

# Richardson Soccer Association



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To: All Richardson Soccer Association Parents  
From: RSA VP for Rules and Discipline and RSA League Commissioner  
Subject: Code of Conduct for Parents

This code of ethics has been developed NTSSA and required by Richardson Soccer Association for all parents. The term "parent" shall include, but is not limited to grandparents, legal guardians and guests of those.

The purpose of this policy is to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted ethical, and moral behavior, from behavior that is detrimental to the Sport of Soccer. Referees can ask a parent and coach to leave the soccer field for misconduct issues. To see a full list of parent responsibilities please visit the parent's page of the RSA website:

<http://www.richardsonsoccer.org/parents.php>

1. Parents must always remember that their children have more need for proper examples than for criticism. Parents should attempt to relieve the pressure of the competition, not increase it.
2. Remember that your child learns by example; children mimic what their parents say. Criticism of the coach, officials, teammates, and/or opponents fosters bad attitudes and leads to a negative experience.
3. Parents should be respectful to their child's coach and officials. The team coaches and officials are volunteers who give their personal time to provide an enjoyable recreational activity for your child.
4. Parents must not openly question a referee's or any soccer official's judgment or honesty. Officials are there to ensure fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship.
5. Parents should remember that the coach has an entire team of players to consider when making decisions regarding position, playing time, substitutions, and strategy. The team revolves around all assigned players.
6. The opponents are necessary players for competition and without them your child could not participate in soccer. Parents must never approach any opponent's players to point out any type of questionable behavior. Parents can file a formal or non-formal complaint with their coach who will bring it to the attention of RSA Officials.
7. Parents should applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team. There is nothing wrong with showing enthusiasm for great soccer plays.
8. Parents must accept the results of each game. They should encourage their children to be gracious in victory, and to turn defeat into motivation for working harder towards improvement. Teach your child that honest effort is just as important as victory.
9. Parents please remember that your child is involved in organized sports for their personal enjoyment and for both of you.
10. A parent must never be verbally or physically violent or threatening toward any coach, parent, player, or representative of Richardson Soccer Association or other NTSSA Associations. If there is a disagreement, parents can file a formal or non-formal complaint with their coach who will bring it to the attention of RSA Officials
11. Parents should encourage their son or daughter to always play by the FIFA, NTSSA and RSA rules.

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12. A parent must never misrepresent to Richardson Soccer Association their child's eligibility to play on any team.

Thank you for your participation in RSA programs, and we look forward to the best possible soccer experience for your child. For more information on camps and clinics, designed to enhance your child's playing experience please visit <http://www.richardsonsoccer.org/playerdevelopment.php>

Thanks again,  
RSA Staff and Board