

# RESPECT THE GAME

1. All players, coaches, team staff, supporters and spectators (hereafter referred to as participants) at the BHSRNC are ambassadors of their team, BHSRNC, and USA Rugby, as well of the game of rugby in general. As such, each participant is expected to demonstrate respectful and responsible behavior at all times, both on and off the field.
2. Coaches must lead their teams by example and constructive direction. Coaches must lead their teams to abide by the highest standards of behavior good sportsmanship. Coaches are ultimately responsible for the behavior and actions of all players, staff, and supporters associated with their team
3. Participants must not exhibit behavior of any sort that would adversely affect the image of the rugby or the BHSRNC. This includes intentional foul play, “grandstanding”, “trash-talk”, threats, and/or verbal abuse. A participant must not before, during or after a match threaten, insult or disrespectfully address an opposing team’s player, coach or supporter.
4. A participant must not before, during or after a match threaten, insult or disrespectfully address a referee, touch judge, or other tournament official. Coaches must respect and publicly support match and tournament officials. Coaches must not indulge in conduct that would incite players or spectators against the officials. Referees, touch judges and tournament officials must likewise treat coaches, players, and spectators with due respect.
5. Participants are expected to celebrate victories with humility and respect towards their opponents and to accept defeats with grace and respect towards their opponents and the match officials. Players and coaches of both teams are expected to congratulate and show appreciation for their opponents with the rugby tradition of shaking hands after each match.
6. All players, parents and supporters must respect the rules of Swope Park and the Swope Soccer Village.
7. All participants must conduct themselves properly at all times and places during their tournament stay. This includes on the field, at tournament site, at hotels and public places in the host city, and travelling to and from the host city. In particular, damage to property or misbehavior by players, team staff and/or supporters at Swope Park or team hotels will make teams liable to sanction by the BHSRNC.

Violations of this Code of Conduct will be immediately addressed by the BHSRNC Disciplinary Committee. Sanctions may include removal from a match, the facility, or the BHSRNC. Sanctions may last from a single match up to permanent ban from participation at all BHSRNC events. Sanctions may be placed on a participant, multiple participants, and/or a team. All sanctions proscribed by the BHSRNC Disciplinary Committee will be enforced by the committee and appropriate coaching staff.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to RESPECT THE GAME and abide by the conditions set forth above.

Thank you, on behalf of the BHSRNC Committee, for your commitment to keep our game great.