

Ridley Park Athletic Club

Code of Conduct Policy

Effective April 1, 2009



The Ridley Park Athletic Club was founded in 1961 under the premise of providing sponsored youth athletic programs for children in and near to the Ridley Park Borough. RPAC has a rich tradition of valuing its members, their families, their children, friends and volunteers involved in all of its athletic programs. To that end, RPAC stipulates the following expectations regarding behaviors it believes would or would not create an environment that is respectful of other people and provides the best experience possible at all times.

All board members, coaches, parents/guardians, members, and other relatives in attendance are expected to act within our RPAC Code of Conduct at practices and RPAC sporting events. This prohibits the use of foul and offensive language, smoking, drinking, physically or verbally fighting with another person, conducting improper communication, and acting in a way that does not set a good example for our children. Everyone should be afforded the best experience, and if issues arise, matters should be resolved at the proper time and place and with guidance and assistance when needed.

The paragraphs below summarize the expectations of the various members of the Ridley Park Athletic Club:

RPAC Board members are held to the highest standard, and are expected to lead by example for the rest of the RPAC community.

Head coaches are responsible for themselves and their assistant coaches, and will share the fate of their assistant coaches if incidents arise. In addition to their own conduct, it is expected that both head coaches and assistant coaches will take steps as best they can to avoid conflict whenever possible and to act as a mediator whether it is between RPAC community members and/or opposing team community members. Community members are defined as players, coaches, parents, relatives, etc. All coaches are advised to seek guidance and assistance when necessary. All incidents must be reported to the President or other Board Member of RPAC to ensure awareness.

RPAC parents, relatives, friends and volunteers should strive to set a good example for their children, other children, and to be respectful of all people that attend practice or game in an effort to enjoy the entertainment of watching children play and perform.

All RPAC players are expected to act appropriately at all times, showing excellent sportsmanship and being respectful and kind to their fellow teammates, the teammates of their competitors, family, friends, umpires, coaches and others present at practices and competitive events. In every event of misconduct by a player, that player's parent/guardian will be notified, and the resulting penalty for the member's action will be explained in detail as well as the penalty for further misconduct on the part of the member.

Penalties range from a warning to expulsion from the Ridley Park Athletic Club, commensurate with the degree of misconduct. These provisions are in addition to any league sanctions that may be imposed as a result of poor conduct, and not in lieu of those sanctions.

All matters considered infractions to the Code of Conduct of the Ridley Park Athletic Club are subject to fair review by the RPAC Board, and all final decisions will be determined by the Ridley Park Athletic Club Board.

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and will follow the guidelines as stated in the Code of Conduct policy of the Ridley Park Athletic Club to ensure an ideal experience for all.

Name

Signature

Date

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