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# Code of Conduct

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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 behaviour both on and off the field. Our Code of Conduct relates to players, team officials and of course spectators. It is crucial that the adults associated with our club set the right example for their daughters.

RLWSC prides itself on our fair play. We have been the recipient of the association's award for fair play, the Bert Harvey Award in 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2014 – that's four of the eight seasons since RLWSC joined CDSFA in 2006 (and it wasn't awarded in 2006 and 2007).

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 are 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 publically question the decision of a referee or linesman.
- Show your respect for your Coaches and Managers. They are giving up their time to help you.
- Don't deliberately cheat to gain 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 volunteers who give up their time to allow your child to participate in soccer.
- Leave the giving of instructions to players on the field to the coach and limit comments to encouragement only.
- Never publically 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 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 towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a doctor when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain 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 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.