

Rising Stars Soccer Center

Outdoor & Indoor



House Rules & Zero Tolerance Policy

Due to potential physical and verbal abuse in the Rising Stars S.C. leagues, Rising Stars S.C. has adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. This policy applies to all coaches, players, parents, other supporters, and referees effective immediately. Abusive and obscene language, violent play, violent conducts, fighting, and behavior (including but not limited to sarcasm, taunting, etc.) deemed detrimental to the game between the above mentioned groups will not be tolerated. Ultimate responsibility for the actions of coaches, players, and spectators rests with the member clubs.

It is the **responsibility** of the **coaches** to provide referee support and spectator control. This policy will apply to all times prior to, during, and after the game at the soccer field and its immediate surrounding areas. It is the responsibility of the clubs to provide instructions to their coaches on how they are expected to enforce this responsibility. The current fees and fines listed in the Rules and Regulations of the Rising Stars S.C. leagues will be assessed in conjunction with penalties listed in the policy.

Players, Parents, and Spectators

No parent or other spectator shall persistently address the referee or assistant referees at any time.

This includes but is not limited to:

1. Spectators shall not make derogatory comments to players of either team
2. Spectators shall not dispute calls during or after game
3. Spectators shall not advise the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play
4. Spectators shall not yell at the referee, EVER including criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, discriminatory comments, or feedback of any kind before, during, or after the game

The only allowable exceptions to the above are:

1. Spectators may respond to the referee who has initiated a conversation with a parent or spectator
2. Spectators may point out an emergency or safety issue, such as a player down on the field, or observed lightning

Rising Stars General Rules

- No spitting or gum chewing on fields.
- No food allowed on the fields. Please limit drinks brought on the fields to water or sports drinks.
- No alcohol/drug products shall be brought on our premises.
- Parents shall not leave their children unsupervised.
- If at any time, during a game, play becomes out of control the referee has the right to end the game. This will result in immediate forfeiture of the game. If the offending team is winning they will forfeit 1-0. If the offending team is losing, the score stands at the point in the game when it is stopped.
- Any player or coach verbally abusing or placing a hand on a referee in any manner may result in immediate forfeiture of the game. If the offending team is winning they will forfeit 1-0. If the offending team is losing, the score stands at the point in the game when it is stopped.
- Spectators acting in an unsportsmanlike or inappropriate manner will be asked to leave the field or facility of occurrence.
- There is no clock stoppage during a game for any reason. If a player is injured play will stop, BUT THE CLOCK IS TO REMAIN RUNNING.
- All games will begin on time! Any team not showing within 10 minutes of their scheduled time will forfeit their game 1-0. Games will not be extended for a team's failure to show up on time
- RSSC is not responsible for any items brought into or left at any of our facilities

Player Eligibility

- It is the responsibility of the coach to submit a complete and accurate roster before the team's first game. If it is found that players are playing, and not on the roster or illegal due to age, the team relinquishes all points gathered and is expelled from further play for the season in question. The organization of the guilty team will be informed of the violation. The Rising Stars Board of Directors will determine the future eligibility of the coach within the facility.
- Eligible Player: it is the policy of the Rising Stars Sports Center (RSSC) that ONLY those players listed on a team's roster are qualified to play during league play and playoff games. Eligible players are only those listed on the roster which is turned in by the team's coach/manager before their first game of the session. Under no circumstances shall a non-rostered player be allowed to play in any league or play-off games.
- Additionally, a team may not borrow a player from another team if they are short a player. If a team does not have the minimum number of players to field a team they will forfeit 1-0. The teams can then share players if they wish to scrimmage, we must rely on the integrity and honesty of the coaches and teams to abide by this rule. If brought to the attention of RSSC of possible violations of this policy, efforts will be made to determine validity. And, if said violations are found to be factual, sanctions determined by RSSC will be brought against the guilty coach/team. Sanctions may include but not limited to forfeiture of all games up to including the one in question.
- No player shall play on multiple teams within the same age group/division.
- Any team participating in both an upper division and a lower division league can only have 3 players from the upper division team on the lower division team. Every other player MUST be different. Any team in the lower

division found violating this rule will be forced to forfeit all prior games 1-0. Any remaining games this team has will count as long as they have made the proper corrections.

-All teams must have jerseys/t-shirts with numbers on them.

Inclement Weather

It is policy of the Rising Stars Sports Center to provide facilities even in inclement weather. We plan to have facilities available unless the county declares a state of emergency. All schedules and referee assignments remain intact during inclement weather. We make every effort to accommodate changes; however, scheduling is very constraint. It is the responsibility of coaches, referees, and players to decide participation.

Rescheduling of Games

Much effort is made to accommodate each and every team in scheduling. It is the responsibility of the coach requesting the reschedule to coordinate all activities involved in the rescheduling, making sure the rescheduled date and time will work for the other team. If the team not requesting the reschedule cannot make up the game, on the time specified by the team requesting the makeup, and/or there is no available time to make up the game the team requesting the reschedule will either: (1) have to forfeit or (2) play the game that is on the regular schedule. After the allotted reschedule is met, all further changes may result in a forfeit for that game.

Penalties

In the opinion of the referee, depending on the severity of the offense, the referee may take either of the following actions:

1. The referee shall issue a verbal warning to the coach/player.
2. The referee shall stop the game and issue cards to player(s)
3. The referee shall stop the game and issue a caution/dismissal to coach(es)
4. If a player/coach receives a red card/dismissal they shall leave the field of play immediately.
5. See below for information about suspensions and accumulation of cards, cautions, and dismissals.

Cards (Applies to both coaches & players)

- All Cards reset at the beginning of the new session.
- Yellow Cards:
 - The accumulation of 3-yellow cards/cautions in a season, carries a 1 game suspension. The suspension is applied to the next available game for the individual. See the next indented bullet for detail on yellow card accumulation tracking.
 - ◆ The accumulation of 2-yellow cards/cautions in a game, results in a red card, and shall be governed by the policies below.
 - For accumulation purposes, the yellow cards/cautions are not counted towards the player's accumulated total.
- Red Cards:
 - A red card/dismissal carries a consecutive 1-game suspension.

- An individual receiving a 2nd red card/dismissal shall be suspended for 2-games.
 - A 3rd red card/dismissal suspends the individual for up to a one year.
 - All suspensions must be served on the team that the player was on when the suspension was given.
- Teams may institute their own internal policy however, all fines due to RSSC, are the responsibility of the team.
 - Teams that disband at the end of the season with monies due to RSSC shall have the balance divided equally among that teams registered players. The outstanding balance shall be added to those player's future registration fees. Any team(s) affiliated with a team which owes monies after the season will be considered in bad standing and will not be eligible to register for the following season.

Rising Stars Indoor Specific Game Rules

-All Indoor Specific rules will be governed by the FIFA, USSF, and the Rising Stars Indoor Soccer Laws of the Game unless otherwise notated below.

-No cleats of any kind are allowed on turf, flat shoes ONLY

-Do not bring food or drinks into our facility. We offer a concession stand for your convenience.

-No pets allowed in the building, unless needed for purposes of disability or handicap conditions.

-Kicking of balls off walls, field nets, or anywhere other than on the fields, is not permitted

-Helmets are required for goal keepers in divisions U10 and below. All teams must supply their own helmets.

-Coaches must notify RSSC of game cancelations 72 hours in advance and fill out the Game Cancellation form on the website.

Indoor Number of Players

The table below lists the start size of teams and the minimum number of player a team must have for play to start or continue. Note: this may be superseded during tournament and playoff games.

Number of players per team

Division	Number of players	Minimum Players to start game
U8 - Small Field	7 V 7	5
U8 - Large Field	9 V 9	6
U10 – Large Field	8 V 8	5
U12 and Above	7 V 7	5

Rising Stars Outdoor Specific Game Rules

- All Rising Stars Outdoor rules will be governed by FIFA and USSF regulations unless otherwise notated below.
- All Rising Stars outdoor games will consist of 2 – 25 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.
- Unlimited substitutions are allowed by all teams.
- All rosters must be certified by the Eastern NY Registrar.
- Every player and coach must have valid player passes that will be presented to the official prior to every contest.
- Teams and officials should arrive 15 minutes prior to game start time to check in with the official.

Outdoor Number of players per team

Division	Number of players	Minimum Players to start game
U10	8 V 8	5
U11 and U12	9 V 9	6
U13 and above	11 V 11	7

Guidelines

Rising Stars Sports Center reserves the right to waive said policies on a case-by-case basis. Rising Stars also reserves the right to amend the House Rules at any time they deem appropriate. THE RISING STARS SPORTS CENTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EJECT ANYONE FROM THE PREMISES FOR NOT COMPLYING WITH THE ABOVE STATED RULES AND REGULATIONS. ALL FIELD DECISIONS MADE BY REFEREES WILL BE ENFORCED BY RSSC STAFF.

I, _____, have read and understand the Rising Stars Zero Tolerance policy and House Rules. To the best of my ability I will ensure that; myself, my coaching staff, my players, and the player's parent will abide by these rules. I also understand that if any of these said people are acting in an inappropriate manner, or breaking any of the House Rules, the RSSC will take action in accordance with the House Rules.

Signature

Date