



PLAYER/PARENT HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Durango Rapids Soccer Club and our teams! Durango Rapids Soccer Club (DRSC) is the premier soccer club in the Four Corners area. We welcome any youth who has a love of soccer, a desire to develop his/her skills in the game and enjoys the spirit of competition.

This handbook is a reference guide for players, parents and coaches and makes readily available the information necessary to assist you in your role as a club member. It outlines the responsibilities of its members for fees, codes of conduct, volunteering, team structures and assignments, game and tournament opportunities, administrative policies and procedures, etc.

DRSC continuously strives to improve the experience of its members, and realizes it is the members that create the culture. Therefore, we have an open-door policy with all members, and any suggestion, recommendation, or concern can be presented at any time to the Executive Director, Directors of Coaching, the Board President or any member of the Board of Directors.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Durango Rapids Soccer Club is to teach and promote the game of **soccer and** guide all players through a journey of self-development in a competitive environment for success in life.

This is accomplished through a focus on (1) mentoring a player's skill advancement and tactical understanding of soccer and (2) the following player foundational pillars:

- Character
- Commitment
- Work Ethic
- Selflessness
- Leadership

BACKGROUND

DRSC is a member of, and sanctioned by, Colorado Soccer Association, which is a member of the US Youth Soccer Association. US Youth Soccer is the largest member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body for soccer in the United States.

Founded in 1913, U.S. Soccer was one of the world's first organizations to be affiliated with Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), soccer's world governing body.

DRSC dual registers its players and teams with Colorado Soccer Association (CSA) and New Mexico Youth Soccer Association. (NMYSA). By doing so our teams can play in leagues in both states, and tournaments that are sanctioned by US Youth Soccer. It also provides liability insurance for the club and supplemental medical insurance for players and coaches who are injured during sanctioned events (including practices, games and tournaments). To have the coverage, all the participating coaches and players must be registered with CSA and NMYSA That is one important reason why we do not allow unregistered players, coaches, or managers to participate. CSA and NMYSA also provides many services and programs that are important to DRSC. To learn more about Colorado Soccer Association please visit its website at <http://www.coloradosoccer.org/>

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

DRSC is governed by an elected Board of Directors. The Board consists of up to 15 Directors that include a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The responsibilities of the Board are set forth in the By-Laws, which can be found on the DRSC website www.durangosoccer.com under” Resources / Club Documents”.

In addition to the Board of Directors, DRSC has an Executive Director and two Directors of Coaching who are in charge of coach and player development and the assignment of players to teams. We also have an Administrator and Club Registrar to handle organizational matters. Volunteers will be needed from time to time to help with administrative and organizational matters.

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting: DRSC Board of Directors meets the first Wednesday of each month at The Wells Group. Many things that have direct impact on teams, players, and parents are discussed at Board meetings. These meetings are open to any member, parent, or coach. The **DRSC Annual Meeting** is held at the beginning of each Fall Season in conjunction with the June monthly Board Meeting and we urge teams' parents to attend since Board members are nominated and elected at this meeting. The DRSC Annual Meeting time is 7:30 pm. Monthly Board of Directors Meeting times are April – October 7:30; November – March 6:00. The Meeting dates and times are posted on our website.

DRSC REGISTRATION

the Spring season. Registration is open June 1 – July 1. A \$150 non-refundable deposit is required. Registrations after July 1 will result in an additional non-refundable \$50 late fee.

High School Boys register in the Fall of each calendar year. A \$150 non-refundable deposit is required. Registration deadline is October 31; registration after October 31 will result in \$50 non-refundable late fee.

If you are a high school aged athlete who participates in tournament only play must pay 50% of the registration fee in full (non-refundable) plus the volunteer deposit fee (refundable) prior to practice and play.

All Teams are formed based on these registrations. Each player's commitment to play for a team is important since the entire team depends on each player's participation and contribution. DRSC will try to place on a team every player registered by the deadline. Once teams are full, players will be placed on a Wait List until a space opens or until enough players have registered to form an additional team. Teams are structured by the discretion of the Executive Director and the Directors of Coaching.

All players are required to fill out an online Membership Registration that can be accessed from our website www.durangosoccer.com and found under "Registration". Parents also need to provide a small picture (head shot only) for a player card and pay the Annual Membership Fee and Volunteer Deposit. All players must have on file with DRSC their current year parent-signed registration form and parent-signed medical release form to be eligible to play. All new players to the Club must also submit a copy of a state issued birth certificate to be eligible.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A player is eligible to play once the following requirements are met:

- 1) All past due financial obligations are met
- 2) Online registration is completed
 - a. \$150 **non-refundable** deposit
 - b. DRSC registration fees are paid in full Or
 - c. Compliance with a payment plan
 - d. \$80 Volunteer Deposit paid in full
- 3) All team fees paid in full no later than 5 weeks from the first practice date or payment arrangement has been made with team manager
- 4) Online registration is completed

- 5) Birthdate is verified by submitting Birth Certificate or Passport to Registrar
- 6) Registration/Medical/liability release form is signed by parent and submitted to manager
- 7) Copy of current valid insurance card submitted to manager
- 8) Photo (head shot) is uploaded into Sport Connect and player card is printed
- 9) Parent Code of Conduct is signed and submitted to team manager

Any player who has not met the above requirements is not eligible to play and will not be allowed to play any games until eligibility requirements are met.

Age Eligibility - DRSC accepts players age 9U

Soccer Age Group - The Player's Age on January 1 is the age used for the Soccer Age. Complete age matrix for the soccer year is posted on the DRSC website under the "Birth Year and Season Matrix". The player's Birth year, not school grade, will determine the player's soccer age group and team placement.

The Matrix will also show the age group by "U" age groups, i.e. 09U through 19U. The Complete Matrix can be found on the DRSC website at www.durangosoccer.com.

TEAM FORMATION

09U-10U TEAMS – All teams will be Developmental Teams. If there is more than one team within an age/gender grouping, the teams will be structured as evenly as possible with regards to skill level and number of players. 9U/10U Age groups may be combined.

11-12U TEAMS – Identification Trainings (tryouts) will be held for the 11U & 12U age groups.

Identification Trainings are optional. Identification Trainings cost \$10 per player. Players may try out for the Select Team or choose to be on the Developmental Team. Any player who tries out for the Select team but is not placed on that team will automatically be placed on the Developmental Team. Players will be evaluated and placed on teams based on their skill, attitude, coachability, commitment level, and coach recommendation.

A player may be moved between Select and Developmental teams (in either direction) at any time during the year at the discretion of the Director of Coaching. The numbers of players in an age group, and the ability of the players, can dictate the structure of teams. Ultimately, player placement and team structure are at the discretion of the Directors of Coaching. 11U/12U Age groups may be combined.

11U-15U TEAMS – Identification Trainings will be held for 13U, 14U players, and U15 8th graders.

Identification Trainings are optional. Identification Trainings cost \$10 per player. Players may try out for the Select Team or choose to be on the Developmental Team. Any player who tries out for the Select team but is not placed on that team will automatically be placed on the Developmental Team. Players will be evaluated and placed on teams based on their skill, attitude, coachability, commitment level, and coach recommendation.

A player may be moved between Select and Developmental teams (in either direction) at any time during the year at the discretion of the Director of Coaching. The numbers of players in an age group, and the ability of the players, can dictate the structure of teams. Ultimately, player placement and team structure are at the discretion of the Directors of Coaching. 13U & 14U teams may be combined.

15U-19U TEAMS – Select and Developmental teams will be structured at the age group of the oldest player on the team(s).

Identification Trainings are optional and cost \$10 per player. Players may try out for the 19U Select Team or choose to be on the Developmental Team(s). Any player who tries out for the Select team but is not placed on that team will automatically be placed on the Developmental Team(s). Players are evaluated and placed on teams based on their skill, attitude, coachability, commitment level, and coach recommendation. 15U-19U Team(s) are structured based on age, grade, ability and number of participants. Any player movement between age groups will be done at the discretion of the Director of Coaching.

A player may be moved between any teams (in either direction) at any time during the year at the discretion of the Directors of Coaching.

8th GRADE 15U BOYS – Boys who are in the 15U age group but in 8th grade (instead of 9th grade) will be placed on teams at the discretion of the Directors of Coaching. Team structure and player placement will be dependent on number of 15U 8th graders, ability, and the numbers in the 14U age group. After the Durango High School boys' Fall Junior Varsity soccer season concludes, the 15U player may be moved to a 15U team. Player movement and team structure is at the discretion of the Directors of Coaching.

8th GRADE 15U GIRLS – In Spring season, 8th grade 15U girls will follow same policy listed above for 8th Grade 15U boys Fall season (HS Girls play HS season in Spring).

All teams will participate in local and out of town games and tournaments.

Player Placement: The Executive Director and Directors of Coaching are ultimately responsible for the placement of all players. When a player commits to the club, the commitment is for two seasons–Fall and Spring and will be charged the full non-refundable registration fee for the full year. A player may be moved between Developmental and Select teams (in either direction), and age groups, at any time during the year, at the discretion of the Executive Director and the Directors of Coaching.

IDENTIFICATION TRAININGS

Identification Trainings for the 11U-19 Select Teams will be held each May/early June to form teams for the next soccer year.

Identification Training for 15U-19 Boys Select Team will be held late Fall/early winter to form teams for the next soccer year.

DURANGO RAPIDS SC GUIDELINES

SOCCER YEAR:

August 1 through July 31

For High School Boys: Jan 1 through Dec 31.

FALL PLAYING SEASON: Mid August – last game or tournament

SPRING PLAYING SEASON: March – last game or tournament

Age of team	9U-10	11U - 12	13U - 15	16U - 19
Roster Size Max*.	12	14	18	22
Ball Size	4	4	5	5
Game Format	7v7	9v9	11 v 11	11 v 11
Proposed # games: Fall	10-14	14 - 18	14 - 18	15 - 20
Proposed # games: Spring	10-14	14 - 18	14 - 18	15 - 20
Proposed # Tournaments	1-2 per season	2 per season	2-3 per season	2-4 per season

- Occasionally roster sizes may exceed the maximum in order to place all players on a team. Every effort will be made not to have oversized rosters. In the event a roster exceeds the maximum size, game play will be evenly distributed among the players.

Team Makeup: 09U, 10U teams are not structured by ability. 11U-14U teams are structured on age, gender and ability. 15U-19U teams are structured on age, gender and ability.

Playing time: 9U-12U Developmental teams should strive for at least 50% playing time for all players. As players mature, playing time can be administered based on effort, skill and participation in practice. However, playing time will be adjusted if your player is not attending practice or games.

11U through 19U Select & Developmental teams - playing time is determined by the coach based upon the attitude, effort, commitment and ability of players.

Players Added Mid-Year would follow these guidelines:

- 1) Add to existing roster if space is available (09U-10U)
- 2) Add to Developmental roster if space is available (11U – 19U)
- 3) Form a new team if numbers warrant.
- 4) All players will be placed by the Executive Director and the Directors of Coaching.

TOURNAMENTS

Durango Rapids teams generally participate in at least two tournaments per season. The Directors of Coaching are responsible for making tournament recommendations based on each team's skill and age level.

TEAM COACH & MANAGER

Each team will have a Coach and a Team Manager.

COACH: The Coach works directly with the players, the Team Manager, and the Directors of Coaching.

TEAM MANAGER: The Team Manager is a volunteer who works directly with the Coach and is the liaison between the Coach and the parents, the Club, and other managers. Team Manager duties include communication regarding practices, games, cancellations, field use, team finances and help recruiting volunteers.

TEAM MANAGER DUTIES

Player cards:

Managers are responsible for collecting the CSA-approved medical/liability release form and obtaining a copy of a current medical insurance card. The manager makes sure every player has uploaded a current photo into Sports Connect before player cards are printed and laminated. The team book, containing player cards, signed registration/medical release forms must be at all practices, games and tournaments and may be kept by the coach or team manager.

Tournaments:

The Team Manager is responsible for sending in Tournament Applications and collecting team fees from parents. For out of town “Stay to Play” tournaments, the Manager is responsible for making hotel arrangements for the team. If a player cannot attend a tournament, it is that player’s responsibility to notify both the coach and the Team Manager. All team members are financially responsible for the team fees for the tournament, even if not attending.

Team Member Contact List:

Using the TeamSnap app the team manager will give player and parent contact information including email addresses and phone numbers to all team parents.

Maps:

For away games, the Team Manager should notify players and parents about the pre-game rendezvous time and place and provide maps and directions to the away field locations. Maps can often be found either on the DRSC website or the website of the Club hosting the games or tournaments.

Recruits Team Parent Volunteers:

The team manager recruits and coordinates team parent volunteers for various team duties and DRSC club events.

COSTS – Membership Fee, Team Fees, Tournaments, Volunteer Deposit and Uniform

The amount of the annual membership fee depends upon the age of the player. Current Fees for the soccer year are as follows:

09 – 12U: \$465.00

13U – 14U: \$535.00 (Including U15 8th graders)

15U+: \$470.00 (Not including U15 8th graders)

*\$23 of fee goes directly to New Mexico Youth Soccer Association for player insurance.

A **family discount** is available to parents with more than one player participating in DRSC. The Family Discount is \$25.00 for the second and all subsequent players.

Before a Player will be allowed to play or practice either full payment or payment plans must be made, or Scholarships must be arranged through the DRSC Administrator. **The Family Volunteer Deposit** of \$80.00 must also be paid.

Registrations submitted after the registration deadline is subject to **\$50 late fee**.

Once the fees have been paid, the player has committed to the club. If a player withdraws from the club thereafter, the fee is nonrefundable unless there are unusual and unforeseen circumstances such as an injury that prevents play for an extended period or a move 100+ miles out of town. Refunds always require Board approval. A written request for refund must be submitted to the Club Administrator, which will be considered at the next Board of Directors meeting.

The Annual DRSC fee is used by the Club to pay the following areas of expense:

- coaching and coaching structure
- coach development
- insurance through Colorado Soccer Association
- referees
- field rental & maintenance
- equipment
- administration

All subsequent Club costs and player benefits are covered by income generated by the Durango Shootout Tournament, local community business donations, and other fundraisers.

Payment Plans and Scholarships

Payment plans must be made through the Online Registration System. Partial Scholarships are available.

All Scholarship requests must be submitted online and approved by the DRSC Board of Directors at the August Board of Directors meeting. Scholarship application can be found on the DRSC website under the “Resources” tab. **The scholarship application deadline is July 31.** HS age boys’ scholarship application deadline is November 30th.

*Scholarships are only available for individual players. Teams are not eligible for scholarships

Team Fees

Team Fees are separate from your players annual registration fee and cover the cost of tournament and league application fees, coach per diems, and any additional team expenses. All rostered players are responsible for a share of the team fees each fall and spring season whether they participate in league games and or the tournament(s).

AVERAGE Team Fees:

U9/10's	-\$275-\$340
U11/12	-\$350-\$385
U13/14	-\$380-\$450
High School	-\$415-\$525

Differential is based on which tournaments the team attends, which league the team participates in, and how many players are on the team. Paid Head Coaches are to receive a per diem for each tournament and league games. The Team Fees cover only one coach to attend out of town tournaments and games.

Volunteer Deposit - one per family per year

To keep annual fees at a reasonable level, DRSC hosts annual tournament fundraisers. These tournaments require significant manpower to function properly and be successful, so having member parent volunteers at these events is crucial. In instances where there are insufficient volunteers, DRSC must recruit paid help to assist with the event(s). Therefore, each family is required to pay one Volunteer Deposit of \$80.00 per year that will be refunded upon completion of assigned volunteer duties associated with these tournament fundraisers at a rate of \$20 per hour volunteered (team fundraisers and events do not qualify for refunds). Non-refunded deposits will be set aside to cover expenses in the absence of volunteer help. Team fundraising activities (of any kind), team “helpers” and team community service projects do not qualify as DRSC Club volunteer events. Only DRSC Club-sponsored events qualify for refunds. Officially assigned Parent Coaches and Managers are exempt from this deposit.

Uniform

A standard Club uniform is a required set of equipment for all players. A uniform package is not covered in the annual club fees and must be purchased individually by each player. Rio Rapids Durango uniforms can be ordered online on the DRSC website under the “Uniforms” tab or may be purchased from: soccer.com

NOTE: Jersey numbers are assigned by DRSC.

The Club is not responsible for lost or damaged uniforms. Care, maintenance and replacement are the responsibility of the member. The member has the right to loan, sell or donate uniforms to other members at his/her own discretion.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Families are expected to participate in DRSC volunteer work. Volunteers are always needed at our Durango Shootout tournament and other fundraisers. For player fees to be kept at a reasonable level, these fundraisers must generate at least 30% of our annual budget. Without the commitment and hard work of volunteers the financial success of these fundraisers is not possible.

VOLUNTEER POLICY

Each family is required to pay a \$80.00 Volunteer Deposit per year that will be refunded upon completion of an assigned volunteer duty associated with our tournament fundraisers at a rate of \$20 per hour volunteered. Team fundraising activities (of any kind), team “helpers” and team community service projects do not qualify as DRSC Club volunteer events. Only DRSC Club-sponsored events qualify for refunds.

When the Club needs volunteers, the Club Volunteer Coordinator will contact the Team Managers with a list of assigned or requested duties to share with their team. DRSC will post the available volunteer duties online and Volunteers must sign up online to record their volunteer time. This is an important part of Club soccer, and all families are urged to participate.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Being registered with more than one soccer club (“dual registration”) at any given time and holding more than one player card is strictly prohibited by USYSA. This does not prohibit a player from guest playing for a team from a different club, out-of-State clubs included, if that club is a member of USYSA.

If a player is registered with DRSC and decides he/she would like to register with a different club, he/she must get permission to be officially released from DRSC. To be released from DRSC,

1. All Registration and Team Fees need to be paid in full unless there are unusual and unforeseen circumstances (a move over 100 miles away).
2. The player must submit the NMYSA Release Form to one of the Directors of Coaching outlining reasons for the release.
3. If all requirements have been met according to the NMYSA rules & guidelines, and or you have moved over 100 miles away, the Director of Coaching will deem if a release is warranted and establish the terms of the release
4. Final decision for a player release shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Please refer to the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association Rules and Procedures Manual for transfer of membership requirements located at <https://www.nmysa.net/>

FIELD CLOSURE

DRSC does not own any fields and is dependent on other community owners for field use. Field availability for games and practices is determined by our stewardship of these fields.

Fields shall not be utilized until teams receive permission from the Club.

Fields can be badly damaged if played upon when conditions are too wet. The decision to close the fields is usually made by the Executive Director or one of the Directors of Coaching or the DRSC Field Marshall. In the event of field closure, teams will be notified and under no circumstances should any team be utilizing the fields for practices or games.

NO DOGS

Dogs are not allowed on any of the field venues and surrounding properties. This is part of our agreement with the City of Durango and School District 9R. If you have a dog with you at any practice, game or tournament, you will be asked to leave. The Field Marshall, or a DRSC official, can take whatever action is necessary to have the dog removed from the property.

REFEREES

Most of our referees are local players and residents. They work hard to provide a good game experience and are always working to get better. Though you may not agree with every call a referee makes, you do not help anyone by yelling at the ref before, during, or after a game, nor will you “improve” an official’s call by exhibiting such behavior. You serve your team and the soccer community best by keeping quiet. However, if you think a referee has done a good job, a word of appreciation is always welcome after the end of the game.

Every DRSC team is urged to have at least 2 certified referees (non-players). If you would like to become a referee, a referee training and certification class is sponsored by DRSC each fall. Please call the DRSC office for up-coming classes.

Referee Recertification Policy

DRSC will reimburse up to \$80 per referee certification and \$30 per re-certification until the Budget is exhausted. Reimbursement will be paid once 4 games have been worked. Also, games will be paid once 4 games have been completed.

CODES OF CONDUCT

General Principles:

- DRSC will not tolerate sexual, racial, or any other type of discrimination
- DRSC will encourage an atmosphere of openness, cooperation, respect, and support.
- DRSC will encourage loyalty within the team and the Club.
- DRSC members will positively promote the image and development of the game of soccer.

USYSA's CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SOCCER SPECTATORS

1.As spectators we will refrain from booing or yelling at officials at any time during a match because we are aware of the following:

- Such behavior on our part sets a poor example of sportsmanship.
- Such behavior reflects negatively on our community, our team, our players and us.
- Most youth soccer officials have had limited experience and formal training and do the best job they can, given these limitations.
- Most soccer officials make correct calls even though we sometimes see the incident otherwise.
- If officials do make incorrect calls during a match, the following circumstances usually apply:
 - The number of poor calls usually balances out for both teams.
 - No one is perfect.

- The officials don't have the same observation point afforded the spectators sitting in the bleachers.
- An occasional incorrect call seldom affects the outcome of a match.
- There are more effective channels for correcting poor officiating than verbal abuse during the match.
- We don't really know how difficult it is to officiate a soccer match until we've run on the 'pitch' in the official's 'boots.'

During a match we will refrain from yelling at players on either team because we are aware of the following:

- They are young people, not soccer professionals, who, due to limited playing experience and great enthusiasm, may make mistakes.
- Encouragement and praise should be made in public; constructive criticism is best made in private.
- The coach is the best equipped to analyze and correct deficiencies in soccer skills. Our attempts to be helpful in this respect may only confuse the players.
- The golden rule applies. Treat other players with the same courtesy, respect and consideration, that we want other supporters to show our own player.

3. At soccer matches we will refrain from being argumentative or using abusive language towards supporters of the players on the opposing team because we are aware of the following:

- Others are judging us on our actions and words. We will always strive to ensure that the results of this judgment are a verdict of "GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP".
- We will conduct ourselves in such a courteous and restrained manner that if called upon to do so, we could line up in front of the bleachers after the match and shake hands with each supporter of the opposing team in the same way players are expected to do after each match.

4. If our team loses, we will demonstrate our ability to cope with the loss in both deed and word, because we are aware of the following:

- In soccer, as in other aspects of life, it is not always possible to win no matter how supreme the effort.
- When victory eludes us, we must learn to accept it as graciously as we do our triumphs.
- It may be just possible that a loss is since the opposing team played the match better than our team.
- Our players should learn from our reactions to a loss that:
 - We feel they played their best, which just wasn't good enough on this day.
 - They should hold their heads up high; there is no shame attached to honest effort – win or lose.

- There is always something to learn from a loss.
- There is nothing gained from brooding; players should be encouraged to put the match behind them and look forward to the next opportunity to play.
- Seeking scapegoats, such as “biased officials”, “poor turf”, or “poor performance by one or two teammates” is not a mature or healthy reaction to the loss. Such a crutch prevents acceptance of reality.
- Whether away from or at the field, our words and actions should convey a philosophy of soccer which includes:

The real purpose of soccer competition is to have FUN, to be able to participate to improve skills, to learn sportsmanship, to develop a sense of responsibility and self-discipline, to develop a group loyalty and comradeship, to learn to compete within established rules, to accept decisions of authorized officials, to seek interpretation or change through proper channels and to develop sound minds and bodies.

FIFA Code of Conduct:

The DRSC endorses the FIFA’s rules for fair play:

- Play the game for the game’s sake.
- Be generous when you win.
- Be graceful when you lose.
- Be fair always no matter what the cost.
- Obey the laws of the game.
- Work for the good of your team.
- Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.
- Believe in the honesty of your opponents.
- Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

DRSC Players’ Code of Conduct:

- Understand the rules of the game and play by them.
- Be punctual and prepared for all training sessions and games. This includes having equipment on and being dressed appropriately.
- Cooperate with and be respectful to all coaches, teammates, opponents, and match officials.
- Support your teammates, Club members, teams and coaches.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- Do not talk to fans during matches.
- Do not argue with officials.
- Talk to opposing players should be limited to congratulations and offers of assistance.
- Do not use abusive or profane language.

- Fighting or physical violence will result in a mandatory suspension; fighting after a suspension may result in dismissal from the Club.
- The DRSC Board will review the status of any player who is ejected from two games in a 12month period or accumulates excessive cautions.
- No consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs.

DRSC Coaches' Code of Conduct:

- Understand the rules of the game and ensure that players understand and follow them.
- Be punctual and prepared for all training sessions and games.
- Show respect for your players and opponents.
- Do not use abusive or profane language.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- The Director of Coaching will review the status of any coach who is ejected from a game. The DRSC Board will review a second ejection.
- Do not talk to fans, opposing players, or opposing coaches during games, except to offer congratulations and assistance.
- Coaching from the sidelines during games should be limited and positive.
- Do not argue with officials or make derisive comments to or about them.
- Do not criticize a player in front of other players.
- Support other DRSC coaches, teams and players.
- Wear appropriate attire to all training sessions and games in accordance with club and coaching policies.
- Tobacco, alcohol, and non-prescription drugs are prohibited during all training sessions and games.
- Improper contact or relationships with players will result in immediate expulsion.

DRSC Parents' Code of Conduct:

- Provide only positive support during games.
- Do not criticize your child's teammates or coaches in the presence of your child or his/her teammates or other parents.
- Do not talk to players or coaches for either team during matches, except to offer support, congratulations or assistance. All parents must remain on the opposite side of the field from the coach and team during a game.
- No abusive or profane language.
- Do not argue with or make comments to officials.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- Parents will not knowingly participate in or knowingly permit violations or circumvention of DRSC rules.
- Do not argue with opposing fans.

- Do not criticize opponents in their presence or in the presence of their fans.
- Fighting or physical violence will result in automatic suspension from DRSC premises and activities. Repeat violations will result in expulsion from the Club.
- The DRSC Board will review the status of any parent who is ejected from a game.
- If you have a problem with a member of the DRSC coaching staff, please give a 48-hour cooling off period before contacting the individual concerned.
 - Dogs are not permitted on any part of the soccer fields or sidelines unless they are trained to provide special assistance for persons with disabilities. This applies to both games and practices.

I will discuss issues concerning my child:

- Only with the coach first, then the Director of Coaching
- Not with the manager or any other parent
- Only at a time mutually agreed upon with the coach
- Not immediately prior to, during or directly after a game

Violations of Code of Conduct:

Coaches have primary responsibility for addressing violations by players. The Directors of Coaching have primary responsibility for addressing violations by coaches.

Parents should do their best to hold other parents accountable for following the Code of Conduct. If violations persist, the team manager or any team parent should report the activity to the club President, Executive Director, Directors of Coaching, Administrator, or any Board Member. They, in consultation with the DRSC Board of Directors, will address serious or repeat violations or any other inappropriate behavior.

All players or parents who have committed serious offense(s), and or repeated behaviors, will have to meet with the DRSC Disciplinary Committee. Sanctions that may be imposed include, but are not limited to, reprimand, suspension from team or Club activities and facilities, and in certain cases, expulsion from the Club. When appropriate, the Board of Directors will report violations to Colorado Soccer Association. DRSC will support and impose all sanctions recommended or imposed by Colorado Soccer Associations.

GRIEVANCES

All grievances and complaints should be resolved in accordance with Club, Colorado Soccer Association, and New Mexico Youth Soccer Association rules, policies, and procedures. If no clearly applicable rules, policies, or procedures exist, the Board of Directors will make the final determination.

Grievances or complaints about team matters should be directed to team managers and, if possible, should be resolved at the team level. If the matter cannot be resolved at the team level, the team managers should present the grievance or complaint to one of the Directors of Coaching. The Director of Coaching may assist in resolving the matter or refer the matter to the Executive Director who will determine if the issue needs to go to the Board of Directors.

Grievances or complaints about player issues should be discussed with the team coach and, if possible, should be resolved at that level. If the matter cannot be resolved with the coach, the issue should be taken to one of the Directors of Coaching.

The Director of Coaching has the authority to resolve the matter, make a recommendation to the Board, or refer the matter to the Board.

APPENDIX:

Please see our web site www.durangosoccer.com for the following documents and schedules.

- **Coaches Per Diem**
- **Club Contact List**
- **DRSC Fundraising Policy**

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