



ROCKDALE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT

Rockdale Youth Soccer Association is committed to providing the finest soccer experience possible for all players to have fun and enjoy the game of soccer. We believe that our primary focus should be the development of the mental and physical talent and skill of our players to the highest level possible, both as an individual and as a team player.

We also believe that the player's development is more important than winning, and that winning is a result of successful player and team development. We also believe that the success of this organization is measured by its excellence both on and off the field, and in order to achieve that end, we have adopted this Code of Conduct for the members of RYSA, our players, parents, coaches and club officials.

You are part of a team and a club and your actions reflect not only upon yourself, but on the rest of Rockdale Youth Soccer Association. You are expected to:

- Avoid inappropriate behaviors during practice, games and team or club sponsored events, tournaments and travel (e.g., theft, substance abuse, violent or destructive behavior, etc.)
- Conform to the rules established by your team and the club
- Adhere to the laws of the game
- Take victory modestly and defeat graciously
- Treat teammates, opponents, coaches, referees and other officials with respect
- Recognize and praise skillful play by both teams and to not ridicule either side
- Not argue with a referee or assistant referee

In addition, Players are expected to:

- Play the game for the game's sake, for the fun in it
- Attempt to win through your skill, effort, tactics and fair play
- Care for your uniform and equipment
- Attend practices and games

Parents are not only a supporter of their child, but also a role model whose actions reflect upon the player, the team and the club. In addition to the above applicable standards, Parents are expected to:

- Remember that the game is for your son or daughter, not for you
- Encourage and support your son/daughter in meeting his/her obligations
- Set a good example by your conduct and good sportsmanship
- Allow the coach to direct the play of the game
- Remember that in ten years no one will remember the score or who won the game
- Remember that your son/daughter's career is a long-term growth process and not an end of itself

Club officials are responsible for providing the direction and organization for the Club, and whose decisions and actions will set the tone for the rest of the members. In addition to the above applicable standards, Club officials are expected to:

- Remember that we exist for the benefit of youth and not the egos of adults,
- Conduct the business of the Club with honesty, integrity and openness,
- Ensure the Club conforms to the rules established by itself, GYSA, USYSA, and FIFA.
- Make decisions for the good of the Club, not one's personal agenda.

Families of RYSA soccer players also are expected to observe certain rules while traveling and residing in hotels. They include:

- All rules of the hotel must be observed
- Use common sense -- no running in hallways, no playing in the elevators, no loud talking and no throwing things. Respect the rights of others to quiet, privacy and safety
- Spend your extra time in your room, or if invited, someone else's room or in areas specifically designated for recreation, for example, the pool. Do not congregate in hallways, lobbies or elevators where you may be annoying someone else
- In the pool area, there will be no pushing, shoving, screaming, towel snapping, running or diving. Respect the rights of others, who are using the pool
- Respond respectfully and return to your room, if an adult, for example, a security guard, hotel staff, another RYSA parent, a coach or a hotel guest asks you to change some behavior
- Parents are responsible for their own children, both players and siblings, and any players they are chaperoning. The Club welcomes parents to attend but needs their attention to supervise their children. Know where your children are, what they are doing and if not with you, when they will return. If players do not follow these guidelines, consequences will fall to the player. If siblings or parents do not follow these guidelines, consequences will fall to the player

Violations of the Code of Conduct:

Most minor violations of the Code of Conduct will be resolved within the team. Serious or unresolved violations should be reported to the RYSA Commissioner. The Commissioner will conduct a review of the situation and present the findings to the D&P and/or E&G committee which will make the final determination of what action, if any, may be appropriate. If action is necessary, the available options range from a caution, to personal apology, probation, service work, suspension, or, as a final step, expulsion from the Club. As a member of the RYSA, you are responsible for your own actions, and will be held accountable for them.

I have read and understood the above. I agree to abide by this code of conduct and understand if I do not, suspension will result.

Player's Signature

Player's Parent's Signature