



Etobicoke Youth Soccer Club

Equality Policy

PURPOSE:

Etobicoke Youth Soccer wishes to ensure that everyone is treated fairly, with respect and that our Club is equally accessible to all.

POLICY:

Etobicoke Youth Soccer is responsible for setting standards and values to apply throughout the Club at every level. Soccer belongs to, and should be enjoyed by, anyone who wants to participate in it. Our Club's commitment is to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reason of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability and to encourage equal opportunities. This policy is fully supported by Etobicoke Youth Soccer's staff, who are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

In all of its activities, Etobicoke Youth Soccer will not discriminate, or in any way treat anyone less favourably, on grounds of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability. It means that Etobicoke Youth Soccer will ensure that it treats people fairly and with respect and that it will provide access and opportunities for all Members of the community to take part in, and enjoy, its activities.

Etobicoke Youth Soccer will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimization of an individual, which for the purposes of this policy and the actions and sanctions applicable is regarded as discrimination. This includes sexual or racially based harassment or other discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal.

Etobicoke Youth Soccer will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs.

Etobicoke Youth Soccer is committed to taking positive action where inequalities exist, and to the development of a program of ongoing training and awareness raising events and activities in order to promote the eradication of discrimination and promote equality in soccer.

Etobicoke Youth Soccer is committed to a policy of equal treatment of all Members and requires all Members to abide and adhere to these policies and the requirements of the Declaration of Expectations for Fairness in Sport (the London Declaration) 2001, Canadian Human Rights Act 1985 and Employment Equity Act 1995 as well as any amendments to these acts and any new legislation.

Etobicoke Youth Soccer commits itself to the immediate investigation of any claims, when it is brought to its attention, of discrimination on the above grounds and where such is found to be the case, a requirement that the practice stop and sanctions imposed as appropriate.