



Code of Conduct

Russell Lea Women's Soccer Club is a member of the Canterbury District Soccer Football Association. As such we play by the rules of that association. We also believe that as a club we must adhere to the highest standard of behavior both on and off the field. Our Code of Conduct relates to players, team officials and of course supporters. It is crucial that the adults associated with our club set the right example for their daughters.

Please support our club by following the Code of Conduct.

Players

- When you are playing soccer you are playing for yourself and your team. You're not playing for your parents or coach.
- Treat your team mates and your opposition players with respect.
- Control your temper and ignore others if they are losing theirs.
- Never publicly question the decisions of a referee or linesman.
- Show respect for your Coaches and Managers. They are giving up their time to help you.
- Don't deliberately cheat to gain an advantage on the field

Supporters

- Remember that players are involved in Soccer for their own enjoyment and skill development. Enjoy their involvement and leave your ego at home.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules and to respect other team members and the opposition. Remember your actions speak louder than words.
- Applaud good play by your team and the opposition.
- Recognize the importance of the volunteers who give up their time to allow your child to participate in soccer.
- Never publicly question the decisions of a referee or linesman.
- Never ridicule your child or any other player for making mistakes or lacking skills.
- Verbal or physical abuse is illegal under government legislation and will not be tolerated.

Coaches and Managers

- Remember that players participate for fun and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or for not winning games.
- Be reasonable in your demands on a player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players to always operate within the rules and spirit of the game.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented player, the less developed players need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of your players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes players, team officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a doctor when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate coaching qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth development and conditioning of junior players.
- Any physical contact by the coach with a player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all your dealings with your players.