



RYDE ZONE PSSA

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Rationale

Ryde PSSA has agreed on a common Code of Conduct to ensure consistency in expectations and behaviours during competitions run by Ryde PSSA. Consistent expectations and behaviours will increase participant enjoyment and reduce the likelihood of injuries.

Values

Ryde PSSA values participation, skill development and enjoyment of sport. PSSA officials and coaches are school teachers, not professional coaches, who do their best to ensure that all students are provided with the opportunity to compete in a fair and respectful competition.

Expectations

All schools, coaches, students, parents and spectators are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct. The relevant Code of Conduct must be signed by all schools, students, staff and parents of participating students, and returned to the school before they can participate in a PSSA competition.

SCHOOL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:

[NAME OF SCHOOL] agrees to the following Code of Conduct:

1. Our school will require the students and parents to:
 - a. Treat one another with dignity.
 - b. Speak and behave courteously.
 - c. Cooperate with others.
2. Our school will teach our students that:
 - a. A respectful game is more important than a victory.
 - b. Learning to lose is part of participating in sport.
3. Our school will:
 - a. Make reasonable accommodations to assist with bus transportation of schools.
 - b. Abide by the relevant local council ground rules as a community participant.
 - c. Ensure our coaches attending games are given a copy of the rules for the sport they attend.
 - d. Enforce the Codes of Conduct signed by our coaches, students and parents/caregivers in accordance with our school policy.
4. A representative from our school will attend each Ryde PSSA meeting or provide an apology to the Ryde PSSA secretary prior to the meeting.

Name: (Principal) _____ **Date:** _____



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COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT:

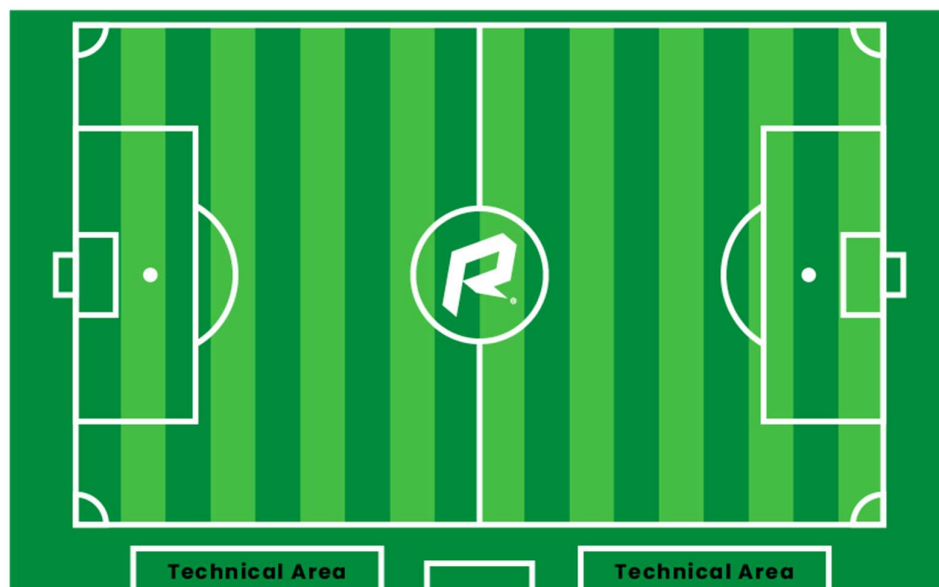
I, _____, coach of _____ (*sport*) agree to the following Coach's Code of Conduct.

I will:

- 1) Coach the team and umpire/referee the game according to the rules published on the Ryde PSSA website.
- 2) Ensure that students not playing in a match and under my duty of care are in the designated technical area.
- 3) Support my opposing coach to monitor the behaviour of the students from the opposing school if the coach is umpiring, refereeing or attending to an incident.
- 4) Remind students that school sport is played using modified rules which may differ from community sport.
- 5) Teach my students that:
 - a) A respectful game is more important than a victory.
 - b) Learning to lose is part of participating in sport.
- 6) Support the use of age-appropriate development exercises, drills and equipment.
- 7) Be a model of positive sporting behaviour for my students.

Signed: (Coach) _____ **Date:** _____

Example technical area below:



Soccer Technical Area



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STUDENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT:

I, _____ (name) of _____ (class) agree to the following Player's Code of Conduct.

I acknowledge that I am a representative of my school and my behaviour reflects upon my school community.

I will:

- 1) Represent my school in a safe, respectful and responsible manner at all times.
- 2) Follow the school rules when at school to give my teachers confidence that I will behave appropriately outside school grounds.
- 3) Play for the enjoyment of sport.
- 4) Play by the rules and always respect the umpires' and coaches' decisions, even if I believe they are incorrect.
- 5) Make no criticisms either by word or gesture.
- 6) Not distract or interfere with an opponent or an opponent's strategy.
- 7) Work equally hard for myself and my team. My team's performance will benefit and so will my own.
- 8) Be willing to train and prepare for the game or competition. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.
- 9) Be a good sport. Applaud good play of my teammates and that of my opponents.
- 10) At all times cooperate with my coach, teammates and opponents, for without them I do not have a competition.
- 11) Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve my skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.
- 12) Behave responsibly while travelling on the bus or walking to and from a venue.
- 13) Behave responsibly while not participating in an organised match and remain in the assigned technical area.

I have read the Code of Conduct carefully with my parents and understand it.

I am aware that:

- A. I may be asked to leave the field of play if I breach this Code of Conduct.
- B. The school may terminate or suspend my participation in PSSA sport if and when a serious breach of this Code of Conduct occurs or if there is a recurrent breach after a warning has been given.
- C. Following a suspension, my coach may elect to select another player.
- D. I may become ineligible to participate in Ryde PSSA Carnivals.

Signed: (Child) _____ **Date:** _____



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PARENT AND CAREGIVER'S CODE OF CONDUCT:

I agree to:

1. Encourage my child to always play by the rules published on the Ryde PSSA website, which are modified to reflect the needs of Ryde PSSA sport.
2. Remain on the opposite side of the playing field from the designated technical area.
3. Encourage my child to respect and follow the Player Code of Conduct.
4. Applaud good performance and efforts by all individuals and teams. When watching a game, congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
5. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by refraining from verbal abuse such as foul language and harassing or questioning teachers, players or umpires from my team or another team.
6. Encourage my child to work towards skill improvement.
7. Never ridicule my child or any other child on the team for making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivational.
8. Not publicly question the officials' judgement or question their honesty.
9. Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teachers in coaching positions. They give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child and deserve your support.
10. Respect the umpires' and coaches' decisions, even if you feel they are incorrect.
11. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn the use of violence in any form.
12. Understand my role is to not coach from the sideline or interrupt the play of the game.
13. Keep any pets on leashes or restrained from children. Be aware that some children may have an allergy to dogs or be afraid of them.

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct. I am aware that not following the Code of Conduct may result in being asked to leave the grounds and/or not attend any future games.

Signed: (Parent/Caregiver) _____ **Date:** _____