



PLAYER/PARENT HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Rio Rapids Durango Soccer Club and our Durango Rapids teams! Rio Rapids Durango Soccer Club (RRDSC) is the premier soccer club in the Four Corners area. We welcome any youth who has a love of soccer, a desire to develop his/her skills in the game, and enjoys the spirit of competition.

This handbook is a reference guide for players, parents and coaches and makes readily available the information necessary to assist you in your role as a club member. It outlines the responsibilities of its members for fees, codes of conduct, volunteering, team structures and assignments, game and tournament opportunities, administrative policies and procedures, etc.

RRDSC continuously strives to improve the experience of its members, and realizes it is the members that create the culture. Therefore, we have an open-door policy with all members, and any suggestion, recommendation, or concern can be presented at any time to the Director of Operations, Directors of Coaching, the Board President or any member of the Board of Directors.

Mission Statement

Creating respectful leaders who positively influence others through the sport of soccer.

Rio Rapids Durango Soccer Club has been dedicated to the sport of soccer since 1993. The purpose of RRDSC is to teach and promote the game of soccer, and guide all players through a journey of self-development. By working together to foster skill advancement and tactical understanding in a supportive environment, we mentor players to become individuals that have a positive influence on others. We firmly believe that our players' learning experiences in the game will equip them for success in life. The pillars of this foundation are rooted in the following key areas of development:

- Character
- Commitment
- Work Ethic
- Selflessness
- Leadership

BACKGROUND

RRDSC is a member of, and sanctioned by, Colorado Soccer Association, which is a member of the US Youth Soccer Association. US Youth Soccer is the largest member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body for soccer in the United States. Founded in 1913, U.S. Soccer was one of the world's first organizations to be affiliated with Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), soccer's world governing body.

RRDSC registers its players and teams with Colorado Soccer Association. By doing so our teams can play in leagues and tournaments that are sanctioned by US Youth Soccer. It also provides liability insurance for the club and supplemental medical insurance for players and coaches who are injured during sanctioned events (including practices, games and tournaments). In order to have the coverage, all the participating coaches and players must be registered with Colorado Soccer Association. That is one important reason why we do not allow unregistered players, coaches, or managers to participate. Colorado Soccer Association also provides many services and programs that are important to RRDSC. To learn more about Colorado Soccer Association please visit its website at <http://www.coloradosoccer.org/>

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

RRDSC is governed by an elected Board of Directors. The Board consists of up to 15 Directors that include a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The responsibilities of the Board are set forth in the By-Laws, which can be found on the RRDSC website www.durangosoccer.com under "Resources / Club Documents".

In addition to the Board of Directors, RRDSC has a Director of Operations and two Directors of Coaching who are in charge of coach and player development and the assignment of players to teams. We also have an Administrator and Club Registrar to handle organizational matters. Volunteers will be needed from time to time to help with administrative and organizational matters.

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting: RRDSC Board of Directors meets the first Wednesday of each month at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Many things that have direct impact on teams, players, and parents are discussed at Board meetings. These meetings are open to any member, parent, or coach. The **RRDSC Annual Meeting** is held at the beginning of each Fall Season in conjunction with the September monthly Board Meeting and we urge teams' parents to attend since Board members are nominated and elected at this meeting. The RRDSC Annual Meeting time is 7:00 pm. Monthly Board of Directors Meeting times are April – October 7:30; November – March 7:00. The Meeting dates and times are posted on our website.

RRDSC REGISTRATION

Players register during the summer for a yearly program that begins in the Fall and continues through the Spring season. Registration is open June 1 – July 1. A \$150 non-refundable deposit is required. Registrations after July 1 will result in an additional non-refundable \$50 late fee.

High School Boys register in the Fall of each calendar year. A \$150 non-refundable deposit is required. Registration deadline is November 15; registration after November 15 will result in \$50 non-refundable late fee.

If you are a high school aged athlete who participates in tournament only play must pay 50% of the registration fee in full (non-refundable) plus the volunteer deposit fee (refundable) prior to practice and play.

All Teams are formed based on these registrations. Each player's commitment to play for a team is important since the entire team depends on each player's participation and contribution. RRDSC will try to place on a team every player registered by the deadline. Once teams are full, players will be placed on a Wait List until a space opens or until enough players have registered to form an additional team. Teams are structured by the discretion of the Director of Operations and the Directors of Coaching.

All players are required to fill out an online Membership Registration that can be accessed from our website www.durangosoccer.com and found under "Registration". Parents also need to provide a small picture (head shot only) for a player card and pay the Annual Membership Fee and Volunteer Deposit. All players must have on file with RRDSC their current year parent-signed registration form and parent-signed medical release form in order to be eligible to play. All new players to the Club must also submit a copy of a state issued birth certificate to be eligible.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A player is eligible to play once the following requirements are met:

- 1) All past due financial obligations are met
- 2) Online registration is completed
 - a. \$150 **non-refundable** deposit
 - b. RRDSC registration fees are paid in full or
 - c. Compliance with a payment plan
 - d. \$60 Volunteer Deposit paid in full
- 3) All team fees paid in full no later than 5 weeks from the first practice date or payment arrangement has been made with team manager

- 4) Online registration is completed
- 5) Birthdate is verified by submitting Birth Certificate or Passport to Registrar
- 6) Registration/Medical/liability release form is signed by parent and submitted to manager
- 7) Copy of current valid insurance card submitted to manager
- 8) Photo (head shot) is uploaded into GotSoccer and player card is printed
- 9) Parent Code of Conduct is signed and submitted to team manager

Any player who has not met the above requirements is not eligible to play and will not be allowed to play any games until eligibility requirements are met.

Age Eligibility - RRDSC accepts players age 9U

Soccer Age Group - The Player's Age on January 1 is the age used for the Soccer Age. Complete age matrix for the soccer year is posted on the RRDSC website under the "Birth Year and Season Matrix". The player's Birth year, not school grade, will determine the player's soccer age group and team placement.

The Matrix will also show the age group by "U" age groups, i.e. 09U through 19U. Example: 09U = 2009 Birth Year for the 2017-18 soccer year. The Complete Matrix can be found on the RRDSC website at www.durangosoccer.com

TEAM FORMATION

09U-10U TEAMS – All teams will be Developmental Teams. If there is more than one team within an age/gender grouping, the teams will be structured as evenly as possible with regards to skill level and number of players. 9U/10U Age groups may be combined.

11U1-12 TEAMS - All teams will be Developmental Teams. If there is more than one team within an age/gender grouping, the teams will be structured as evenly as possible with regards to skill level and number of players. 11U/12U Age groups may be combined.

13U-14U TEAMS – Identification Trainings will be held for 13U and 14U players.

Identification Trainings are optional. Identification Trainings cost \$10 per player. Players may try out for the Select Team or choose to be on the Developmental Team. Any player who tries out for the Select team but is not placed on that team will automatically be placed on the Developmental Team. Players will be evaluated and placed on teams based on their skill, attitude, coachability, commitment level, and coach recommendation.

A player may be moved between Select and Developmental teams (in either direction) at any time during the year at the discretion of the Director of Coaching.

15U-19U TEAMS – Select and Developmental teams will be structured at the age group of the oldest player on the team(s).

Identification Trainings are optional and cost \$10 per player. Players may try out for the 19U Select Team or choose to be on the Developmental Team(s). Any player who tries out for the Select team but is not placed on that team will automatically be placed on the Developmental Team(s). Players are evaluated and placed on teams based on their skill, attitude, coachability, commitment level, and coach recommendation. 15U-19U Developmental Team(s) are structured based on age, grade and number of participants. Any player movement between age groups will be done at the discretion of the Director of Coaching.

A player may be moved between Select and Developmental teams (in either direction) at any time during the year at the discretion of the Director of Coaching.

8th GRADE 15U BOYS – Boys who are in 15U age group but in 8th grade (instead of 9th grade) will be placed with a 14U/8th grade team for the Fall of 8th grade year and will be allowed to practice with a 14U boys' squad (while the 15U 9th grade boys will be playing High School Soccer). Game participation is based on an available roster spot for that particular game and is contingent on permission from the opposing coach (freindlies) and/or league rules. No tournament play is allowed with the 14U squad unless play in a 15U division. After the Durango High School boys' Fall Junior Varsity soccer season concludes, the 15U player may be moved to a 15U team.

8th GRADE 15U GIRLS – In Spring season, 8th grade 15U girls will follow same policy listed above for 8th Grade 15U boys Fall season (HS Girls play HS season in Spring)

All teams will participate in local and out of town games and tournaments.

Player Placement: The Director of Operations and Directors of Coaching are ultimately responsible for the placement of all players. When a player commits to a team, the commitment is for two seasons–Fall and Spring and will be charged the full non-refundable registration fee for the full year. A player may be moved between Developmental and Select teams (in either direction), and age groups, at any time during the year, at the discretion of the Director of Operations and the Directors of Coaching.

IDENTIFICATION TRAININGS

If numbers allow Identification Trainings for the 13U-19 Select Teams will be held each May/early June to form teams for the next soccer year.

If numbers allow Identification Training for 15U-19 Boys Select Team will be held late Fall/early winter to form teams for the next soccer year.

RIO RAPIDS DURANGO GUIDELINES

SOCCER YEAR: August 1 through July 31
For High School Boys: Jan 1 through Dec 31.

FALL PLAYING SEASON: Mid August – last game or tournament

SPRING PLAYING SEASON: Mid March – last game or tournament

DEVELOPMENTAL TEAMS

Age of team	9U-10	11U - 12	13U - 14	15U - 19
Roster Size Max*.	12	14	18	16U/16: 22 17U/18: 22
Ball Size	4	4	5	5
Game Format	7v7	9v9	11 v 11	11 v 11
Proposed # games: Fall	10-14	14 - 18	14 - 18	15 - 20
Proposed # games: Spring	10-14	14 - 18	14 - 18	15 - 20
Proposed # Tournaments	1-2 per season	2 per season	3 per season	3 per season

- Occasionally roster sizes may exceed the maximum in order to place all players on a team. Every effort will be made not to have oversized rosters. In the event a roster exceeds the maximum size, game play will be evenly distributed among the players.

SELECT TEAMS

Age of team	13U - 14	15U - 19
Roster Size Max*.	18	18
Ball Size	5	5
Game Format	11 v 11	11 v 11
Proposed # games: Fall	14 - 18	15 - 20
Proposed # games: Spring	14 - 18	15 - 20
Proposed # Tournaments	3 per season	3-4 per season

Team Makeup: 09U, 10U, 11U, 12U teams are not structured by ability. 13U-14U teams are structured on age, gender and ability. 15U-19U teams are structured on age, gender and ability.

Playing time: Developmental teams should strive for at least 50% playing time for all players. As players mature, playing time can be administered based on effort and participation in practice. Playing time administered based solely on ability is discouraged. However, playing time will be adjusted in your player is not attending practice or games.

13U through 19U Select teams - playing time is determined by the coach based upon the attitude, effort, commitment and ability of players.

Players Added Mid-Year would follow these guidelines:

- 1) Add to existing roster if space is available (09U-12U)
- 2) Add to Developmental roster if space is available (13U – 19U)
- 3) Form a new team if numbers warrant.
- 4) All players will be placed by the Director of Operations and the Directors of Coaching.

TOURNAMENTS

Rio Rapids Durango teams generally participate in at least two tournaments per season. The Directors of Coaching are responsible for making tournament recommendations based on each team's skill and age level.

TEAM COACH & MANAGER

Each team will have a Coach and a Team Manager. If the team has a parent volunteer Coach, a Skills Trainer will be provided.

COACH: The Coach works directly with the players, the Team Manager, the Directors of Coaching and the Skills Trainer.

TEAM MANAGER: The Team Manager is a volunteer who works directly with the Coach and is the liaison between the Coach and the parents, the Club, and other managers. Team Manager duties include communication regarding practices, games, cancellations, field use, team finances and help recruiting volunteers.

TEAM MANAGER DUTIES:

Player cards:

Managers are responsible for collecting the CSA-approved medical/liability release form (new in August 2015) and obtaining a copy of a current medical insurance card. The manager makes sure every player has uploaded a current photo into GotSoccer before player cards are printed and laminated. The team book, containing player cards, signed registration/medical release forms must be at all practices, games and tournaments and may be kept by the coach or team manager.

Tournaments:

The Team Manager is responsible for sending in Tournament Applications and collecting team fees from parents. For out of town "Stay to Play" tournaments, the Manager is responsible for making hotel arrangements for the team. If a player cannot attend a tournament, it is that player's responsibility to notify both the coach and the Team Manager. All team members are financially responsible for the team fees for the tournament, even if not attending.

Team Member Contact List:

The team manager will give player and parent contact information including email addresses and phone numbers to all team parents.

Maps:

For away games, the Team Manager should notify players and parents about the pre-game rendezvous time and place and provide maps and directions to the away field locations. Maps can often be found either on the RRDSC website or the website of the Club hosting the games or tournaments.

Recruits Team Parent Volunteers:

The team manager recruits and coordinates team parent volunteers for various team duties and RRDSC club events.

COSTS – Membership Fee, Team Fees, Tournaments, Volunteer Deposit and Uniform

Membership Fee

The amount of the annual membership fee depends upon the age of the player. Current Fees for the soccer year are as follows:

09U – 12U	\$300.00
13U – 14U	\$355.00 (Including U15 8 th graders)
15U+	\$325.00 (Not including U15 8 th graders)

A family discount is available to parents with more than one player participating in RRDSC. The Family Discount is \$25.00 for the second and all subsequent players.

Incentive Program: refer a new player to RRDSC and receive a \$25 refund. Be sure to write player name on registration where specified. If more than one person refers a player the first to do so will get refund.

Before a Player will be allowed to play or practice either full payment or payment plans must be made, or Scholarships must be arranged through the RRDSC Administrator. **The Family Volunteer Deposit** of \$60.00 must also be paid.

Registrations submitted after the registration deadline is subject to **\$50 late fee**.

Once the fees have been paid, the player has committed to the team. If a player withdraws from the team thereafter, the fee is non refundable unless there are unusual circumstances such as an injury that prevents

play for an extended period of time or a move 100+ miles out of town. Refunds always require Board approval. A written request for refund must be submitted to the Club Administrator, which will be considered at the next Board of Directors meeting.

The Annual RRDSC fee is used by the Club to pay the following areas of expense:

- coaching and coaching structure
- coach development
- insurance through Colorado Soccer Association
- referees
- field rental & maintenance
- equipment
- administration

All subsequent Club costs and player benefits are covered by income generated by the Durango Shootout Tournament, local community business donations, and other fundraisers.

Payment Plans and Scholarships

Payment plans must be made through the Online Registration System. Partial Scholarships are available. All Scholarship requests must be submitted online and approved by the RRDSC Board of Directors at the August Board of Directors meeting. Scholarship application can be found on the RRDSC website under the “Resources” tab. *The scholarship application deadline is July 31.* HS age boys scholarship application deadline is November 30th.

*Scholarships are only available for individual players. Teams are not eligible for scholarships

Team Fees

Team Fees are separate from your players annual registration fee and cover the cost of tournament and league application fee, and coach per diems (link to coach per diem breakdown). Differential based on which tournaments chosen by team, which league participate in, and how many players per team.

AVERAGE Team Fees:

- U9/10's - \$225-\$290
- U11/12 - \$300-\$365
- U13/14 - \$330-\$400
- High School - \$365-\$475

Tournament Expenses

In addition to annual fees, players will be responsible for team expenses, which consist of Team expenses, Tournament and League Application fees and coach's per diem expenses: “Team Fees”. All players are responsible for a share of the tournament expense, whether or not they participate in the tournament(s). This is included in the “Team Fee”.

Paid Head Coaches are to receive per diem for each tournament. Team Fees cover only one coach to attend out of town tournaments and games.

Volunteer Deposit - one per family per year

In an effort to keep annual fees at a reasonable level, RRDSC hosts annual tournament fundraisers. These tournaments require significant man-power in order to function properly and be successful, so having member parent volunteers at these events is crucial. In instances where there are insufficient volunteers, RRDSC must recruit paid help to assist with the event(s). Therefore, each family is required to pay one Volunteer Deposit of \$60.00 per year that will be refunded upon completion of assigned volunteer duties associated with these tournament fundraisers at a rate of \$20 per hour volunteered (team fundraisers and events do not qualify for refunds). Non-refunded deposits will be set aside to cover expenses in the absence of volunteer help. Team fundraising activities (of any kind), team “helpers” and team community service projects do not qualify as RRDSC Club volunteer events. Only RRDSC Club-sponsored events qualify for refunds. Officially assigned Parent Coaches and Managers are exempt from this deposit.

Uniform

A standard Club uniform is a required set of equipment for all players. A uniform package is not covered in the annual club fees and must be purchased individually by each player. Rio Rapids Durango uniforms can be ordered online on the RRDSC website under the “Uniforms” tab or may be purchased from: soccer.com

NOTE: Jersey numbers are assigned by RRDSC.

The Club is not responsible for lost or damaged uniforms. Care, maintenance and replacement are the responsibility of the member. The member has the right to loan, sell or donate uniforms to other members at his/her own discretion.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Families are expected to participate in RRDSC volunteer work. Volunteers are always needed at our Durango Shootout tournament and other fundraisers. In order for player fees to be kept at a reasonable level, these fundraisers must generate at least 30% of our annual budget. Without the commitment and hard work of volunteers the financial success of these fundraisers is not possible.

VOLUNTEER POLICY

Each family is required to pay a \$60.00 Volunteer Deposit per year that will be refunded upon completion of an assigned volunteer duty associated with our tournament fundraisers at a rate of \$20 per hour volunteered.. Team fundraising activities (of any kind), team “helpers” and team community service projects do not qualify as RRDSC Club volunteer events. Only RRDSC Club-sponsored events qualify for refunds.

When the Club needs volunteers, the Club Volunteer Coordinator will contact the Team Managers with a list of assigned or requested duties to share with their team. RRDSC will post the available volunteer duties online and Volunteers must sign up online in order to record their volunteer time. This is an important part of Club soccer and all families are urged to participate.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Being registered with more than one soccer club (“dual registration”) at any given time and holding more than one player card is strictly prohibited by USYSA. This does not prohibit a player from guest playing for a team from a different club, out-of-State clubs included, as long as that club is a member of USYSA.

If a player is registered with RRDSC, and decides he/she would like to register with a different club, he/she must get permission to be officially released from RRDSC. To be released from RRDSC,

1. All Registration and Team Fees need to be paid in full
2. The player must submit the CSA Release Form to one of the Directors of Coaching outlining reasons for the release.
3. If all requirements have been met according to the CSA rules & guidelines, and or you have moved over 100 miles away, the Director of Coaching will deem if a release is warranted and establish the terms of the release
4. Final decision for a player release shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Please refer to the Colorado Soccer Association Rules and Procedures Manual for transfer of membership requirements located at www.coloradosoccer.org

FIELD CLOSURE

RRDSC does not own any fields and is dependent on other community owners for field use. Field

availability for games and practices is determined by our stewardship of these fields. **Fields shall not be utilized until teams receive permission from the Club.**

Fields can be badly damaged if played upon when conditions are too wet. The decision to close the fields is usually made by the Director of Operations or one of the Directors of Coaching or the RRDSC Field Marshall. In the event of field closure, teams will be notified and under no circumstances should any team be utilizing the fields for practices or games.

NO DOGS

Dogs are not allowed on any of the field venues and surrounding properties. This is part of our agreement with the City of Durango and School District 9R. If you have a dog with you at any practice, game or tournament, you will be asked to leave. The Field Marshall, or a RRDSC official, can take whatever action is necessary to have the dog removed from the property.

REFEREES

Most of our referees are local players and residents. They work hard to provide a good game experience, and are always working to get better. Though you may not agree with every call a referee makes, you do not help anyone by yelling at the ref before, during, or after a game, nor will you “improve” an official’s call by exhibiting such behavior. You serve your team and the soccer community best by keeping quiet. However, if you think a referee has done a good job, a word of appreciation is always welcome after the end of the game.

Every RRDSC team is urged to have at least 2 certified referees (non-players). If you would like to become a referee, a referee training and certification class is sponsored by RRDSC each fall. Please call the RRDSC office for up-coming classes.

Referee Recertification Policy

RRDSC will reimburse up to \$80 per referee certification and \$30 per re-certification until the Budget is exhausted. Reimbursement will be paid once 4 games have been worked. Also, games will be paid once 4 games have been completed.

For recertification reimbursement the below requirements must be met:

- a. Referee must be under the age of 18
- b. Referee will be assessed in the Fall & Spring season
- c. Referee will have to complete a minimum of 10 games a per a yer

CODES OF CONDUCT

General Principles:

- RRDSC will not tolerate sexual, racial, or any other type of discrimination
- RRDSC will encourage an atmosphere of openness, cooperation, respect, and support.
- RRDSC will encourage loyalty within the team and the Club.
- RRDSC members will positively promote the image and development of the game of soccer.

USYSA’s

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SOCCER SPECTATORS

1. As spectators we will refrain from booing or yelling at officials at any time during a match because we are aware of the following:
 - a. Such behavior on our part sets a poor example of sportsmanship.
 - b. Such behavior reflects negatively on our community, our team, our players and us.
 - c. Most youth soccer officials have had limited experience and formal training and do the best job they can, given these limitations.
 - d. Most soccer officials make correct calls even though we sometimes see the incident otherwise.
 - e. If officials do make incorrect calls during a match, the following circumstances usually apply:
 - i. The number of poor calls usually balances out for both teams.
 - ii. No one is perfect.
 - iii. The officials don't have the same observation point afforded the spectators sitting in the bleachers.
 - iv. An occasional incorrect call seldom affects the outcome of a match.
 - v. There are more effective channels for correcting poor officiating than verbal abuse during the match.
 - vi. We don't really know how difficult it is to officiate a soccer match until we've run on the 'pitch' in the official's 'boots.'
2. During a match we will refrain from yelling at players on either team because we are aware of the following:
 - a. They are young people, not soccer professionals, who, due to limited playing experience and great enthusiasm, may make mistakes.
 - b. Encouragement and praise should be made in public; constructive criticism is best made in private.
 - c. The coach is the best equipped to analyze and correct deficiencies in soccer skills. Our attempts to be helpful in this respect may only confuse the players.
 - d. The golden rule applies. Treat other players with the same courtesy, respect and consideration, that we want other supporters to show our own player.
3. At soccer matches we will refrain from being argumentative or using abusive language towards supporters of the players on the opposing team because we are aware of the following:
 - a. Others are judging us on our actions and words. We will always strive to insure that the results of this judgment are a verdict of "GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP".
 - b. We will conduct ourselves in such a courteous and restrained manner that if called upon to do so, we could line up in front of the bleachers after the match and shake hands with each supporter of the opposing team in the same way players are expected to do after each match.
4. If our team loses, we will demonstrate our ability to cope with the loss in both deed and word, because we are aware of the following:
 - a. In soccer, as in other aspects of life, it is not always possible to win no matter how supreme the effort.
 - b. When victory eludes us, we must learn to accept it as graciously as we do our triumphs.
 - c. It may be just possible that a loss is due to the fact that the opposing team played the match better than our team.
 - d. Our players should learn from our reactions to a loss that:
 - i. We feel they played their best; which just wasn't good enough on this particular day.
 - ii. They should hold their heads up high; there is no shame attached to honest effort – win or lose.
 - iii. There is always something to learn from a loss.
 - iv. There is nothing gained from brooding; players should be encouraged to put the match behind them and look forward to the next opportunity to play.
 - v. Seeking scapegoats, such as "biased officials", "poor turf", or "poor performance by one or two teammates" is not a mature or healthy reaction to the loss. Such a crutch prevents acceptance of reality.
5. Whether away from or at the field, our words and actions should convey a

philosophy of soccer which includes:

The real purpose of soccer competition is to have FUN, to be able to participate to improve skills, to learn sportsmanship, to develop a sense of responsibility and self-discipline, to develop a group loyalty and comradeship, to learn to compete within established rules, to accept decisions of authorized officials, to seek interpretation or change through proper channels and to develop sound minds and bodies.

FIFA Code of Conduct:

The RRDSC endorses the FIFA's rules for fair play:

- Play the game for the game's sake.
- Be generous when you win.
- Be graceful when you lose.
- Be fair always no matter what the cost.
- Obey the laws of the game.
- Work for the good of your team.
- Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.
- Believe in the honesty of your opponents.
- Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

RRDSC Players' Code of Conduct:

- Understand the rules of the game and play by them.
- Be punctual and prepared for all training sessions and games. This includes having equipment on and being dressed appropriately.
- Cooperate with and be respectful to all coaches, teammates, opponents, and match officials.
- Support your teammates, Club members, teams and coaches.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- Do not talk to fans during matches.
- Do not argue with officials.
- Talk to opposing players should be limited to congratulations and offers of assistance.
- Do not use abusive or profane language.
- Fighting or physical violence will result in a mandatory suspension; fighting after a suspension may result in dismissal from the Club.
- The RRDSC Board will review the status of any player who is ejected from two games in a 12-month period or accumulates excessive cautions.
- No consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs.

RRDSC Coaches' Code of Conduct:

- Understand the rules of the game and ensure that players understand and follow them.
- Be punctual and prepared for all training sessions and games.
- Show respect for your players and opponents.
- Do not use abusive or profane language.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- The Director of Coaching will review the status of any coach who is ejected from a game. The RRDSC Board will review a second ejection.
- Do not talk to fans, opposing players, or opposing coaches during games, except to offer congratulations and assistance.
- Coaching from the sidelines during games should be limited and positive.
- Do not argue with officials or make derisive comments to or about them.
- Do not criticize a player in front of other players.
- Support other RRDSC coaches, teams and players.
- Wear appropriate attire to all training sessions and games in accordance with club and coaching policies.
- Tobacco, alcohol, and non-prescription drugs are prohibited during all training sessions and games.

- Improper contact or relationships with players will result in immediate expulsion.

RRDSC Parents' Code of Conduct:

- Provide only positive support during games.
- Do not criticize your child's teammates or coaches in the presence of your child or his/her teammates or other parents.
- Do not talk to players or coaches for either team during matches, except to offer support, congratulations or assistance. All parents must remain on the opposite side of the field from the coach and team during a game.
- No abusive or profane language.
- Do not argue with or make comments to officials.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- Parents will not knowingly participate in or knowingly permit violations or circumvention of RRDSC rules.
- Do not argue with opposing fans.
- Do not criticize opponents in their presence or in the presence of their fans.
- Fighting or physical violence will result in automatic suspension from RRDSC premises and activities. Repeat violations will result in expulsion from the Club.
- The RRDSC Board will review the status of any parent who is ejected from a game.
- If you have a problem with a member of the RRDSC coaching staff, please give a 48-hour cooling off period before contacting the individual concerned.
- Dogs are not permitted on any part of the soccer fields or sidelines unless they are trained to provide special assistance for persons with disabilities. This applies to both games and practices.

I will discuss issues concerning my child:

- Only with the coach first, then the Director of Coaching
- Not with the manager or any other parent
- Only at a time mutually agreed upon with the coach
- Not immediately prior to, during or directly after a game

Violations of Code of Conduct:

Coaches have primary responsibility for addressing violations by players. The Directors of Coaching have primary responsibility for addressing violations by coaches.

Parents should do their best to hold other parents accountable for following the Code of Conduct. If violations persist, the team manager or any team parent should report the activity to the club President, Director of Operations, Directors of Coaching, Administrator, or any Board Member. They, in consultation with the RRDSC Board of Directors, will address serious or repeat violations or any other inappropriate behavior.

All players or parents who have committed serious offense(s), and or repeated behaviors, will have to meet with the RRDSC Disciplinary Committee. Sanctions that may be imposed include, but are not limited to, reprimand, suspension from team or Club activities and facilities, and in certain cases, expulsion from the Club. When appropriate, the Board of Directors will report violations to Colorado Soccer Association. RRDSC will support and impose all sanctions recommended or imposed by Colorado Soccer Associations.

GRIEVANCES

All grievances and complaints should be resolved in accordance with Club and Colorado Soccer Association rules, policies, and procedures. If no clearly applicable rules, policies, or procedures exist, the Board of Directors will make the final determination.

Grievances or complaints about team matters should be directed to team managers and, if possible, should be resolved at the team level. If the matter cannot be resolved at the team level, the team managers should present the grievance or complaint to one of the Directors of Coaching. The Director of Coaching may assist in resolving the matter or refer the matter to the Director of Operations who will determine if the issue needs to go to the Board of Directors.

Grievances or complaints about player issues should be discussed with the team coach and, if possible, should be resolved at that level. If the matter cannot be resolved with the coach, the issue should be taken to one of the Directors of Coaching.

The Director of Coaching has the authority to resolve the matter, make a recommendation to the Board, or refer the matter to the Board.

APPENDIX:

Please see our web site www.durangosoccer.com for the following documents and schedules.

- **Coaches Per Diem**
- **Club Contact List**
- **RRDSC Fundraising Policy**

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