

Parents: Helpful Information/Policies

This information is being provided to help parents work with coaches to create a great soccer experience for their kids. The Soccer Club adheres to Washington State Youth Soccer Association policies. Some policies and helpful information for you as a parent to know are:

1. The goal of NCenYSA is for all the kids to have fun learning to play soccer. Refs don't begin keeping score until the U-12 level. Every player plays at least ½ of the game, and the coaches strive to let kids experience all positions, especially at the younger levels. As a recreational league, our emphasis is on developing skills, good sportsmanship, and having fun.
2. A big responsibility we have is the safety of all the children. Because of this, in accordance to WSYSA rules, everybody who works with the players must first complete the risk management form and sign up as a volunteer at www.newsoccer.com. This applies to all coaches, assistant coaches, parent helpers, and anyone else interacting with the players, even for one day. If you want to help out (and please do), talk to your child's coach to find out what they need help with, then get online and fill out the form. It's very short and easy.
3. Also, for safety reasons, if you are unable to stay for practice, please pick up your children promptly when practices are scheduled to be finished. Coaches will need to remain at the field until all the children are picked up.
4. Because sportsmanship and a positive experience for the kids are so important to NCenYSA, parents must read and sign the Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct. This form outlines club expectations of parents and others on the sidelines. Be aware that coaches are responsible for the behavior of their team's spectators.
5. Most of our referees are kids. This is a learning opportunity for them and they especially need our support. Criticizing them damages their confidence and the club's ability to retain refs. After a game, coaches may offer constructive instruction, if needed, in order to help a ref develop his/her skills.
6. Find out when your child's coach needs players to arrive for practices and games. Most coaches will want players to arrive at least 15-30 minutes prior to games to warm up. Help your coach plan ahead by letting them know in advance if your child is unable to make it to a game.
7. The rules of soccer are slightly different for different age levels. Your child's coach can provide you with a copy of the rules that apply to his/her age group.

Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct

The primary objective of the Soccer Club and Washington State Youth Soccer Association is to create a positive and enjoyable soccer experience for all the youth participating in soccer through the club. Sportsmanship, improvement in skills, and safety are emphasized over winning. The behavior of parents/spectators on the sidelines can greatly affect players, coaches and referees/officials in either positive or negative ways. Adherence to the following code is essential in both promoting a positive soccer experience for all participants as well as retaining the privilege of attending games.

1. I will model good sportsmanship, keeping my comments supportive and positive. I understand that criticizing players, coaches, or referees will not be tolerated.
2. I will support the referee's judgment of the game, regardless of my perspective of a play or the outcome of a contest.
3. I will applaud the efforts of both teams.
4. I will learn the rules of the game for my child's age/level so that I may understand and appreciate the participants' actions during a contest.
5. I will let the players play, the coaches coach, and the referees judge the game. I understand that my role as a parent/spectator is to support and encourage the efforts of the players, coaches and officials. I will not distract, interfere or impose my opinions on them during any game, practice, or other soccer event.
6. I will not intimidate, or be verbally or physically abusive towards any coach, player, referee, official, or any other parent or spectator.
7. I will refrain from foul language, alcohol, tobacco, and drug use on the soccer fields.
8. I will show courtesy and good sportsmanship to the opposing team, coaches, and spectators, and ensure that my child does as well.
9. I understand that soccer is just a game and I will help my child develop a healthy perspective of winning and losing by keeping it in perspective myself.
10. If I have a concern I will take the time to speak with my child's coach at an agreed upon time and place.
11. I will accept responsibility for my actions. I understand that violating the above codes may result in suspension and that disciplinary action is at the discretion of the RVSC Executive Board.

Detach and return bottom portion to coach.

To be signed by **all** parents/guardians of the child. I have read and will comply with the NCenYSA Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct.

Child's Name _____ Date _____

Parents/Guardians Signatures _____
