

Riverton Youth Soccer Parent Code of Conduct



The purpose of the Riverton Youth Soccer Association, as set forth in the Bylaws, is

- To develop and promote the game of soccer among our youth
- To develop and sustain the spirit of character of the players
- To develop youth physically
- To collectively represent and safeguard the common interests of the participants in youth soccer.

The Riverton Youth Soccer Association has implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the importance of establishing the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. All parents are required to read, understand and sign this form prior to their child participating. It is the intent of this Parent Code of Conduct to ensure that our children are continually encouraged, that the Riverton spectators are positively representing our community and program, and that all adults involved in the program treat one another with respect and dignity.

As a parent of a Riverton Youth Soccer Association player I agree:

- To remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the youth.
- I, and my family, will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy toward them and others.
- I will demonstrate to my child positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every practice and game.
- I, and my family, will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing, taunting, profane language, etc.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts in a positive way.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will emphasize skill development and the importance of practicing.
- I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I have been appointed by the board as one of the team coaches.
- I agree to go to the coach first with concerns. To maintain the integrity of the soccer program I will not engage in malicious talk or criticism "behind the back". I will follow the steps listed below for addressing concerns.
- I will respect the coach's decisions to do what is in the best interest of the team. I agree to not question, discuss or confront the coach at the game field, but will follow the steps listed below for addressing concerns.

Protocol for Addressing Concerns as illustrated in RYSA Program Rules and Regulations (section 4 pg 2)

The ability to resolve concerns expeditiously and satisfactorily requires all concerned to deal in good faith and with dignity and respect toward each other. As the parent of a Riverton Youth Soccer player you are agreeing to abide by and honor the established protocol for addressing concerns.

- First, I agree to communicate the concerns directly to and with the coach. If that meeting does not satisfactorily resolve the concerns then
- Second, I will communicate the concerns directly with the Competitive Program Coordinator (with the coach present, if appropriate). If that meeting does not satisfactorily resolve the concerns then
- Third, the matter is referred to the Competitive Program Committee for resolution. If that meeting does not satisfactorily resolve the concerns then
- Fourth, the matter will be presented to the RYSA Board for final resolution.