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Rock Run Soccer Club Parent Code of Conduct

The purpose of the Rock Run Soccer Club Parent Code of Conduct is to assist you and your child in gaining the maximum benefit possible from the soccer match. Below are common sense rules that must be observed by all Rock Run Soccer Club parents or others attending Rock Run games.

Expectations

- 1. Do not shout instructions to your child or attempt to coach your child during games.** Sideline coaching causes confusion. The coaching staff instructs players how to play. Your instructions may directly conflict with the goals and objectives that the coaching staff has established for that particular game. Further, if you shout instructions, your child may attempt to please both parent and coach, and fail at both.
- 2. Be positive and support the play of the team.** Your function on the sidelines is to be a supporter and role model of sportsmanship. Be positive with your comments regardless of the outcome of the game. However, remember that your child is as member of a team. Let the other players know you support them as well. Disparaging or degrading remarks directed toward any player on either team is prohibited.
- 3. Parents will always show good sportsmanship and set an example for their child.**
 - Suffer in silence whenever something occurs that goes against your child's team.
 - Parents will not embarrass their child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials.
 - Parents will require their child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect.
 - Do not enter into arguments with the other team's parents, players, or coaches.
 - By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- 4. Do not yell at the officials.** Officials will make mistakes. Officials will make proper calls with which you may disagree. It is not the place of a parent, however, to yell at, confront or critique the referee. Be tolerant of the official's calls, whether you agree with them or not. Keep your opinions to yourself.
- 5. Use appropriate language at all times.** No profanity, derogatory or other inappropriate language will be tolerated. Proper tone and volume of language is also expected.
- 6. Physical altercations are prohibited.** Parents will never strike, shove, threaten to strike, or lay a hand upon an official, player, coach or spectator.

Consequences

Depending on the severity and number of incidents involving a parent, one or more of the following consequences may result from parent's failure to follow the Parent Code of Conduct.

- 1. Parent verbal warning.** This warning could come from the official, Head Coach, team coach, or a member of the Rock Run Soccer Club Board of Directors.
- 2. Parent removal from game.** Parent(s) may be asked to leave the field area during the game by the official, head coach, team coach, or a member of the Rock Run Soccer Club Board of Directors.
- 3. Game forfeiture.** The game may be stopped and ruled a forfeiture by the official
- 4. Parent suspension from future games.** If a parent(s) does not change his or her behavior following a verbal warning (no warning is required in the case of severe conduct as determined by the Board of Directors) he or she may be suspended from a number of games by the Rock Run Board of Directors.
- 5. Parent suspension for season.** Parent(s) may be suspended for the remainder of a season by the Rock Run Soccer Club Board of Directors.

Parent suspension decisions will be made by the Rock Run Soccer Club Board of Directors at a board meeting to be attended by all parties involved

All decisions of the Board of Directors interpreting this Parent Code of Conduct are final.