

RUSSELL SOCCER CLUB - FAIR PLAY FORM – PARENT or PLAYER

The RSC strongly adheres to the FAIR PLAY concept and expects all members, players, coaches, volunteers and other participants to understand and practice this concept during RSC activities and events.

The Principles of Fair Play:

1. Respect for the rules of Soccer
2. Respect for the Referees and their decisions
3. Respect for opponents
4. Respect for your team players, coaches, convenors and volunteers
5. Give everyone an equal chance to participate
6. Maintain your self control at all times

Fair Play Code for Coaches

1. I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices remembering that soccer players do have other interests and obligations.
2. I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, the referees and opponents
3. I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time.
4. I will not ridicule, or yell or be negative towards my players or towards game officials. I will remember that the players are here to enjoy themselves and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
5. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe.
6. I will remember that my players deserve a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example in my dealings with my players, other coaches and referees.
7. If I disagree with an official, I will accept their decision and discuss the matter calmly and privately after the game.
8. I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.

Fair Play for Players

1. I will play soccer because I want to, not because my parents or coaches want me to.
2. I will play by the rules.
3. I will control my temper at all times - fighting; arguing and “trash talking” spoil the enjoyment of soccer for everyone.
4. I will respect my opponents.
5. I will be a true team player.
6. I will remember that winning isn't everything. Having fun, improving skills, making friends, and doing my best are also important.
7. I will acknowledge all good play by my teammates and opponents.
8. I will remember that coaches and referees are here to help me. I will accept their decisions with respect.
9. I will not dispute the referee's call.

Fair Play for Parents

1. I will not force my child to play soccer.
2. I will remember that my child plays soccer for their enjoyment, not mine.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to verbal abuse, hostility or violence.
4. I will teach my child that trying their best is as important as winning, so they will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
5. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise not criticism.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at any player, coach or referee for making a mistake or losing.
7. I will applaud good plays/ performances by my child's team and their opponents.
8. I will never question a coach's or referee's judgment, methods or honesty in public.
9. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from soccer activities.
10. I will respect and show appreciation for volunteer coaches.

Name: (print) _____ (sign) _____

I, the undersigned RSC Member, agree to the Code of Conduct Policy 5, will abide by the True Sport and Fair Play Principles and acknowledge that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action.

Player Name: (print) _____

Team & Age Group of Player: _____ Date: _____