

# Durango Rapids SC Player's Code of Conduct

The following standards are established by the Colorado State Youth Soccer Association (CSYSA) and govern the behavior of all Durango Rapids SC players before, during, and after soccer matches.

## 1. Preparation and Rules

- 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.

## 2. Respect and Conduct

- 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**.
- Demonstrate respect toward teammates, opponents, referees, coaches, and spectators at all times.

## 3. During Matches and Opponent Interaction

- **Interactions with opposing players should remain respectful and limited to sportsmanship** (e.g., congratulations and offers of assistance).
- Limit sideline communication to coaches and teammates; **do not engage with spectators during games**.
- **Do not argue with officials**.

## 4. Prohibited Behavior (Revised)

- The **use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, vaping products, illegal substances, or performance-enhancing drugs is strictly prohibited** at all club activities (including training, games, and travel).
- Do not use abusive or profane language.
- Never engage in **bullying, hazing, teasing, or exclusionary behavior**.
- Fighting or physical violence will result in a mandatory suspension.

## 5. Digital Communication and Social Media Use

- Use social media **responsibly** and never post negative comments about teammates, coaches, referees, or opponents.

- Avoid inappropriate use of messaging apps (e.g., group chats) for bullying, exclusion, or spreading negativity about the team, club, coaches, or opponents.

## **6. Disciplinary Action**

- Players who persist in violating these standards will jeopardize their standing.
- Fighting after a suspension may result in dismissal from the Club.
- The DRSC Board will review the status of any player ejected from two games in a 12-month period or who accumulates excessive cautions.
- Flagrant disregard for rules may result in stringent disciplinary action, including loss of standing, loss of out-of-state travel privileges, and/or complete removal from the Association.

**Member Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_