

Rice Lake Soccer Association

The Rice Lake Soccer Association (RLSA) promotes good sportsmanship. Listed below is the Code of Conduct from our Guidelines & Policies manual. Copies of the complete manual can be requested from any Board member. A list of the Board members can be found on www.RLYSA.com under the "Contact Us" tab.

RLSA CODE OF CONDUCT: PLAYERS, COACHES AND PARENTS

By registering with the Rice Lake Soccer Association, you are agreeing to abide by the following Code of Conduct.

- As a representative of RLSA, every RLSA player, coach, and parent must, at all times, set examples of good sportsmanship.
- When game disputes or questions arise, only the team coach and/or captains may confer with the officials. Under no circumstance should players or parents chastise, yell at, or argue with the officials.
- Unsportsmanlike or violent conduct will not be tolerated in the RLSA program.
- Coaches are responsible for their own conduct as well as that of their assistants, players, and the spectators. Upon the request of the officials, coaches have the authority to ask spectators who are disrupting the game to leave.
- Offensive and vulgar language by players, coaches, parent, officials, or spectators is unacceptable. Adults should model good communication. Language that is denigrating in nature, content or tone, or refers to one's gender, race, national origin, disability, or religion is unacceptable.
- Coaching outside of the designated coach's box is unacceptable. Parents should not be coaching from the sidelines.
- Cheer positively for your team and have fun!
- Never put down the other team, players or your own team.
- The referee is doing his/her best. The referee's decisions are final. The decisions may not always be popular. Shouting derogatory remarks or prolonged arguments are never appropriate. Such action could be the cause of terminating the game. Coaches and spectators are subject to the discipline of the referee. If they are ejected from the game they shall leave the vicinity of the game beyond practical limits of earshot and eyesight for the remainder of the game.
- Each year we have many coaches volunteering to a difficult job and mistakes will occur. Hassling the referees or the coach is unwarranted.
- All spectators, coaches, and players are not allowed behind the goal lines.
- Thanks to the Rice Lake Parks and Recreation Department, we have the use of outstanding facilities. It is our responsibility to encourage everyone to use these facilities correctly and to keep the fields clean and free of litter.

ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES & OFFICIALS

- Encourage clean competition and good sportsmanship.
- Train and coach the team to the best of their ability.
- Uphold the Rules & Regulations of WYSA and RLSA
- Coach positively by instructing and encouraging players during games. Sideline coaching shall be limited to the sidelines. Negative comments and complaints about refereeing shall not be allowed on/at the field

- Assure that no pets (unless allowed by the field/park), alcoholic beverages, or tobacco products are present at the games.
- If any person does not conform to these guidelines, they will be asked to leave.

ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS:

- Volunteering is expected by each family who has a player in RLSA and we hope that all will help out when and where they can. In order for the association to exist, we need coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, referees, line judges, board members, etc.
- Get players to and from practices and games/tournaments on time.
- Attend meetings, keep up with announcement emails and ask questions. Attend games and encourage the players.
- Be understanding and supportive of the number of games and practices.
- Keep abreast of all information pertinent to the team.
- No bringing of any alcoholic beverages or tobacco products to games, practice or other RLSA events.
- No bringing of pets to the games/tournaments (unless allowed by the venue). For the safety of players and spectators, pets should be kept away from the games and practices.
- Be available to assist in organization and team functions when requested.
- Notify the coaches promptly in the case of any medical conditions or injury your child has that could put him or her at increased risk on the field.
- Notify the coaches in advance when your child will miss any game or practices.
- Make sure players wear proper equipment (shin guards, cleats) to all practices and games. Shin guards and a ball are required at all RLSA practices and games.
- Make sure your child, or any RLSA or non-RLSA player does not climb on the soccer goals. We use portable goals that are anchored but accidents can still happen.
- Do not coach from the sidelines. If you feel a child is not doing what should be done, tell the coaches, not the player. As parents occasionally discover, a player may be doing exactly what the coaches have instructed.
- At all times act as responsible adults and good spectators. Youth players learn their behavior from what they observe in the adults around them. Be only positive and encouraging. Because play is fast, spirited and continuous, spectators can easily become very involved in the game. As parents, spectators and coaches we must keep the league philosophy of fair play, fun and good sportsmanship always in mind.
- Remember that RLSA is a program for the players. The Association's objectives are good sportsmanship, fairness, self-control and having a good time. Parents and officials are role models for our children. Therefore, overzealous behavior is inappropriate.