

The following standards of conduct outline a philosophy that is paramount to the game of soccer. Soccer is a sport that belongs to the players. While soccer games are exciting for parents and spectators, parent and spectator excitement and enthusiasm must be both positive and controlled. Uncontrolled or abusive parental behavior is not accepted at Rio Rapids Durango Soccer Club. To help your children get the most out of competitive sports, we need to encourage their understanding that winning in the game is important but to be a winner in life is more important. We need to help them to make maximum efforts, continue to learn and improve and refuse to let mistakes (or fear of making mistakes) stop them. Let your child know you appreciate it when he or she tries hard even if unsuccessful. Try to get your child to talk about his or her play with open-ended questions rather than telling him/her what you think about it. Recognize hard work and let the coaches' critique their play. Your number one job is to fill your player's emotional tank and encourage them regardless of what happens in the game. Parents/Spectators participate in a match by watching, cheering and supporting the efforts of all participants in the match. Soccer must be fun. The game is for the children; their participation and enjoyment of the game are the most important elements.

### **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.
- \*TeamSnap, or any other form of team communication, is not the forum to bring up complaints. If you have a concern send it directly to the person(s) in question.

### **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

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in the soccer program by following this Code of Conduct. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win. I will do my very best to make the game fun for my child. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability. I will promise to set a good example for my child by extending the same respect to all players, coaches, fans, and officials. I will always remember, the GAME is for the CHILDREN and NOT for the ADULTS.

The Board of Directors and the Directors of Coaching will suspend any person contributing to unsportsmanlike behavior.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_