



Roseville Youth Soccer Club Code of Conduct

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect are upheld among players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators, the Club has adopted this Code of Conduct. It is the obligation of all Club participants to create an environment that promotes these principles.

All Participants

All individuals who participate in Roseville Youth Soccer Club events are expected to:

- Respect the rules of soccer and abide by them at all times.
- Show respect, courtesy and good sportsmanship at all Club events.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat each person equally within the context of the sport, regardless of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, political belief or economic status.
- Put the best interests of our youth players ahead of all else.

The foundation of our Club is the youth who play soccer in Roseville. None of the adult participants should lose sight of this important fact.

Players

Every player is expected to:

- Show respect and courtesy to officials, referees, and coaches by following their instructions and directions.
- Maintain control of his/her emotions, avoid the use of abusive or profane language, gestures, taunting and/or remarks, and physical assault upon another player at any time.
- Show respect to other players, coaches and spectators and display good sportsmanship at all times.

Remember that soccer is a game, and treat players and coaches on other teams as respected opponents, not enemies. Without opponents or game officials, there can be no game.

Parents & Spectators

The parents' role is one of support to the players and coaches. Parents should not engage in "coaching" from the sidelines, or criticizing players, coaches or game officials. Every parent and spectator is expected to:

- Be supportive to the coaches and players.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning or criticizing their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner.
- Cheer for your child's team in a positive manner, refraining from making negative or abusive remarks about the opposing team. Maintain control of your emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile.
- Understand that refereeing is difficult work; that decisions must be made quickly, and that referees may make mistakes.
- Teach and practice good sportsmanship by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues at all times.
- Refrain from entering the field of play, or seeking out verbal or physical confrontation with opponents before, during or after a game.
- Do your best to ensure that your child is at all practices and games on time. If your child is unable to attend, let your coach know in advance.
- Acknowledge outstanding play by your opponents.

Remember that soccer is a game, and treat opposing players and coaches as respected opponents, not enemies. Without opponents and game officials, there can be no game.

Referees

Every referee is expected to:

- Treat all game participants with respect.
- Apply the rules fairly to both teams.
- Avoid the appearance of favoritism.
- Be dressed in proper uniform, with jersey tucked in and proper badge displayed.

The players and coaches do not expect perfection, but they want a game that is called fairly and evenly.



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Coaches

The coach's role is one of teaching soccer skills and sportsmanship to their players. Coaches should encourage fair play and good sportsmanship among players, foster team camaraderie, and help players have fun while teaching them the technical skills of soccer.

In addition, every coach is expected to:

- Be responsible for the behavior of their players, their parents, and their entire coaching staff.
- Ensure that all Club policies (including this policy) are communicated to their team.
- Place the players' well being ahead of the coach's desire to win.
- Communicate regularly with the parents and players.
- Create an environment that is free of drugs, alcohol and tobacco, and refrain from their use at all club events.
- Use coaching techniques that are appropriate for the age group that in which they coach.
- Ensure that youth players are never left unsupervised.
- Use practice facilities allocated to the correct age group.
- Work cooperatively with other coaches to ensure that all players get fair and equal use of field space and goals.
- Avoid practicing in unsafe weather or atmospheric conditions.
- Ensure that their team and their team's spectators treat the opposing team and referees with respect, and assist the game officials in maintaining control before, during and after game play.
- Avoid openly and loudly criticizing other coaches, players or referees.
- Abide by the decisions of game officials without argument or dissent.
- Take appropriate steps to control scoring in runaway games.
- Avoid angry confrontation with game officials, coaches, players and/or spectators.
- Participate in a post-game hand shake with the opposing team.
- Cooperate with referees and/or club officials in identifying persons who are found to be in violation of this policy.

Unsportsmanlike conduct of coaches will not be tolerated by the Club. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes berating or unkind comments to a player or referee that would reasonably be expected to cause embarrassment, and willful failure to abide by Club rules and policies.

I acknowledge this Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Roseville Youth Soccer Club and agree that if I fail to abide by the Club's rules, procedures and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to: (a) warning; (b) probation; (c) game suspension; or (d) removal from the program.

By accepting their team roster, each coach expressly agrees to abide by this Code of Conduct, that he or she has read the Roseville Youth Soccer Club Coaching Manual, and will abide by all Club rules, procedures and guidelines.

A copy of this Code of Conduct is available for download on www.rosevillesoccer.com.