

# ROTTERDAM YOUTH SOCCER CODE OF CONDUCT

## The Coach's Code

When coaching the game of soccer I will :

- always be fair, firm and consistent.
- promote a positive attitude and lead by example.
- always demonstrate good sportsmanship especially when dealing with parents and officials.
- promote both physical and mental readiness for our athletes.
- adhere to the policies and procedures of CDYSL and RYSC.
- stress teamwork and respect for every athlete.
- allow all athletes the opportunity to compete and excel.
- display control, respect, dignity and professionalism.
- provide athletes with the coaching or training activities necessary to increase their confidence and skill level. This will take place in a safe environment and be age appropriate for the maturity, experience and ability of the players.
- never verbally or physically accost an official player or spectator.

## The Player's Code

When participating in the game of soccer I will:

- play by the "Rules of the Game".
- control my temper; resist the temptation to retaliate when I feel I have been wronged.
- be a good sport. Cheer for both teammates and opponents when they have made a good play.
- treat others as I expect to be treated.
- cooperate with coaches, teammates, opponents, and referees.
- remember soccer is a team game, encourage teammates – we ALL have good and not so good games.
- never verbally abuse anyone or cuss in frustration – on or off the field of play.
- never use unnecessary rough tactics during the course of a game.
- never come to the field of play under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- always abide by the officials decision.

## The Parent's Code

When watching my child participate in the game of soccer I will:

- be a positive role mode, applauding good plays by both teams.
- refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines.
- not embarrass the players by yelling at players, coaches or officials. My positive attitude toward the game and all its participants will benefit my child.
- minimize complaints and pettiness. I will look for ways to improve the organization rather than become a part of a problem.
- speak up when I have questions or disagree. Whether or not I agree with the final decision, I will support decisions made by the organization.
- treat others respectfully.
- look at problems / concerns from an organization-wide perspective. I will focus on the best interests of all the children and youth sports in general.
- Remember – the other individuals involved in soccer program are just like me. They want quality programs for children. Conflicts should focus on issues not people. Courtesy and respect goes a long way toward creating a family atmosphere.

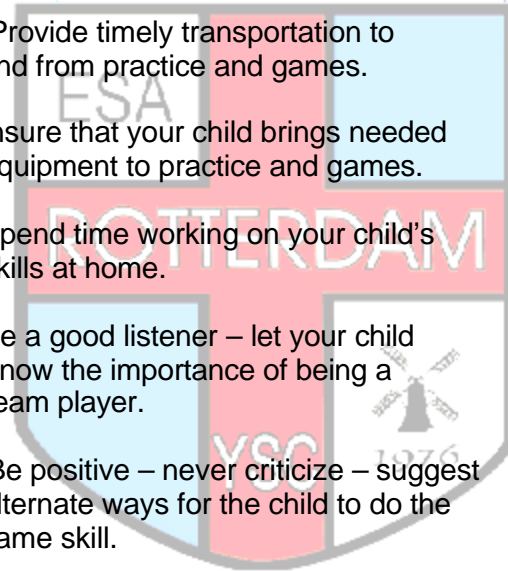


## Player's Rights

- The right to choose whether or not to participate in an organized soccer program.
- The right to be taught the fundamentals of the game of soccer.
- The right to have qualified leadership – a coach well versed in child development.
- The right to participate in a safe and healthy environment.
- The right to an equal opportunity – to strive for success. Set goals and attain them.
- The right to play and have ... FUN!!

## Parents Responsibilities

- Provide timely transportation to and from practice and games.
- Insure that your child brings needed equipment to practice and games.
- Spend time working on your child's skills at home.
- Be a good listener – let your child know the importance of being a team player.
- Be positive – never criticize – suggest alternate ways for the child to do the same skill.
- Allow your child to be a child.



## And Remember -

...In competition someone always loses. If you win, win gracefully. If you lose, commend your opponent and refuse to become negative!

...To much competition, too soon, can slow down the progress of skill development. make fun and technique development your first priority.

...Coaches need help and support too! Volunteer and help any way you can.

...If you disagree with the coach, do so privately, not in front of other players or adults. We are all role models!

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(Please cut on the dotted line and return to your coach)

I have read and discussed the Rotterdam Youth Soccer Code of Conduct with my child.

Refusal to abide by the Code of Conduct may result in my removal from games and/or my child's removal from the team.

Disagreements should be dealt with at the team level first. If I am unable to reach a level of satisfaction at the Team level, my issues may be brought before the RYSC Board of Directors.

I have read and understand what is required by the Code of Conduct:

Child's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_