



Roanoke Valley Homeschool Recreation

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Philippians 4:13
I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me.

Roanoke Valley Homeschool Recreation, Inc. Organization and Code of Conduct (Revised: 7.24.11)

I.) WHO ARE WE?

We are a Christian organization that was created in the fall of 2002 *exclusively* for homeschooled children to provide them and their families a way to be involved in organized sports. Participants do not have to be Christian, but must abide by the rules set forth.

II.) ARE WE AFFILIATED WITH ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION?

We are not affiliated with or sanctioned by any other home school or sports organizations. We abide by regulations and rules set forth by VHSL and the National Soccer Federation. We will also make changes as deemed necessary to conform to the needs of the league.

III.) HOW ARE WE GOVERNED?

RVHR is not governed by a board. Final decisions will be made by me for the benefit of the league based on input from coaches, parents and players. Brian Frazier will be involved in decisions regarding game rules & regulations.

IV.) WHAT SPORTS PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE?

(Dates are subject to slight change year after year - please use for general planning purposes only)

Winter Basketball - January 10, 2011 through March 5, 2011

Spring Soccer - March 28, 2011 through May 20, 2011

Spring/Summer Baseball/T-ball - June 6, 2011 through July 22, 2011

Fall Soccer - August 22, 2011 through October 21, 2011

We take a break in November and December to enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas!

V.) WHAT EXPECTATIONS DO WE HAVE OF OUR COACHES?

Our coaches are volunteers. We appreciate their time and energy to coach young children and help raise strong, Christian athletes. They have a tremendous responsibility because they can have a life changing impact on a player's life.

- A. Coaches will pray with the team before each practice or ask for a volunteer from the players.
- B. The coach is there to inspire and encourage the children and help develop character, skills and a Christ-like attitude. The coach will not use profanity, any abusive or demeaning terms or speech that reflect on the character of any of the participants.
- C. Coaches are encouraged to develop winning game plans and encourage their players to play competitively and play to win the game. However, it is also important that the players are taught how to handle losses and whether they win or lose they need to play with respect and with a Christ-like attitude.
- D. The coach will be expected to set an example by wearing appropriate attire for the sport he/she is coaching. No body piercing or garments bearing expletive language or vulgar pictures or scenes will be tolerated on the practice or game field.
- E. The coach will only have practice on the day that has been assigned for his/her team.

- F. During the game, the coaches WILL NOT question the call of the referee in an openly visible manner. The coach should use half time or the end of the game to ask for clarification on a call. If the referee charges a coach with un-sportsman-like conduct, the referee will remove a player of his (referee) choice from the team of the coach that was charged. The team will then play down a player for the rest of the game.

VI.) WHAT EXPECTATION DO WE HAVE OF OUR PLAYERS?

The league has high standards for players and expects them to work together and encourage each other.

- A. All players are expected to listen to the coach and provide the coach with their undivided attention during practice. If the coach determines that a specific child is a continuous distraction to the team, he/she shall approach the parent and make Al Bedrosian aware of the situation. If this behavior continues, the coach can ask Al Bedrosian to have the player removed from his / her team and possibly from the league. If the player is removed from the team or league, there will be no refund.
- B. Players are expected to call/email the coach if they will miss practices or games. Team sports require team participation.
- C. All players are expected to be at practices and games on time. Five to ten minutes early for practice is reasonable. Fifteen minutes before a game is reasonable.
- D. The players are expected to dress appropriately. No body piercing or garments bearing expletive language or vulgar pictures or scenes will be tolerated on the practice or game field. If the inappropriate dress continues, the coach can remove the player.
- E. Players will not use profanity, crude gestures or inappropriate behavior.
- F. Players will NEVER talk back to a referee/question a call from a referee/or use language or conduct that is inappropriate. The referee has the option to either provide a warning, or remove the player from the field for 10 "game" minutes. If this happens twice in the same game, the player will be removed for the rest of the game and the following game. If this attitude continues in the next game, the player will be removed from the league permanently.
- G. Players cannot play in two different leagues at same time, ie, a player cannot play in RVHR and the Conquerors in the same season.

VII.) WHAT EXPECTATION DO WE HAVE OF OUR PARENTS?

Parents are encouraged and expected to be involved in the league as coaches/referees/spectators.

- A. We expect parents to encourage their children to do the best they can.
- B. We expect parents to be involved in their children's lives by actively participating in the league. Parents are invited to help with coaching, providing team refreshments, and other means of showing their support of the league.
- C. Parents should not play the role of coach unless they have signed up to coach. It is important for a parent to teach their children to respect the coaches' decisions and not to second guess what the coach has directed a player to do.
- D. Parents that continue to violate these expectations will receive a personal warning from Al Bedrosian. If this conduct continues, the entire family will be removed from the league permanently.
- E. During the season, parents will need to be very regular in checking email. This will be the standard mode of communication between coaches and players and between the league and parents.

VIII.) WHAT EXPECTATION DO WE HAVE OF OUR REFEREES?

Referees always have the final word on the field. Their conduct should be above reproach.

- A. At all times, referees should exhibit the highest level of professionalism, without the slightest evidence of favoritism.
- B. Referees should never raise their voice to players or coaches. The word of the referee is final. There is no need for a referee to engage in arguments with players or parents. Disruptive players and parents should immediately be removed from the field of play. Coaches have the responsibility to silence a disruptive parent of their team. If the conditions continue, the referee will terminate the game and the opposing team will receive the win, without regard to the score at the time. The score of the game will default to 2-0.