



RUSH CANADA SOCCER ACADEMY

Player and Parent Code of Conduct

Rush Canada Soccer Academy (“Rush Canada”) is committed to the long-term development of youth soccer players as well-rounded athletes and responsible members of their communities. Our Code of Conduct reflects the expectations of players and parents both on and off the field. We believe in promoting a culture of respect, discipline, and professionalism in alignment with the *Rush Way* and *Rush Core Values*.

Section 1: Player Code of Conduct

All Rush players agree to uphold the following standards:

- Soccer is a team sport. Any absence from practice or games impacts the entire team. Players must notify coaches as early as possible if they cannot attend.
- Players will give their best effort during all games, practices, and team events, and approach every session with a coachable mindset.
- Players will never argue with or show dissent toward referees. All fouls and decisions will be accepted without complaint. Players will thank referees after each match, regardless of the result.
- Taunting, bullying, or retaliation against opponents is strictly prohibited. Players will demonstrate sportsmanship and shake hands after every match.
- Players will follow coach instructions, maintain eye contact when address, and always respond respectfully.
- Players will foster a positive, supportive team environment. Criticism of teammates is unacceptable.
- Players will be respectful toward parents, club officials, match officials, and any representatives of other clubs or organizations.
- Players must arrive in full, clean Rush gear for all training sessions, matches, and official functions. Players are expected to represent the club with professionalism.
- Players must use social media responsibly. Posting harmful, disrespectful, or inappropriate content about teammates, coaches, officials, or the club will not be tolerated.
- Players will not use alcohol, vaping devices, tobacco, or illegal substances at any time.
- The use of profanity, disrespectful language, or gestures is always prohibited during club events.
- Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in a loss of playing time, suspension, or dismissal from the Academy.

Section 2: Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct

Rush Canada parents and guardians play a vital role in creating a respectful and supportive environment. All parents agree with the following:

- Parents will respect all match officials and refrain from challenging or criticizing referee decisions.
- Parents will stay in designated spectator areas. Coaching from the sidelines is prohibited.
- Parents will provide only positive encouragement to all players on the field — cheering effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
- Parents will take the time to learn the rules of the game and the structure of each league or tournament.
- Parents will trust coaching decisions related to team selection, playing time, positions, and strategy. Concerns will be raised respectfully and privately, and only after observing the 48-Hour Rule.
- Parents will not contact coaches to discuss concerns within 48 hours of a game to allow space for objective reflection and respectful dialogue.
- Parents will reinforce the values and expectations outlined in the Player Code of Conduct.
- One parent or guardian from each family is required to complete the *Respect in Sports – Parent* online course.
- Parents will support the mission, vision, and values that define Rush Canada’s identity and standards.
- Any unresolved concerns may be brought to the Academy Director or Club Administrator, but only after respectful attempts have been made to resolve the issue with the coach.
- Breaches of this Code may result in removal from matches, suspension of sideline privileges, or removal of the player from the Academy in serious cases.