formation, playing time, and alternating starters) without negative affects on attitude or play.
- 11) Learns to stay cool and confident under pressure (for example, is not moody and not a worrier; can maintain focus on getting the job done in pressure situations).
- 12) Communicates well with coaching staff. Offers comments, suggestions, helps the coach with problematic situations (i.e. – teammate with bad attitude), and discusses personal goals and problems with coach.
- 13) Treats officials with respect and dignity.
- 14) Always treats opponents with respect.
- 15) Strives for success while playing fairly, observing the laws of the game, and using the highest levels of sportsmanship.