



Raymond Soccer Club

2020 Parent /Player Contract

Expectations

It cannot be understated how impactful youth athletics can be, particularly in the realm of team sports. In order for players to get the full benefit from playing a team sport, parents must be as committed as the players. Below are some areas where parents need to support their child and the team.

They will set a good example for their child in his/her soccer development by adhering at all times to the following. I/We will:

- Not criticize the referee openly or directly, during or after games. Any criticism shall be done in writing, sent to my coach and/or my club representative, not verbally.
- Give only positive feedback to players.
- Cheer at all games within the spirit of fair play and shall do our best to cheer the effort regardless of the outcome.
- Do our best to teach our players to become students of the game.
- Show the quality of our sportsmanship during and after each game and help our child remember to thank the referee after the match without regard to the result.
- Do our very best to have our child prepared for every practice or game.
- Support the learning efforts of the players, the coaches, and the referees by demonstrating our patience.
- Understand that improper behavior at a game may result in a parent being asked to leave the field by the referee, a coach, or a Raymond Soccer Club official so the coach does not receive a yellow card caution or a red card ejection due to the action of the parent spectator.
- Leave the coaching to the coach during the game. We shall not give our child instructions during the game.
- Understand that the leagues can, and will if necessary, suspend our individual privilege to watch our child play should we behave in a manner that is rude or otherwise offensive.
- Agree to do our best to have as much fun watching the game as the players should have playing the game.

Parents and players are expected to behave in a way that will best represent the town of Raymond and the Raymond Soccer Club.

Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent, you play a special role in the development of your daughter or son, and of his/her teammates. Your encouragement and good example will do more to ensure good sportsmanship and self-discipline than any other influence. The other team is the opponent, not the enemy, and should be treated with respect. While winning is important, playing well and fairly is the essence of the game.

1. **SUPPORT YOUR CHILD**
Support your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in his/her team. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game. Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory.
2. **BE SUPPORTIVE AND YOUR CHILD'S BIGGEST CHEERLEADER**
Children learn more by example than by criticism. Work to be a positive role model, and reinforce positive behavior in others. Applaud good plays by others on your child's team as well as good plays by the opposing team. Do not criticize any child's performance from the sidelines. Accept the results of each game. Teach your child to be gracious in victory and to turn defeat into victory by learning and working toward improvement.
3. **DON'T BE A SIDELINE COACH OR REF**
Refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. Parents who shout or scream from the sidelines often give inappropriate advice at the wrong time. The coach should be the only sideline voice. Remain well back from the sidelines and within the spectator area. You and your child will both enjoy the game more if you put some emotional distance between yourself and the field or play. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship - Do not openly question their judgment or honesty. ***Under no circumstances should a parent address an official, player, coach or spectator.***
4. **DEMONSTRATE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD YOUR OPPONENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES**
Opponents are not enemies. Take care to show good hospitality at home and to represent RSC in a positive way when playing other clubs. Never allow yourself to be drawn into a verbal disagreement with opposing parents or coaches. No one has ever regretted letting "cooler heads prevail."
5. **REMEMBER THAT YOUR CHILD WANTS TO HAVE FUN**
Your child is the one playing soccer, not you. Children must establish their own goals - to play the game for themselves. Take care not to impose unreasonable demands on your child. Let your children experience the fun of playing as well as the challenge of excelling.
6. **24 HOUR RULE** - Do not address a concern with your child's coach immediately following a game. If you have an issue with a coach's decision that you think affected your child, wait a day or two and set up a time to discuss in person or over the phone. If a parent or spectator's behavior in anyway is deemed disrespectful to a referee, spectator, player, coach (from either team) they may be asked to leave the field.

Violations of the Parent Code of Conduct will result in one or more of the following:

- Parent and coach being suspended for misconduct.
- A Player being benched by the team's coach for parent misconduct before, during, or after a game.
- A Member or Family could be released from the Club.

Player Code of Conduct

It is a privilege to play soccer for Raymond Soccer Club and to represent Raymond in towns across the state and around the region. As an RSC player, I will:

1. Play the game for the game's sake, and not just to please my parents or coach.
2. Be modest and generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
3. Respect the game of soccer and its laws, learn these laws and try to follow them, and play the game fairly.
4. Work for the good of my team and give my best effort at all times.
5. Show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I will sometimes disagree with his/her calls.
6. Show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. I understand that soccer is a game, and that the players on the other team are my opponents, not my enemies.
7. Conduct myself with honor and dignity and treat other players as I would like to be treated.
8. Help my parents and fans understand the laws of the game so they can watch and enjoy the game better. I will be sure they understand that dissent is not appropriate or permitted at league or tournament games.
9. Control my temper and not retaliate, even if I believe I have been wronged.
10. Not use or possess tobacco, alcohol, or illegal or performance-enhancing drugs.

Player consequences will be determined by the team coach, Vice President-Competitive Soccer and/or the Raymond Soccer Club board of directors for violations of the player Code of Conduct.

Parent Signature _____

Player Signature _____

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