

TERWILLEGAR RIVERBEND SOCCER ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT

Membership and participation in Terwillegar Riverbend Soccer (“TRSA”) activities is a privilege, not a right. All officials, parents, players, fans, participants, team officials, coaches, volunteers, Board Members, and employees of TRSA members (to be referred to collectively as members in this Code of Conduct) are required to abide by the Rules and Guidelines set out in this Code.

Conduct

1.1. All members of TRSA shall:

- Respect all other members of TRSA.
- Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, ethnic background, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- Respect the sport of soccer and behave in a manner so as to make the game a positive experience.
- Refrain from conducting arguments with other members at soccer games, practices or other TRSA events
- Bring any disputes with any other member of TRSA to the attention of the appropriate TRSA Age Group Coordinator, TRSA Program Manager, TRSA Mini or Senior Soccer Director, or the TRSA President.
 - Report any violations of the this Code by any member of TRSA to the attention of the appropriate TRSA Age Group Coordinator, TRSA Program Manager, TRSA Mini or Senior Soccer Director, or the TRSA President.

Any inappropriate conduct, threats, harassment or abuse (including the use of profanity) directed towards game or team officials, members, parents, players, fans, volunteers, Board members or employees of TRSA or of another association will not be tolerated. Violations of this code may result in suspension or expulsion of the violator and/or their family as described in 2.1 below.

1.2. Coaches shall:

- Direct comments at the performance rather than the person.
- Consistently display high personal standards and project a favorable image of the sport and of coaching.
- Refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language while coaching.
- Respect the authority and decisions of referees and communicate with referees and officials in accordance with EMSA standards.
- Ensure that the activity being undertaken is suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the athletes and educate athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.
- Regularly seek ways of increasing professional development and self-awareness.
- Treat opponents and officials with respect, both in victory and defeat and encourage athletes to act accordingly.
- Ensure the safety of the athletes with whom they work.
- At no time become intimately and/or sexually involved with their athletes. This includes requests for sexual favors or threat of reprisal for the rejection of such requests.

- Respect athletes' dignity; verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable.
- Never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances.
- Never provide athletes with drugs, alcohol or tobacco products.

1.3 In the case of a dispute with a referee, all members shall:

- Treat the referee with respect
- Not argue or discuss a call with a referee while the game is in progress
- Not make any comment that would question or undermine the authority or judgment of the referee while the game is in progress
- Discuss a questionable call with a referee at half time or at the conclusion of the game
- Not use profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language
- Bring any concerns regarding a referee's lack of knowledge of the rules/laws of the game to the attention of the TRSA Program Manager or TRSA President.
- Bring any unresolved dispute with a referee to the attention of the TRSA Program Manager or TRSA President.

1.4 Referees shall:

- Make every attempt to ensure that they are familiar with the rules of the game for the age group and league in which they are officiating.
- Respectfully consider a coach's comments at half time or the end of the game.
- Treat all members of TRSA, including coaches and players with respect.

Violations

- 2.1. In the event of an alleged violation of this Code of Conduct by any member(s), the TRSA President shall be immediately notified.
- 2.2. The TRSA President may, at his/her discretion, suspend the alleged violator and/or their family from participation in TRSA. Such suspension will remain in effect until the conclusion of the Board's review of the incident.
- 2.2. The TRSA President will call a hearing of the Board to review the violation at the earliest convenience of the Board.
- 2.3. The Board will review the violation at the hearing. The alleged violator may be suspended, expelled, or allowed to return to TRSA at the discretion of the Board. Suspension or expulsion from TRSA must be approved by a majority vote of the Board.

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