

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches involved in the Richmond Kickers Youth Soccer Club (RKYSC) travel program play a pivotal role in creating and maintaining the image of RKYSC as a first class soccer organization. Therefore, in order to create a positive image and set a good example, each coach must adhere to the Richmond Kickers code of conduct.

All RKYSC Coaches shall strictly follow RKYSC Coaches Commitments. All RKYSC Coaches shall:

- Attend all scheduled practices and games unless expressly excused by the Technical Director.
- Conduct a minimum of two or three practice sessions per week (as determined by the Technical Director prior to each season). Each session shall be a duration of at least 1-1.5 hours depending on the age group.
- Abide by the laws of the game and all rules and directives from the applicable sanctioning organizations, including USSF, VYSA, US Club Soccer, VA Premier League, ADSL, VSL and RKYSC.
- Provide regular instruction and feedback to each player throughout the season.
- Create an environment where players are not afraid to make mistakes and to learn from those mistakes.
- Attend all coaches meetings, RKYSC sponsored clinics and coaching seminars unless specifically excused by the Technical Director.
- Ensure proper safety measures are observed for all players. Upon the completion of practice, or a game, stay with all players following a game or practice until a parent, guardian or other person designated by a parent assumes control of the player, unless appropriate arrangements are made in advance with the player's parent.
- Ensure that all players and parents are familiar with the rules of the game and that all games are played within the limits of those rules.
- Encourage sportsmanship and good behavior both on the field and at public team gatherings such as restaurants and hotels.
- Wear suitable attire to all RKYSC functions, practices and games.
- Take appropriate disciplinary measures and/or address as necessary any inappropriate conduct during practices, games or tournaments exhibited by players, team managers or parents. Notify the Technical Director or the RKYSC administrative staff of serious and ongoing issues.
- Continually educate and further your knowledge of the sport and coaching. Read, watch, speak with and learn from others. Work towards higher licensing and obtain a membership with both NSCAA and USSF.

COACHES CHARACTER – COACHES SHALL

- Treat each player as an individual person who should be listened to and motivated in a unique fashion.
- Strive to set a good example in winning and losing. Remember that a player will use you as a standard more than you may expect.
- Be on time, organized, polite, positive and motivated.
- Never belittle or demean any of your players. Be generous with praise when it is deserved. Provide an encouraging and supportive environment.
- Never use inappropriate, demeaning or offensive language during practices or games. Similarly, require that players, parents and spectators refrain from using such language during these occasions.
- Not attempt to intimidate or threaten a player, spectator or referee, nor tolerate such behavior by any of your players.
- Not make derogatory or critical comments about opposing players, coaches, referees or spectators and will discourage players and parents from making such remarks.
- Be alert to potentially dangerous situations arising because of actions by your team's own players. Coaches should remove from play any player whose actions could lead to injuries or altercations among players.
- Never enter the field of play unless specifically requested by the match official.

