



## **The Russell Soccer Club Code of Conduct for Parents/Caregivers/Spectators**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Parental, caregiver and spectator expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players
- Referees
- Team officials
- Spectators and others

RSC supports the OSA's *Show Your Respect program*, which is designed to ensure that soccer can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. Youth soccer is a time for players to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything. Play your part and observe the Code of Conduct for Parents, Caregivers and Spectators at all times.

- Remember that children play for FUN;
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success;
- Respect the match officials' decisions;
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided);
- Let team officials do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do;
- Remember that coaches and team officials are volunteers - avoid criticism and derogatory comments of any kind;
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials;
- Avoid criticizing a player for making a mistake – as mistakes are part of learning;
- Do not place interests of your child, or any other player, above the good of the team;
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may lead to the following actions:

- Verbal warning from the Match Official or RSC Representative;
- Immediate dismissal of the match upon request of the Match Official or RSC Representative;
- An official meeting with the Club discipline committee;
- Request by the Club not to attend future games;
- Suspension or revocation of Club membership

Name of Parent/Caregiver (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Caregiver \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_