



RYSA Coaches Code of Ethics/Guidelines

The Coaches Code of Ethics/Guidelines is designed to provide direction and guidance for coaches of Radcliff Youth Soccer Association (hereby known in this document as RYSA). Your acknowledgement of this form indicates that *you have read and understand our expectations* regarding coaches' conduct at practices and games. RYSA is committed to these expectations in order to have a positive and effective organization.

- Soccer is the players' game. The paramount concern of coaches is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players.
- Coaches bear responsibility for teaching their players to strive for success while playing fairly, observing the Laws of the Game and the highest levels of sportsmanship.
- Coaches shall treat officials with respect and dignity, and shall teach their players to do the same.
- Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Coaches will model such respect for opponents and expect their players to do likewise.
- In both victory and defeat, the behavior of a coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
- Coaches shall adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of RYSA.
- Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including, but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of soccer.
- Coaches are responsible for taking an active role in education about player safety. Every person listed on the roster (head coach, assistant coaches and team managers) will be responsible for completing concussion training. Please refer to: <http://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>
- Coaches shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of soccer.
- Coaches shall respect the declared affiliations of all players, and shall adhere to all guidelines and regulations on recruiting established by the governing bodies having oversight of their teams and leagues.
- RYSA max coach roster during a game is 3. This shall consist of 1 head coach and two assistants or one head coach, 1 assistant and 1 team manager.

- Coaches are responsible for the behavior of his parents and players. Any coach who is unable to control team parents are to get with their commissioner.
- Coaches are allowed to use disciplinary actions to control player behavior (i.e., not listening, being disruptive, etc.). Before disciplinary action is used please notify your commissioner.
- Commissioners are here for you. If you have any issues, please reach out to your commissioner first. If your commissioner is unavailable, please reach out to any RYSA Board Member.
- I will support efforts to provide an environment for my players that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. I will refrain from their use while at Dawley Park.

Failure to adhere to the above guidelines may result in the following actions.

- The age group commissioner has the authority to verbally warn a coach that he/she has violated a portion of the Code of Ethics. Failure to comply with the standard team rules or this code could result in automatic expulsion.
- Board approved coaches and/or assistant coaches who have written complaints lodged against them may be subject to reprimand.
- The RYSA board, as elected representatives, have the right and authority to suspend or expel any coach/assistant coach for his/her actions and/or behavior that is deemed inappropriate or that violates good order and sportsmanship.
- If a coach or parent approaches a referee or steps on to the field to challenge a call, they may be asked to leave the game and the incident will be reviewed.
- Any coach deviating from this Code of Ethics may be brought before the RYSA Executive Board. This can result in a total ban from participating in any KYSA sanctioned league or event.
- All disciplinary actions can be appealed to the RYSA board. The appeal must be in writing and state the full facts of the situation, action being taking against, and the reason for the appeal.

Coach Signature

Date

Coach Name - Printed