

Code of Conduct for Coaches Participating in RKYSC Programs

These policies have been amended by RKYSC as originally issued by MYSL. It is important that our programs share similar guidelines as MYSL is a partner with RKYSC.

Because coaches are directly responsible for the conduct of their players during practices and games, they must set an example of good sportsmanship and fair play at all times.

To that end, coaches must show courtesy and respect to their players, opponents, parents, spectators, referees and each other at all times. Coaches must treat all of their players fairly and favoritism toward any player must be avoided.

Playing Time:

In order to treat players fairly, every effort should be made by the Coach to balance playing time for each player. The goal of recreational play is for our players to have fun and play soccer. All players are guaranteed ½ of the playing time.

Language

Coaches should not use offensive or inappropriate language in the presence of their players during practice or games. Coaches are directly responsible for the behavior of their parents and spectators. Coaches must require that their players, parents and spectators refrain from using offensive or inappropriate language during practice or games.

Alcohol

We ask all coaches not to consume alcoholic beverages prior to practices or games as the mere smell of alcohol can create the wrong impression and does not evoke the right role model for our players. The use of alcohol should have no presence around youth sports and it is also prohibited on all county facilities.

Tobacco

All coaches are asked to refrain from the use of tobacco and tobacco products during practices and games.

General Behavior Expectations

Coaches shall not threaten or attempt to intimidate a player, spectator or referee and shall not permit their players to threaten or attempt to intimidate another player, spectator or referee.

Coaches shall not make derogatory or critical comments about opposing players, coaches or spectators and shall discourage their players and parents from making such remarks.

Coaches must look out for the safety of their players at all times and bring to the attention of the referee any situations that could jeopardize the safety of their players. They also must be alert to potentially dangerous situations arising because of actions by their own players. Coaches should not hesitate to substitute for a player whose actions could lead to injuries or altercations among players.

Coaches shall not encourage or permit attempts to injure opposing players and shall not encourage or permit so-called "professional fouls" or retaliatory actions.

Coaches are directly responsible for the behavior of their parents and spectators. Because coaches must manage their teams and supervise their players from the highest level of ethical behavior, they should ensure that their players and parents are familiar with the rules of the games and that all matches are played within the limits of those rules.

Coaches are responsible for the actions of their players on and off the field during cross association play at other locations. Because their players and teams represent RKYSC, coaches are advised to draft and enforce rules relating to behavior in public, at restaurants and hotels and on the field.

Recruiting

Coaches shall not attempt to recruit players already registered to other teams and they shall not condone any such recruiting attempt by anyone else associated with their team, including players and parents. This policy applies to "in house" recruiting and recruiting from another club.

Referees

All age groups using referees.: U8 and above. - No coach at any time is allowed on the field without the referee's approval/permission.

Our business relationship with CVSRA is continuing to develop. Please be patient. If something goes on in your game that needs attention, please address the site coordinator or email the league office with details so that we can address the situation.

Abuse of any aged referee will not be tolerated: These are your children out on the pitch refereeing. No one will ever call or coach a perfect game. Young referees need to be given the benefit of the doubt and allowed time to learn.

Any protest or grievance concerning a referee or assistant referee must be made in writing to the Recreational Director within three (3) calendar days of the match in which the alleged situation occurred.

Additional Notes to Coaches:

For all age groups: all teams should only have on the players' side, 1 Head coach and 1 Assistant coach at all times. All other coaches, parents, siblings, visitors, etc., need to be on the opposite side of the field. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Head Coaches: please **do not** allow additional Assistant Coaches to coach from the parent sideline. The other parents don't appreciate it, it is very distracting for the players and other surrounding teams and it isn't helping the children with everyone yelling coaching directions at them.

Running up the score:

Listed below are some guidelines to follow for all age groups if you find your team in a position that you are dominating the game and scoring goals too easily.

Remember if you are the 0 in a 0-18 game, your team is certainly not having any fun. If you are the 18, try to picture what it would feel like to be the 0. Please follow the guidelines below for all future games so that the scores will not get out of hand for any team, home or away.

These are RKYSC guidelines which are shared by MYSL, and we would hope that anyone playing cross association would have similar guidelines but we cannot make other leagues enforce our rules nor us theirs.

If your team is winning 4-0, take out your stronger players.

Play forwards as defenders.

Tell players that they must make 5 passes before a shot on goal can be taken.

At 5-0, impose a passing only rule. The team must try to keep possession and take no shots.

A back pass must be made before going forward.

At 6-0, take off one player and play a man down.

RKYSC Policy Only on Running up the Score:

Coaches who are in continued violation of running up the score shall have consequences which may include suspensions from practice and games, mandatory Coaches PCA course, and or enforced to not play with a keeper as per the Pocoshock Board of League Directors (unanimously approved 02.20.07). Continued violations and subsequent penalties will be determined on a case by case basis by the League Directors and Recreation Director.

Coaches Signature: _____ Age Group: _____ Date: _____

