



RICHMOND RETRIEVERS SPECIAL HOCKEY
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RULES AND CONDUCT

The safety of our players, coaches and volunteers is top of mind. In order to do that, all participants will adhere to our code of conduct on and off the ice. Everyone will treat others with respect and dignity. We understand everyone has bad days. However, continued inappropriate, abusive, aggressive behavior will not be tolerated and may result in the temporary removal from practice. The goal of the Richmond Retrievers is to provide a safe and positive environment for all involved while working toward our mission of making hockey for everyone. Protecting Players Through Abuse Prevention The Richmond Retrievers program adheres to the policies of the American Special Hockey Association (ASHA) and USA Hockey as it relates to sexual abuse and prevention as well as bullying. In order to participate with the Richmond Retrievers, volunteers as well as adult players will complete the required trainings. In addition to the abuse prevention policies, the Richmond Retrievers have in place a co-ed locker room policy and a travel policy to which all coaches, players, parents, and volunteers must adhere.

Locker Room Policy: When possible, male and female locker rooms will be provided. However, since parents of opposite gender are often assisting players in the locker room we will maintain a co-ed locker room policy for all Richmond Retrievers locker rooms. Players must adhere to a minimum attire policy which means that players must wear a base layer of shorts and t-shirt at all times. There should be no cell phone photographs or video taken inside of a Richmond Retrievers locker room.

Travel Policies: Coaches and volunteers should not transport or stay in a hotel with an unrelated player under the age of 18. Player parents/guardians who agree to transport or chaperone other players are responsible for making these driving or hotel arrangements privately. No coach, parent, or volunteer shall at any time be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while performing their coaching and/or chaperoning duties.

Players:

1. I will be respectful of my teammates, parents and siblings, coaches, players for other teams and organizations and people that I meet. I will be a true ambassador of the Richmond Retrievers.

2. I will do my school work as required and understand that if I do not, I may not be able to participate in the program. I perform all the requirements of my job properly.
3. I will not pick on others for any reason, I will not bully for any reason
4. My behavior in the locker room will be at its best – I will not use abusive language or bother others in the locker room or on the ice.
5. I will listen to what the coaches instruct for practice and work on doing my best.
6. I will not lash out at any referees, players, coaches or fans – no matter what the issue. Your coaches will handle this.
7. There will no fighting tolerated or allowed
8. There will be no hitting, poking or making fun of others on the bench.
9. I understand that if I do not attend or participate in practice the week before a game, I will not play in that game. You must notify the coach before this happens.

Parents / Legal Guardians:

1. Due to insurance issues and control during practice and game times – Parents are not allowed on the game bench. This relates to safety for all involved in the program.
2. All parents who assist on the ice must be registered as a volunteer with ASHA, the Richmond Retrievers, and be wearing skates and a helmet.
3. Report all incidence and concerns to one of the coaches for review as soon as possible.
4. Gear up times are noted on all of the Richmond Retrievers practice/game schedules. Please be sure to arrive on time.
5. Parents/legal guardians of players under the age of 18 are to be present and remain at the Richmond Retrievers practice, game, event, etc at all times.

Coaches Code of Conduct:

Each member of the Richmond Retrievers Coaching Staff Participating in ASHA/RRSH for the season agrees to the following:

I will remember players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.

I will care more about the child than winning the game.

I will be concerned with the overall development and growth of our players.

I will stress good health habits and clean living.

I will adopt a zero tolerance attitude toward verbal or physical abuse.

I will be a positive role model to my players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.

I will not swear or use abusive language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function.

I will be generous with my praise to all players; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; I will learn to be a more effective communicator and coach.

There will be no drinking, smoking, chewing of tobacco at any game, practice or other team function when I am responsible for the players wellbeing.

The use of illegal substances is prohibited at all times.

I will conduct myself in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc) during all team functions.

I will adjust to personal needs and problems of players; be a good listener; I will never be verbally or physically abusive to any player or official; I will give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; and I will teach them the basics when possible.

I will organize practices that are fun and challenging for my players.

I will maintain an open line of communication with my players parents.

I will explain the goals and objectives of our association.

To play the game is great, to love the game is greater.

If I cannot abide by these rules or if I violate them I understand I will be subject to disciplinary action from the Richmond Retrievers board of directors. I will obey directions from any member of the Board or Officer of the Richmond Retrievers Special Hockey Program.

