



## Roanoke Valley Homeschool Recreation

**Philippians 4:13**

I can do all things through Christ  
who strengthens me.



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### **I.) WHO ARE WE?**

RVHR is a sports organization built around Christian principles of conduct. The organization was created 2002 exclusively for homeschooled children to provide them and their families with a way to be involved in organized sports. Participants do not have to be Christian but must abide by the rules set forth. **Every coach should be comfortable with the statement below AND have that as their testimony. If not, I would ask you not to be in a leadership role in RVHR.**

**"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who died for my sins and rose again, and I trust Him as my Lord and Savior".**

### **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 Al Bedrosian for the benefit of the league based on input from coaches, parents and players.

### **IV.) WHAT SPORTS PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE?**

Currently, we play Fall Soccer (August – October), Spring Soccer (March – May), and have a Soccer Camp for 5-9 year olds the first week of June.

### **V. WHAT EXPECTATIONS DO WE HAVE OF OUR COACHES?**

*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 or any abusive or demeaning speech.
- 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. No extreme 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. The amount of practice for each team is 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- 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 a coach becomes unruly and becomes an obstacle to allowing the game to proceed in an appropriate manner, the center ref will have the authority to call the game at that point. If continued disrespectful behavior is exhibited by the coach, I will remove them from coaching.

## **VI.) WHAT EXPECTATIONS 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 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 player removed from his / her team and possibly from the league.

B. Players are expected to call/email the coach if they are going to miss practice or games. Team sports require team participation.

C. All players are expected to be at practice 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 will contact Al Bedrosian to discuss appropriate action.

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. The team will play one player down. 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 the same time, ie, a player cannot play in RVHR and the Conquerors in the same season. We have very limited space – if you are already participating elsewhere in a league, we would appreciate providing that space for someone else.

## **VII.) WHAT EXPECTATIONS DO WE HAVE OF OUR PARENTS?**

*Parents are encouraged and expected to be involved in the league as coaches, referees, or spectators. Once a parent has decided on the role they will play, they should not participate in other roles. For example, if a parent has decided that they would like to just watch their children play this season as a spectator, they should not try to also ref the game!*

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 for the league.

C. Parents should not play the role of coach or referee unless they have signed up to coach or referee. It is important for a parent to teach their children to respect coaches and referees’ decisions and not to second guess the decisions of the coach/referee.

D. Parents that continue to violate these expectations will receive a personal warning from Al Bedrosian. If this 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 should be provided a warning and if conduct continues, player shall be removed from the field of play. Coaches have the responsibility to silence a disruptive parent of their team. If a parent continues to be disruptive in a game, the referee will have the right to end the game. This will be brought to the attention of Al Bedrosian. A parent that continues to be disruptive after warnings will have himself/herself and their family removed permanently from RVHR.