



## Respect Code of Conduct

# Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game. This includes the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behavior of over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline. Play your part and observe The USRC's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do.

### **On and off the field, I will:**

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposing players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behavior
- Always respect the referee's decisions
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the referees
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior.

### **When working with players, I will:**

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me

- Ensure all parents/guardians of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance
- Ensure all activities I organize are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in soccer (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists,) for each player's best interests.

### **I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, league:**

- Required to meet with the club, league or Organization
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Monitored by another club coach
- Required to attend an USRC education course
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Required to leave or be fired by the club

### **I may be:**

My Coach Certification or membership may be withdrawn.