

Richmond SOL (“RSOL”) 2024 Code of Conduct – Youth Teams

Please read all pages and sign on the signature page.



Players, Parents, Coaches, Families, and Fans:

Welcome to our soccer club. You represent Richmond SOL Youth Programs, Richmond SOL FC, and the Richmond community at every game you attend. You are a brand ambassador. We ask you to present yourself as a polite and respectful individual at all home and away games, practices, and community events.

Parents, Coaches, and Fans: Our children and youth players joined the club because they enjoy playing soccer. Each player deserves the opportunity to develop their skills at their own pace. **Please respect our children’s right to learn and play the game with positive feedback and support from the adults around them.** You are modeling behaviors that your child will learn and repeat.

Section A: Behavior – Respect the Field, the Game, and Each Other

1. Respect all the rules of the soccer field, even if you do not agree with them.
2. Help us preserve the soccer field for everyone’s enjoyment. Do not bring food or drinks (except water) on the track and field. This applies to all fields, whether home or away games.
3. If you do bring food or drinks, clean up your area! Do not assume other people will clean up after you.
4. Teach your children they are responsible for picking up their own trash on the track and field, including water bottles, bottle caps, food, and packaging. Do not assume coaches or parents will clean up after you.
5. Parents and other non-players may not enter the field during the game. You may receive a yellow card or red card. During the game, remain in the seating area or behind the sideline as directed by the referee.
6. **DO NOT APPROACH THE COACH OR REFEREE DURING THE GAME. DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE COACH’S INSTRUCTIONS OR THE REFEREE’S CALLS.** You may receive a yellow card or red card.
7. **If a parent or other adult fan receives a yellow or red card, the card will automatically be issued against the coach** of your child’s team. These penalties may cause serious consequences for your child’s team and for the club. Multiple violations could jeopardize RSOL’s standing in the NorCal Premier league.
8. **Any parent/adult fan or coach who receives a yellow card will be fined \$50 by the club. For a red card, the fine is \$100.** These fines do not apply to players.
9. If you disagree with a coach’s or referee’s performance or behavior, you may send a written report to RSOL using the contact form at RichmondSol.org.

Section B: Photo/Video Release

Richmond SOL may publish player photos on the RichmondSol.org, on printed or digital marketing materials, and on social media such as Instagram. We may share photos with news media for publicity purposes. Your signature below represents your consent to share your child’s image, including video. **We do not publish children’s names or other identifying information. If you do not consent to share or publish your child’s photo/video, notify RSOL immediately.**

Section C: Registration and Finance

1. Registration fees and uniform purchases must be paid at the RSOL office, and receipts will be issued. Do not give payments (except fundraising sales such as raffle tickets) to your coach or team manager.
2. RSOL makes every effort to keep registration fees affordable for families. The league requires us to pay for your child’s ID card and team fee before the season starts. Refunds for registration fees will not be issued unless RSOL cannot provide a team for your child. Refunds will not be issued for customized or used uniforms.
3. If the season is postponed or cancelled due to COVID or for any other reason, RSOL will look to the NorCal Premier league to determine whether any partial refund will be issued for fees paid.
4. Any returned check will result in an additional fee of \$35.

Section D: COVID and Other Illness Rules and Precautions

Richmond SOL continues to follow state and local public health guidance to ensure the health and safety of our players, coaches, referees, fans, and opponents.

Here are some recommendations to reduce the risk of COVID and other illnesses:

- Get vaccinated against COVID.
- Bring your own water bottle. Do not share water/drinks with other players.
- Do not spit on the track or field.
- If you have to cough or sneeze, cover it by using your elbow, arm, or sleeve.
- Keep your hands clean. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Teach your children and teens good health habits.

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASE:

- Anyone who is confirmed or suspected to be ill with COVID (or who has been in contact with someone confirmed or suspected to be ill with COVID) **may not attend practices, games, meetings, or community events.** **This includes players, family members, coaches, referees, and fans.**
- If your child is feeling ill in any way, do not send him or her to practices or games.
- If a child becomes ill during a practice or game, we will isolate him or her from other players until a parent or guardian can pick up the child.

Section E: Waiver/Release for Injury, Loss & Communicable Disease including COVID-19

NorCal Premier group accident insurance is designed to cover routine injuries and accidents that may occur during soccer practices and games as a result of normal play. This insurance is not intended to cover infectious diseases.

In consideration for participating on behalf of Richmond SOL Youth Programs (Richmond SOL) athletic program and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to the novel coronavirus and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releases or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated conditions for participation regarding protection from infectious disease. If, however, I observe and any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Richmond SOL Youth Programs, its officers, officials, coaches, members, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("releasees"), while participating in activities of any kind whether sponsored by or under the supervision of Richmond SOL and with respect to any and all illness, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.

I have read the above Waiver/Release and the Richmond SOL 2022-2023 Code of Conduct and agree to the terms and conditions.

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____

Child #1

Player's name and birth year/team name: _____

Child #2:

Player's name and birth year/team name: _____

Child #3:

Player's name and birth year/team name: _____