



Rio Rapids Durango Soccer Club

Abuse, Bullying, Harassment and Hazing Policy

The Rio Rapids Durango Soccer Club (RRDSC) is committed to providing players a fun, positive, and secure environment in which to learn and enjoy the game of soccer. We do not tolerate abuse, harassment, bullying or hazing at any practice, game or other RRDSC sanctioned event. We will promote a TELLING atmosphere. This means that anyone who knows these behaviors are taking place is expected to report the incident. Club members should be assured that they will be supported when these behaviors are reported.

Mandatory Reporting of Child and Sexual Abuse

On February 14th, 2018, the President of the United States signed the *Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act of 2017* which is aimed at protecting amateur athletes from sexual abuse.

Here are your requirements under the law:

- Any adult interacting with amateur athletes* has a duty to report child abuse and or suspected abuse within 24 hours. EVERY adult is a mandatory reporter. You must report this abuse as follows:
 - 1) to *Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)*, from a cell phone by texting #SAFE (#7233) or by calling 1-855-333-SAFE (7233), and
 - 2) to Kate Stahlin, Director of Operations Rio Rapids Durango SC, 970-946-7719
 - All Club employees, coaches, staff or volunteers who directly interact with players in RRDSC sanctioned events must complete SafeSport training modules on Mandatory Reporting, Sexual Misconduct Awareness, and Emotional and Physical Misconduct at least once every 2 years.

**What is an amateur athlete?* Any child or minor under the age of 18. The full legislation is available for review ([click here](#)).

You don't have to be certain that sexual abuse is occurring to make a report. Suspecting abuse requires you to report. Leave the investigating and questioning to the authorities.

- Never attempt to conduct your own investigation.
- Don't question the person accused or anyone else.

- Don't extensively question a child who discloses abuse to you.

Frequently asked questions about mandated reporting:

[Mandated Reporting](#)

A failure to report can lead to a jail sentence of up to 1 year and/or a fine of not more than \$1,000 in Colorado.

Reporting Bullying, Harassment, Hazing and Other Instances of Abuse

If you witness or suspect incidents of bullying, harassment, hazing or other instances of abuse (that do not fall under the mandatory reporting requirements listed above) that have occurred during an RRDSC sanctioned event, you should **report them within 24 hours by completing the RRDSC Incident Report** found at the following link:

*****ADD LINK once on website

Submit the Incident Report to all of the following individuals as noted on the form:

- Rio Rapids Durango SC Board President
- Rio Rapids Durango SC Director of Operations
- Appropriate Rio Rapids Durango SC Age Group Director

Member Conduct Recommendations

To ensure a safe and secure environment, we ask that all Club members abide by the following member conduct recommendations:

[Parents Code of Conduct](#)

[Players Code of Conduct](#)

[Coaches and Referee Codes of Conduct?](#)