

Red Bank FC Soccer Club Bylaws

- I. Red Bank Futbol Club is organized for the purpose of planning and running the operations of Red Bank teams participating in travel soccer leagues. Refer to Appendix B for mission and objectives.
- II. The Red Bank Futbol Club; hereinafter referred to as “RBFC”, shall be organized into a membership consisting of certified coaches in the RBFC, registered players, parents, and affiliated referees. An Executive Board shall administer the membership.
- III. The Executive Board; hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, shall consist of the following members:
 - A. **President** – The President administrates all RBFC functions except specific duties assigned to other officers. The President shall have the power to form committees and appoint committee chairpersons to conduct special projects.
 - B. **Vice President** – The Vice President (VP) assists the President in the execution of his/her duties, and assumes all duties of the President in the event the position is vacant, or the President is unable to perform those duties.
 - C. **Treasurer** – The Treasurer manages all financial matters for the RBFC. He/she keeps the financial records for the RBFC as well as individual teams. The Treasurer is responsible for all banking matters for the RBFC as well as monitoring and/or periodically reviewing the individual team sub-accounts. Treasurer will provide monthly updates at RBFC meetings.
 - D. **Registrar / Secretary** – The Registrar / Secretary records the minutes at all meetings. He/she prepares and distributes the agenda for meetings. The Registrar / Secretary maintains roll call records of meetings and maintains files of all RBFC business. The Registrar / Secretary is responsible for managing incoming and outgoing correspondence. The Registrar / Secretary shall maintain a local post office box, if applicable, and collect and distribute the RBFC’s mail in a timely fashion.
 - E. **MOSA Representative** - The MOSA rep will attend all MOSA meeting and report back to the executive board.

IV. Other Roles within the RBFC

- A. **Director of player and coaches development**
- B. **Grounds Coordinator**- The Grounds Coordinator serves as chairperson of the grounds committee, oversees all operations of the Grounds Committee and works with the Recreation and Public Works Department to carry out the operation and maintenance of the grounds and all playing fields
 - 1, **Grounds Committee** – Operating under the Grounds Coordinator, the Grounds Committee is responsible for obtaining field permits, scheduling practice fields, determining field playability, applying field marking, lights, and performing general field maintenance.
- C. **Web Site Administrator** - The web site administrator designs and updates the RBFC’s web site with information and advertisement on RBFC actions.
- D. **Special Operations Coordinator** – The Special Operations Coordinator serves as chairperson for the Special Operations Committee and new team coordinator, and oversees all activities of the Special Operations Committee.
 - a. **Special Operations Committee** is responsible for: uniforms, procuring/distributing patches, and fund raisers, etc. He/she serves as the new team coordinator.

- E. **Referee and Field Coordinator** – The Referee and Field Coordinator is responsible for scheduling fields and referees for regular, pre-play and makeup games. The Referee and Field Coordinator coordinates with his/her counterparts in the Tinton Falls Recreation Department and referee assigner in the performance of these duties.

V. Election of Officers

- A. As a general rule the members of the Executive Board shall serve a term of two (2) years beginning July 1st following their election. Replacing existing board members will depend on the availability of nominees. Outgoing Board members shall assist the incoming Board members during the transition period between the election and July 1st. All materials, records, books equipment, signature cards, banking responsibilities, etc. shall be transferred to the new Board members during this period. The Vice President serves as the transition officer.
- B. **Date of Election** the Board's elections shall be held once a year at the June meeting. During odd numbered years the Vice-Presidents, Referee & Field Coordinator shall be elected. During even numbered years, the President, Treasurer, and Registrar shall be elected.

VI. Election and Voting Rights

- A. For issues which must be voted on by the members, each team will have a maximum of 1 vote. Each Executive board member may also have 1 vote. So for example with 15 registered teams and 8 board members there can be a maximum of 23 votes for any associated issue. The TFSC President will vote twice only in case of a tie. Voting members must be present to vote and no proxy votes will be accepted. Candidates for election shall be by nomination, with a second required from the voting body. Once nominated and seconded, the nominees shall be permitted to speak if they so desire. The period allowed for speeches shall be limited to five minutes. The voting body will then vote by secret ballot. Ballots shall be counted by a committee comprised of members chosen by the highest-ranking Board member not running for office. Election will be by a simple majority of the votes cast.
- B. Each nominee must be a current RBFC member in good standing and must have completed his/her coaching probationary period, unless otherwise approved by the exec board.
- C. Ties shall require a new vote. Should a tie still exist, the matter shall be tabled, and the winner shall be selected by the current Board in a closed Board meeting. All nominees shall be notified as to the reasoning behind the Board decision.
- D. Should any Board position become vacant for any reason, the responsibilities of the position will be temporarily assumed according to the following plan;

Position/Role	Temporary Responsibilities
President	Executive Vice President
Executive Vice President	Treasurer
Travel League Rep.	President or Executive VP
Fields/Referee Coordinator	President or Executive VP
Registrar	Special Operations Coordinator

- E. Vacant positions shall be filled by a special election at the next scheduled meeting. New Board members elected to fill unexpired terms of office shall serve only the unexpired term.

VII. Meetings

- A. **RBFC Meetings** - RBFC meetings will be held at 7:30pm at Borough Hall on the 1st Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise designated by the President.
- B. **One representative from each RBFC traveling team must be present.** Teams not represented at RBFC meeting will be fined for each meeting missed starting with the second missed meeting. Fines accrued for missed meetings: **Exemption, as designated by the President when meeting is rescheduled with less than 1 week notice given.**

- C. **Voting** - In issues which must be voted on by the members, each team will have a maximum of 1 vote. Each Executive board member may also have 1 vote. So for example with 15 registered teams and 8 board members there can be a maximum of 23 votes for any associated issue. The RBFC President will vote twice only in case of a tie. Voting members must be present to vote and no proxy votes will be accepted.

Process for Voting:

1. **Motions for club vote must be made by an executive board member. Non-executive board members can suggest motions; preferably in writing prior to the meeting action is being sought. However, suggestions from the floor are acceptable if an executive board member brings it before the board as a motion.**
 2. **Motions presented must be seconded by an executive board member.**
 3. **Discussion of the whole will take place after a motion has been seconded.**
 4. **If discussions yield no change, the President or his/her designee will ask for a vote.**
 5. **Motion either passes or is rejected.**
- D. **Financial Reports** - RBFC (and Team) financial reports will be presented by the Treasurer (and Team representative) at each monthly meeting.

VIII. Teams

- A. **League Registration** - In order for the RBFC to register a team with MOSA, each team must submit paid team registration to the Treasurer on or before the RBFC-designated deadline. Each team shall pay their MOSA fee registrations along with the participant club fee. For non-MOSA teams (e.g. MAPS/JAGS, etc.), the per player fee will be the only fee to the club as those players/teams will directly pay and be responsible for any and all registration fees necessary. League fees will be voted on each year at the July monthly meeting.

B. New Teams

- 1) The Travel League Rep shall organize new teams whenever there are sufficient qualified players and coaches. (Provided that slots are available under sanctioning league rules for fields and referees).
- 2) New teams are to be organized for the fall season since players are carded for one full year; fall-to-fall. Exceptions upon Board approval.
- 3) Club tryouts will be held in May prior to the fall season.
- 4) Open tryouts will be for U8, U9, & U10 age groups. Older players wishing to tryout will be on a team by team basis, and coordinated with the team coaching staff

C. Team Composition

- 1) Teams are encouraged to roster only players who participated in open tryouts. Teams shall be permitted to roster players who did not participate in open tryouts with approval by the Board. RBFC policy on tryouts is contained in Appendix A to these Bylaws. Players *may* be added mid-season.

Teams are encouraged to roster a majority of players at the younger ages with Red Bank residents. All rosters are based on approval of the RBFC exec board.

- D. **Mandatory Club Participation** - Each team shall be required to designate no fewer than 2 (two) representatives to the RBFC for service as a Board member, coordinator or committee member. Individual team waivers may be approved at the sole discretion of the Executive Board.
- E. Any player carded to a RBFC team may move to any other age appropriate RBFC team, following communication between coaches, and upon approval of the exec Board.
- F. Coaches can not pursue players during the season. Free agent period will start 10 days after the end of open tryouts which will be determined by the RBFC Executive Board. No player will be invited to another team without first communicating to other coach. Agreement does not have to be reached, but

conversation needs to take place. Notice needs to be given that invitation will be offered prior. Coaches who do not communicate with the other coaches can be suspended by Executive Board decision.

POACHING of players within RBFC is, at the Executive Board's discretion, cause for automatic dismissal of the coach. If communication between coaches does not occur, a coach can, at the sole discretion of the Executive Board, be suspended or asked to leave RBFC. MOSA for players who are not currently RBFC carded "Soccer Free Agent Period" begins at the conclusion of the spring MOSA season and does not end until cards are issued for the fall MOSA season. Ultimately the decision for a player to move will be in the hands of the player's parent/guardian. It is not the coach's final decision, it is the parents. Parents determine what is in the best interest of their child.

- G. Girls may play for a boy's team based on Executive Board approval.
- H. A player may only play up one age bracket. IF it requested and the player is at the top 50% of the new team they are going to
 - 1) The exception is where there is no team for which the player is eligible. (This will be subject to Executive Board approval).
 - 2) Any player in this position will not have to leave the team if a new team is formed in their correct age bracket.
- I. The Travel League Rep and Registrar must be notified of all roster changes.
- J. Teams forfeiting any games will be responsible for any and all fines imposed by the league. Failure to pay fines will result in suspension of the coach for a period of time to be determined by the Board and shall result in the forfeiture of all voting rights during the term of said suspension.
- K. **Playing Time:** Although there shall be no mandatory allotted playing time for individual players, coaches are encouraged to exercise good judgment and apply basic principles of fairness to every player regarding playing time. Teams at the younger age levels are encouraged to consider individual player development of all roster players when establishing playing time. Coaches are reminded that they are mentors and teachers of the game and should reinforce good sportsmanship and team play when deciding on field time for players
- L. **Equipment** such as practice/game balls, cones, goalie shirts, first aid kits, and scrimmage tops will be the responsibility of the individual teams. RBFC will support teams with equipment when financially feasible and approved by the Board.
- M. **Trainers:** Teams may use any trainer that they see fit. RBFC will fund RBFC wide training when financially feasible and when approved by the Board.
- N. **Smoking:** Smoking by RBFC players and coaches at RBFC team games and practices is not permitted. Additionally, RBFC coaches and parents are reminded to adhere to all smoking restraints at home and away fields.
- O. **Fines:** Fines for violation of these Bylaws shall be established by the Board from time to time, at the Board's sole discretion. Fines shall be imposed by the Board judiciously to encourage uniform compliance with these Bylaws and preserve the integrity of RBFC. A team's voting rights on any RBFC issue shall be suspended until such time as all outstanding fines are paid.

IX. Coaching Staff

- A. Anyone who wishes to coach for RBFC must contact the New Team Coordinator. The prospective new team's coach must attend an RBFC meeting and present their credentials (minimum of an F License) and their plan for the formation of the new team.
- B. All coaches are expected to have a commitment to their teams. This commitment includes completing all required administration responsibilities; attend/coordinate practice, games, and meetings, conduct at least 1 parent meetings a season, and other required tasks of the Board. All members of the coaching staff shall abide completely with all policies, rules, and/or regulations of any league, association or tournament in which they participate in the name of RBFC.

- C. All new coaches will be on one “carded year” probation. (Board will review at end of first year) Failure to meet required duties will result in a disciplinary hearing by the Board. Coaches are responsible for the discipline of all team members, coaches, and parents. Any persistent problem in this area shall be brought to the attention of the Board. Coaches shall maintain accurate records of all team monies.
- D. All new teams are subject to approval by the RBFC Board and existing Team Coaches and Assistant Coaches.
 - 1) Coaching staffs should consist of one head coach and at least one carded assistant coach. All coaches (head and assistant(s)) must have a minimum of an F license.
 - 2) Coaches and assistants shall not contact league officials, the State Soccer (NJYS) or District Commissioners. All issues must first be documented and presented to the Travel League Rep for Board review. Any violation of this is subject to action by the Board.
 - i. 1st offense shall result in a 5 game suspension, including all practices and/or any contact with the team for that time period.
 - ii. 2nd offense shall result in permanent removal from RBFC as a coach and/or referee.
 - 3) The carded assistant coach will temporarily assume the total responsibilities of the head coach in the absence of the head coach.
- E. Head Coach:
 - 1) The head coach shall have ultimate responsibility for the day-to-day activities of the team. This includes but is not limited to items such as scheduling of practice sessions, player selection and the safety and well being of players. The head coach is also responsible for all team paperwork. It is the responsibility of all coaches to thoroughly know the FIFA Laws of the Game and how they apply to youth soccer..
 - 2) All candidates must have an F license or higher. It is recommended that they should have at least two seasons of recreational soccer coaching experience or two seasons as an assistant on a travel team or present their coaching qualifications. The candidate must present all qualifications to the RBFC at a regularly scheduled meeting.
 - 3) It is highly recommended that the head coach select a team parent to assist in team matters.
 - 4) It is the duty of all head coaches to encourage parents of team members to volunteer their time to assist with RBFC and team functions.
- F. At least one RBFC carded coach (or carded assistant coach) must be present at every practice and every game (liability). Additional (informal) assistance is OK based on coach’s preference.
- G. Only carded/rostered coaches may be on the bench side during games.
- H. All coaches and assistant coaches are responsible for abiding by league rules and bylaws.

X. WARNINGS AND EJECTIONS

- A. Ejections (Red Cards)
 - 1) The Travel League Representative must be notified within 24 hours when any coach or player receives a red card (ejection) for any reason. The Travel League Representative will notify the RBFC President and the MOSA Referee Representative.
 - 2) Disciplinary action may be taken by RBFC in addition to any governing body sanctions.
 - 3) Any coach or assistant coach receiving a RED CARD must appear before the MOSA Executive Board with the RBFC league representative. If said coach does not appear, he/she is subject to additional disciplinary actions from MOSA or the RBFC Board.
 - 4) Coaches are responsible for any fines levied by MOSA or the RBFC Board.
 - 5) Coaches are responsible for ensuring their players and parents are aware of the ramifications of poor sportsmanship. (teams / coaches can be carded for poor parental behavior). At a minimum, coaches should ensure every player/parent receives the Player Code of Conduct (last page of this document).

XI. UNIFORMS

- A. The Board shall choose a style and color of uniforms and vendor with a majority of the Board’s approval, and purchase all uniforms.

- B. Teams will select a uniform coordinator that will serve as single point of contact.
- C. Teams are permitted to purchase non-standard uniforms styles upon approval of the board. .
- D. Team jackets, alternate jerseys, etc. must be approved by the RBFC Board.
- E. Uniforms will be team/coach/game determined. For example, RBFC games played away have the preference for colors. RBFC games at home fall to the preference of the away team.

XII. FINANCIAL POLICY

- A. The Board will set registration fees. Fees will be voted on each year at least one month prior to registration. Any changes to registration fees are subject to league vote.
- B. All payments to RBFC (registration, uniform, and other fees) will be in check form (made out to RBFC).
- C. The financial records of the RBFC will be audited <period to be determined> in addition to the summary reports presented at monthly RBFC meetings.
- D. Any and all club fund raising and other financial activities will be reported at regular meetings based on Treasurer discretion.
- E. The RBFC shall endeavor to keep a RBFC funds balance under ten thousand dollars.
- F. Travel coaches (teams) cannot incur RBFC expenses without Board approval.
- G. Fundraising
 - 1) All efforts to raise funds by traveling teams must have prior approval of the Board.
 - 2) All monies collected via RBFC fund raising must be turned over to the RBFC treasurer upon receipt. Funds will be designated for that specific team
- H. Income - All registration fees collected are credited to the RBFC General Fund.
- I. Expenses - The RBFC will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team.
- J. The Treasurer will keep all account balances.
- K. No team will be allowed to run a negative balance.
- L. Tournaments
 - 1) If funds are available, the RBFC may contribute toward the cost of tournaments at the rate of one tournament per season. (These funds do not carry over from season to season)
 - 2) Teams may participate in as many tournaments as they wish provided they have necessary funds in their team account unless funded by the RBFC.
- M. All RBFC purchases must be pre-approved by the Board in the following manner.
 - 1) Obtain an estimate from the supplier.
 - 2) Present the estimate to the Board for approval by vote. If approved, you will receive a check for one half of the amount. Present the check to the RBFC supplier. (This is when your order will be placed). The balance is to be paid upon delivery.
 - 3) The treasurer must receive a copy of receipts for all RBFC cash expenses, with the exception of Referee fees.
- N. Stimulus Funds:
Stimulus funds will be discussed and approved by the Board annually. If sufficient funds are available allotments will be provided based on criteria in appendix c. criteria for stimulus can change from year to year, but will be basically based on registration and volunteer support to club initiatives and programs.

XIII. TOURNAMENTS

- A. All tournament registration fees will be the responsibility of the team, unless funded by RBFC.
- B. Patches will be supplied by RBFC, if funds are available.
- C. All paperwork processing for out of state tournaments will be coordinated through the Travel League Rep.
- D. Guest players- if a club team would like to ask players from another club team to guest at a tournament a coach should ask the other coach first.

XIV. RULE CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

- A. The RBFC Board shall have the power to make all decisions concerning the RBFC, with adherence to the current Bylaws.

B. Emergency decisions; those with no present guidelines in the Bylaws, may be made by the President, Executive Vice President, and Registrar. The emergency decision must be presented and fully explained at the next TFSC meeting.

C. If a permanent change to the Bylaws is required, before the Board can vote on it, it must be presented in writing at the next RBFC meeting for discussion. Recommendations of the coaches should be taken into consideration before any change is made to the Bylaws.

D. The Bylaw change will be incorporated if it is approved by a majority vote of the Board members.

E. Changes will be made by a majority vote of the Board. Any member of RBFC wishing to change or amend the rules must address the change in writing to the Board at an RBFC meeting. The Board will review the request and a vote will be taken on the request. The request will be honored; or not, based on a majority vote of the Board.

XVI. Definitions:

Travel League Representative – (a.k.a. travel/traveling coordinator) The Travel League Representative represents the TFSC for all travel league business. This is to include attending league meetings and taking responsibility for registering teams and players with the state.

Sub-Accounts – Sub Accounts are individual bank accounts that are opened for each active RBFC team. These accounts are used for all team related financial activities, such as deposit of fees and disbursements for things like uniforms, training, etc. The sub-accounts are linked to the RBFC Main Account (by TAX ID Number), so that all accounts are recognized as “Not For Profit” type accounts and hence, receive the privileges that come with that status.

APPENDIX A

Red Bank FC Player Selection Policy

Our commitment to the travel team players will be for one year if selected for the fall and only one season if selected for the spring.

Tryouts for combined Fall/Spring travel teams for all age divisions will be advertised before the end of the Spring Season in the local newspapers and notices sent home through the local schools, if permitted by the Superintendents.

Tryouts for the Spring only season for all age divisions will be advertised prior to the end of the Fall Season with notices distributed at least two weeks in advance.

The Board will determine open tryout period. The coaches will select tryout dates/times and ensure fairness to everyone. **Each age division will have two tryouts to evaluate the player.** The Travel Teams will be determined by the Head Coach and Assistant Coach. Coaches may seek an independent opinion in the selection of the new players. The Head coach of each travel team will have the final choice of the players selected for his or her team, pending Board approval.

New positions are open to anyone that wishes to try out for RBFC

The proposed rosters will be submitted to the Board for their review. If more than one team in a given age division is to be determined during the tryout period, the involved coaches should meet before submitting rosters (up to 18 players for U11 and older, up to 14 players for U10 and younger). **The new teams' rosters should be submitted to the Special Operations Coordinator within three days after the second tryout date. Additional teams within the same age division will also have three days for selections.**

The minimum number of players per roster shall be 14 players for U11 teams and above, and 10 players for U10 teams and younger. If the numbers are not available an exception may be made with Board approval, provided that it satisfies NJYS rules. Prior to Team Selections the Board may require a Coach and /or Team to fill his/her roster to the maximum limit.

The coaches will advise the players of their selection within two weeks after the last tryout. All candidates who are not selected will be notified by the tryout coach within one week after the approval of the team rosters.

Players will be judged and rated on items such as the following:

1. Physical Abilities - Coordination, endurance, speed, quickness, durability, overall health.
2. Soccer Skills - Passing, trapping, heading, dribbling, shooting, tackling, throwing, kicking, and keeper skills.
3. Knowledge - anticipation of plays, ability to use open space, strategies, tactics, rules of the game, mental alertness and quickness in various situations.
4. Attitude – coach ability, teamwork, supportive both on and off the field, aggressive but fair when playing, respectful to coaches, players, and referees.
5. Commitment to the game, practices and to oneself.

APPENDIX B

Red Bank Futbol Club (RBFC) Mission & Objectives

Established in 2006 by the citizens of Red Bank, the RBFC is a sanctioned non-profit organization. Our mission is to provide all borough youth with the opportunity to develop soccer skills, learn the rules of soccer, develop good sportsmanship, and good character, in a positive and fun environment. The RBFC will, in conjunction with the Red Bank Parks & Recreation Department, establish standards, policies for training, planning, and operations of the RBFC soccer program. The RBFC Board will seek to improve the RB soccer program through open discussion and feedback from referees, parents, coaches, and players.

Mission: The mission of the RBFC is to provide the youth of Red Bank & the surrounding communities the opportunity to enhance their love of the game and participate in competitive soccer leagues via RBFC.

Objectives:

- Provide the youth of Red Bank & it's surrounding communities the opportunity to participate in competitive soccer.
- Enhance youth player's love of the game.
- Support each player's dream of participation in competitive play.
- Support each player's pride in achieving new "personnel bests".
- Establish sportsmanship standards.
- Provide representative(s) to the Monmouth Ocean Soccer Association.
- Establish policy and standards for the execution of the RB soccer program.
- Promote and expand the soccer referee program.
- Expand and improve the soccer education opportunities for parents, coaches, referees and players.
- Support and enhance all levels of communication between the parents, players, and RBFC representatives.

Player's Code of Conduct

- Train and play to the best of my ability
- Exemplify sportsmanship at all times
- Know and follow the rules of the game
- Have proper gear and attitude
- Respect officials and accept their decisions without argument
- Defend and speak well of my teammates and coaches
- Use only appropriate language and maintain appropriate behavior
- Defend and speak well of my opponents
- Immediately report any injury to my coach
- Notify my coach if I will be late for practice or a game
- Make no excuses and never quit
- Attend and be prompt for all matches and training
- Remain on match or training field unless coach approves leaving
- Let every soccer experience make me a better player
- Let every soccer experience make me a better person

Coaches Code of Conduct

The Board of Directors of the Red Bank Futbol Club and the leaders of the affiliated Leagues are concerned about the conduct of all coaches and referees during games at all levels, from recreational to premier to ODP. We want to ensure that games are fair, positive and enjoyable experiences for all of the children and adults involved. A soccer game should be friendly and unifying - a spirited social and athletic occasion for players, coaches, referees and spectators. To clarify expectations of coach conduct, we jointly expect all coaches to conform to this code of conduct.

- Before, during and after the game, be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit.
- Before a game, introduce yourself to the opposing coach and to the referee.
- During the game, you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game at least long enough for him/her to calm down.
- During the game, you are also responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting.
- Encourage them to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team. Discourage them and you may need to be forceful and direct from yelling at players and the referee.
- During the game, you are also responsible for the conduct of spectators rooting for your team.
- During the game, do not address the referee at all. If you have a small issue, discuss it with the referee calmly and patiently after the game.
- If you have a major complaint, or if you think the referee was unfair, biased, unfit or incompetent, report your opinion to your League. Your reactions will be taken seriously if they are presented objectively and formally.
- After the game, thank the referee and ask your players to do the same.

We stress two points:

Referees - especially young and inexperienced ones - are like your players and yourself, in that they need time to develop. You can play an important role in helping them to improve by letting them concentrate on the game. You can help by encouraging them, by accepting their inevitable, occasional mistakes and by offering constructive post-game comments. On the other hand, you could discourage and demoralize the referees by criticizing their decisions, by verbally abusing them and inciting - or even accepting - your own players' overly aggressive behavior. Your example is powerful, for better or worse. If you insist on fair play, if you concentrate on your players' enjoyment of the game and their overall, long term development, and if you support the referee, your players and their parents will notice. If you encourage (or allow) your players to play outside the rules, if you're overly concerned about results, and if you criticize the referee harshly, your players and their parents will also notice.

Think about what you're doing during a game! Uphold the Spirit of the Game! If you follow the expectations described above, the spirit of the game will be alive and well in youth soccer and will grow, along with the enjoyment of all.

Coaches who don't follow the expectations described above will be disciplined or removed.

soccer parents code of conduct

- Parents must not coach from the pitch side during matches and training.
- Parents should not criticize their child on any part of the player's game, leave this to the coaches since it may cause confusion and erode the player's confidence.
- Be your child's best fan and support him unconditionally. Don't withdraw your love when he performs below his standard.
- On transporting your child home, please be supporting and always focus on the positive aspects of his game.
- Develop a responsibility in your son to pack his own kit, clean boots and bring along his water bottle full of water only.
- Respect the facilities at our opponents' grounds.
- Do not criticize your child's coach to your child or other parents, if you are not happy with the coach you should raise the issue with the coach.
- Encourage your child to speak with the coach. If your child is having difficulties in training or games, or can't attend training etc. encourage him to speak directly to the coaches. This "responsibility taking" is a big part of becoming a mature person. By handling off the field tasks, your child is claiming ownership of all aspects of the game.
- Monitor your child's stress level at home. Keep an eye on the player to make sure that they are handling stress effectively from the various activities of life.
- Monitor eating and sleeping habits. Be sure that your child is eating the correct foods. Players should be in bed at a reasonable hour on the night before a game and early enough on other nights to ensure that adequate rest is being taken.
- Help your child keep her priorities correct. She needs to maintain a focus on schoolwork, relationships, and other things in life besides soccer.
- Help the young player to focus on the performance and not the result.
- Winning is not as important as the performance.
- Support all the players in your child's squad. Do not criticize any player.
- Do not criticize the opponents, their parents, coaches or the referee.