



Code of Conduct - Coach

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators characterize all competition sponsored by RARYS, the following Code of Conduct has been established. RARYS expects all coaches to maintain a high standard of conduct at all times. The RARYS Board reserves the right to select coaches who they feel will best represent RARYS and abide by the following Code of Conduct. The RARYS Board is the sole administrative body and is the final authority pertaining to club policies and guidelines and reserves the right to dismiss any coach from the club if they do not uphold the Code of Conduct.

STANDARD OF CONDUCT

1. **Act Professionally.** All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are expected to act professionally at all times when coaching for and representing RARYS. This includes while in Richland Center, in other communities, and at tournaments.
2. **Know the Rules.** Know the official rules of play as adopted by RARYS.
3. **Respect Others.** Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team before, during, and after the game. Respect the game officials at all times. It is never okay to yell at the officials. Refrain from questioning their decisions or challenging their authority. Ensure that spectators exhibit sportsmanship and maturity at all times. Assist league and game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
4. **Be a good sport whether you win or lose.** Show a positive attitude toward the players, game officials, opposing coaches, and spectators watching the game. Take appropriate steps to minimize scoring in runaway games.
5. **Be a Role Model.** Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat. Maintain control of emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating. Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues. Coaches should take a role in educating their players about sports nutrition and fitness and about prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse. The coach shall avoid the use of alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players at the soccer fields for games and/or practices.
6. **No Physical Contact.** All coaches are prohibited from touching, slapping, or hitting players in any way. Exceptions include providing medical assistance or providing appropriate encouragement, for example: giving a high-five, a knuckle-touch, or lightly patting the player on the top of the head. Any other physical contact may be interpreted as inappropriate.



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7. **Be Positive.** Coaches will not yell at, berate, or belittle players in any way. Sarcasm and joking remarks should be kept at a minimum. Remember the mental maturity of the players that we are serving. Voice volume may be raised only to ensure that the player(s) being addressed can hear for proper understanding, or to offer strong encouragement. *Use of profanities by coaches will not be tolerated.*
8. **Never Be Alone.** Under no circumstances will it be allowed for a coach/volunteer to be alone with a player who is not their own child at the field, for transportation, etc. All volunteers must be aware of circumstances for inappropriate behavior accusations. If any volunteer becomes aware of any situation that has this potential, they are obligated to report it immediately to the Head Coach and/or a member of the RARYS Board.
9. **Coach Passes.** All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches age 18+ must complete a WYSA online Risk Management/Coach Pass Application which can be found on the RARYS website:
www.richlandsoccer.com
10. **Playing Time.** Players shall play at least 50% of each game. Coaches should rotate players to various positions frequently to experience all positions on the field. Players play where the coach places them and understand they will get a chance to play every position, even positions they may not prefer to play.
11. **Zero Tolerance Policy.** Coaches will understand and help uphold the WYSA Zero Tolerance Policy.
12. **Coaches must always remember that the purpose of the RARYS program is to provide a positive experience for the players, to teach proper techniques, to build self-confidence, and to provide positive adult role models. Anything that undermines these purposes shall not be part of this program.**

I, _____ (please print clearly), agree to abide by the RARYS Code of Conduct for Coaches at all times.

Coach Signature: _____

Date : _____