



RSC CODE OF CONDUCT

The Russell Soccer Club (RSC):

1. Promotes and develops the game of soccer for the benefit of the residents of the Township of Russell.
2. Helps individuals to develop their character as resourceful and responsible members of their community by providing opportunities, through the game of soccer, for their mental, physical, social and leadership development.
3. Educates through soccer skill development the aspects of fair play and sportsmanship.

The RSC endorses and adopts the [True Sport](#) | values and principles. True Sport is a national movement of communities and groups across Canada working to ensure a positive, meaningful and enriching experience for all who participate in sport. At the heart of True Sport there are four core values: fairness, excellence, inclusion and fun.

Details of the True Sport Movement are found in the [Fair Play](#) form.

All RSC members are to sign the Fair Play Form committing members to adhere to the RSC Code of Conduct policies. Failure to comply with this code of conduct, the True Sport Principles and refusal to sign the Fair Play Form may result in the termination of membership or a member losing privileges that come with membership in the RSC, including the opportunity to participate in RSC activities.

The RSC is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Members of the RSC shall conduct themselves at all times in a fair and reasonable manner. The RSC has the right to take corrective action in dealing with the conduct of its members. Corrective action is defined as, but not limited to, penalties prescribed by a higher body where applicable or where not defined shall cover suspension, fine, ejection from the RSC, posting of bonds, deduction of points, re-assignment within the categories/divisions of play, or any combination. Posting of bonds or other sureties shall not exceed \$6,000.00.

Members shall refrain from comments, behaviors or actions, which are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist, or sexist. In particular, behaviour, which constitutes harassment or abuse, will not be tolerated by the RSC. RSC members shall not engage in any activity or behaviour, which endangers the safety of others.

During the course of all RSC activities and events, members shall avoid behaviour, which brings the RSC or the sport of soccer into disrepute, including but not limited to, abusive use of alcohol and non-medical use of drugs.

The RSC recognizes the Canadian policy on penalties for doping in sport. Members shall not use illicit drugs/narcotics or performance enhancing drugs or methods.

RSC members shall at all times adhere to the RSC policies and guidelines and to rules governing any competitions or tournaments in which the member participates on behalf of the RSC.

Join It. Show It. Live It. Grow It

Sport is a testing ground - not just for athletes and coaches, but also for communities and society as a whole. The way we play together shapes how we live together.

The vast majority of Canadians (over 90%) believe that sport can and should make a positive contribution to the development of our youth and the quality of life in our communities. But less than one in five believe that sport is living up to its potential (2002 Canadian Public Opinion Survey on Youth and Sport).

Sport is never neutral. It can teach values and ethics – or not. It can help people develop a positive self-image and respect for others – or not. It can strengthen community life – or not. Sport can bring people together, foster friendships; reinforce healthy lifestyles, and build civic pride and community participation. Or it can be about violence, drugs, cheating, winning at any cost. It's up to us.

Positive sport values may be alive and well in your group or community. But don't take this for granted. It's essential to actively support positive values, in simple and powerful ways. Join the growing ranks of teams, organizations, schools, communities, clubs and associations across Canada who are building a stronger, more positive sport culture through True Sport.

True Sport is a national Movement of communities and groups across Canada working to ensure a positive, meaningful and enriching experience for all who participate in sport. The True Sport Movement is based on the belief that good sport can help build lasting strengths in individuals, as well as healthy, vibrant communities and a more socially connected Canada. At the heart of True Sport there are four core values: fairness, excellence, inclusion and fun.

It's a Movement powered by people like you athletes, coaches, officials, organizers, parents, teachers, and community leaders. People who know that sport can transform lives and communities. People who care about the positive values that sport embodies, like teamwork and commitment. People who want to see sport in Canada live up to its full potential.

True Sport Values: True Sport is founded on an explicit set of core values. These values are not imposed from above. Rather, they grow out of what Canadians believe is important and want to see

manifested in community sport: inclusion, fairness, excellence and fun. These values apply across all sports and at all levels of sport – individuals, teams, schools, leagues, associations, and communities – even cities.

Inclusion

True Sport ensures inclusion by increasing accessibility and opportunities for participation in sport, while providing a welcoming, culturally diverse sport environment.

Fairness

True Sport embraces fairness by promoting fair and ethical sport programs, which translate into a positive sport experience for participants. Values such as respect, fair play and a love of the game are ingrained in the philosophy and implemented in community activities.

Excellence

True Sport encourages sporting excellence and demonstrates high levels of participation in sport and physical activity. For example, a True Sport community boasts a number of aspiring and elite athletes, commits to hosting sporting events, and fosters a healthy number of sports clubs and recreation centres.

Fun

True Sport embraces the concept of FUN. For example, a True Sport community ensures that programs and services provide activities that focus not only on skills and competition, but also on the social aspect of participating in sport.

True Sport Practices

The next layer of the True Sport system is its practices. These are the behaviors that are put into play on the ground and that make the values concrete. Behaviors such as:

- Playing fair
- Treating team-mates and competitors with respect
- Abiding by the rules of the game
- Playing drug-free
- Penalizing inappropriate behaviour

These practices will be employed and enforced by all True Sport athletes, teams, leagues, associations and communities.

Principles for Sport

Go For It - Always rise to the challenge. Discover how good you can be.

Play Fair - Play honestly & obey the rules. Winning is only real when competition is fair.

Respect Others - Respect teammates, competitors and officials, both on and off the field. Win with dignity and lose with grace.

Keep it Fun - Have a good time. Keep a positive attitude and contribute to a positive atmosphere.

Stay Healthy - Respect your body. Keep in shape. Avoid unsafe activities.

Give Back - Do something that helps your community.