

RANCHO CORDOVA SOCCER CLUB

FAIR PLAY POLICY

Issue: The RANCHO CORDOVA SOCCER CLUB (RCSC), herein known as the club, has a vested interest in the “Good of the Game” and controlling unacceptable behavior of spectators, coaches and players at practices, league games and tournaments. It is the opinion of the board members that inappropriate behavior is not a rampant condition throughout the clubs but does occur on a weekly basis as evidenced by the weekly game reports. This type of unacceptable conduct takes away from the enjoyment of the game by the players and departs from the desired philosophy of fair play and good competition. It negatively impacts, to a greater extent, our youth referees. Conduct of this type renders the league’s soccer program unable to function as a positive contributor to all participants of the league (players, coaches, parents and referees) and hinders our standing relationship with the cities and communities working to support youth soccer. In the Rancho Cordova Soccer Club, we honor the game!

Objective: The objective of this policy is to set a framework where behavior of spectators, coaches and players can be judged against an acceptable level and administrative action can be applied when necessary. Additionally, the affected Club and League Bylaws and Policies will determine a process of notification, hearing and discipline of members violating this policy.

Policy: The coach of any team is responsible for the behavior of their players and parents as well as themselves. Each coach is expected to advise their players and parents of the guiding goals listed. No coach, player or spectator shall openly and loudly criticize another spectator, coach, player or referee. No coach, player or spectator shall verbally abuse, threaten, physically abuse or assault anyone at the field. It is expected that attendees at games provide positive reinforcement comments only. Coaches and captains may inquire about calls made by the referee, prior to the game, at the mid-game break and at the end of the match. Spectators and players shall not question or follow the referee to the parking lot or next field in a harassing manner.

Players shall not “trash talk”. Players must participate and behave in a sportsmanship like manner during the post game handshake. Boasting, taunting, denouncing or other similar acts directed at the opponents is not acceptable.

Disciplinary Measures: Coaches who violate this policy may be dismissed from the game. Players who violate this policy may be sent off from the game. In each case of an ejection, the resulting discipline may be addressed by a DISTRICT VI PAD (Protest, Appeals & Discipline) committee.

Spectators who violate this policy may be requested to leave the area of the field of play as directed by the referee or coach and shall remain away from the playing field for the duration of the match. Spectators who violate this policy may be subject to a hearing by the club or league PAD. Players may also be subject to discipline actions to control such actions by a related spectator.

Appeals: Coaches and players may appeal the discipline measures given them by requesting a hearing from the club, league or district. Spectators have no recognized standing within the league and cannot appeal the discipline measures.

Codes of ethics are a useful way of communicating an organization/s philosophy to all levels of the organization. This can set the boundaries of behavior and offer guidelines to everyone involved. Often all involved within an organization are asked to sign a code of ethics to show commitment to them.

I hereby pledge to live up to my responsibilities as a youth sports coach by following the Guides for Coaches, Parents and Players. I will meet with the parents and players of my team and make them aware of the guidelines. I have read the RCSC FAIR PLAY POLICY and agree to abide by the specified behavioral rules.

Signatures:

Coach: _____ Team: _____

Parent(s): _____

Player: _____

Age Group: _____ Date: _____