



Coach Ethics Form

River City Youth Soccer League (RCYSL) has adopted a standard of integrity for its coaching staff, players, parents and related spectators of the team.

As such RCYSL expects the coaching staff:

- to teach the players how to enhance their soccer skills individually and collectively and to teach the players how to work and train together to achieve reasonable goals as a team
- to discourage cheating, gamesmanship tactics, foul play, and unsportsmanlike conduct by the players on the team and the coaching staff.
- not to allow players, parents or the coaching staff to attempt to “educate” referees or commit referee abuse, dissent, or disrespect before, during, or following a game and to set the proper example for the team when dealing with the referees.
- to maintain proper control of themselves, the coaching staff, players and spectators associated with their team.
- to place the safety and welfare of all players before the value of winning.

Coach's actions on sidelines, during games, and at practice, shall be in the spirit of "good sportsmanship" at all times. The spectators affiliated with teams are the responsibility of the coaches and coaches may be sanctioned for their behavior. Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by coaches, spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall require disciplinary action from the Clubs and/or RCYSL.

Game cards and match reports are the tools to report conflicts or concerns with game conduct. Issues related to conduct during practices must be reported to the applicable Club Manager.

All Coaches and adults rostered to a RCYSL team must abide by the “RCYSL Rules and Policies” posted in ‘Forms and Documents’ at <http://www.rivercitysoccerleague.org>. The “Rules and Policies” will be emailed for further reference to the address provided by the coach at registration.

The PAD committee shall act on all disciplinary matters and shall have discretionary powers in determining disciplinary action applied. Game suspensions will depend on the findings of the committee and applied according to the gravity of the infringements. Any increases above the recommended Cal North minimum penalties shall be documented on the Send-Off Report or on an accompanying document by the Committee. Only penalties above the recommended Cal North minimums may be appealed.

Examples of the automatic sanctions for coaches when shown the red card for infringement of the "Laws of the Game" and sent off the field of play are:

- Entering the field without the Center Referee’s consent (1 game suspension)
- Foul, abusive or harassing language :
 - Uttered in frustration not directed at an individual (3 game suspension)
 - Directed at any individual (4 game suspension)
- Violent conduct:
 - Involving a player or youth referee (life time suspension and reporting to authorities)
 - Involving an adult game official (life time suspension)

Coaches are charged with the responsibility of knowing the Club and League policies, procedures and bylaws and abiding by them.

Coaches must have on site at practices and game the Player Registration form (1601) properly executed by the guardian responsible providing the wet signature authorizing medical treatment for the player. Should a coach become aware that a player is registered on more than one team; the Club Registrar must be advised immediately.

I hereby agree to abide by the required conduct and the Laws of the Game.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____