

Team Rules

Ronaldo Academy Tampa

SEASON 2025-2026

TEAM OBJECTIVES

- Develop not only better players but also better individuals.
- Teach Responsibility, Accountability, Discipline, and Respect.
- Foster trust and a sense of teamwork among the players.
- Allow players to have fun AND learn.
- Help players grow as individuals and in their love for the game.

TEAM RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

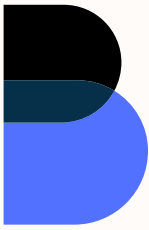
A) Practice

1) Schedule:

- a. Practices will follow the schedule organized by the coaches, provided at the beginning of the season. Any changes will be communicated to the players and parents in advance.
- b. It is mandatory for all players to arrive at practice at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start time. Punctuality is crucial.
- c. If a player is going to be late or unable to attend practice, parents must inform the coach at least 20 minutes before the start time. Late players will have to do extra exercises to make up for the missed practice time.
- d. If a player misses two consecutive practices without a valid excuse, they will not participate in the next game.
- e. All players must be on the field ONE (1) HOUR before the start of the game for sufficient warm-up (time communicated in advance).



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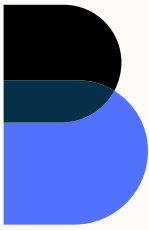


II) Practice Behavior:

- a. Players must bring their own water bottle to the field during practices to avoid unnecessary breaks.
- b. Each player will have a grace period of three (3) warnings for behavioral issues during practices. Each serious warning will result in an appropriate disciplinary action.
- c. If a player accumulates three serious warnings, they will have to sit on the sidelines for the rest of the practice.
- d. If a player is excluded from 2 consecutive practices due to serious warnings, they will not participate in the next game.
- e. Serious violations include but are not limited to: i) Being late without notifying the coach. ii) Talking during the coach's instructions. iii) Uncooperative behavior or disruptions during practice. iv) Excessive talking while the coach is instructing. v) Fighting or arguing with the coach or teammates. vi) Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- f. All players MUST wear shin guards and cleats in all practices, along with the Ronaldo Academy training uniform.
- g. Parents must refrain from "coaching the coach" during practices as it distracts the players and disrupts the flow of the session. Parents are welcome to offer guidance to the players after practice or games outside the Ronaldo Academy fields, never within the academy facilities.
- h. Parents must not interrupt the coach during practice. If they have any questions, comments, or concerns, they should address them before or after the session. To do so, please arrive earlier or wait until the coach is available to speak with you.
- i. The coaches at Ronaldo Academy Tampa shall continuously assess and monitor the performance of competitive players. In the event that a player exhibits subpar performance during training, limited participation in club activities, and excessive absences, the player may receive an invitation to join a lower level team or be reassigned to the development program.



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III) Game Conduct:

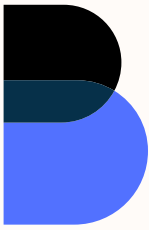
- a. All players must be on the field ONE (1) HOUR before the start of the game for sufficient warm-up (time communicated in advance), and FIVE (5) MINUTES before during training sessions.
- b. Players must bring both sets of uniforms to all games, in case of a clash with the opposing team.
- c. Wearing shin guards, cleats, and socks is mandatory for all games. Players without proper equipment will not be allowed to participate.
- d. Players must bring their own water and leave it on the bench to avoid having to leave the team during the game to get water.
- e. Parents must refrain from shouting, cursing, or threatening the referees during matches. Such behavior only harms the team's reputation.
- f. Parents must not "coach the coach" during a game. The players are already nervous enough, and too many instructions will confuse them.
- g. Parents should wait 48 hours after the game to speak with the coach, as per the Ronaldo Academy's contract.
- h. Players are not allowed to fight with opponents or teammates during the game. In such cases, the player will also be excluded from the next game.
- i. If a parent receives a red card for any behavior, they must immediately leave the field and allow the game to continue.

**** Your understanding here is important:**

- The Head Coach and Ronaldo Academy Tampa will do his/her best to put together the best team possible. We will not always agree on issues as sensitive as player selection and evaluation, but we must maintain a positive attitude and understand that the Head Coaches and Ronaldo Academy Tampa decisions on these matters are for the best interest of the teams and players development. **YOUR CHILD IS IN THE COMPETITIVE TEAM BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN HE WILL PLAY IN ALL COMPETITIVE GAMES.** Teams for each game will be decided by the coaches, based on evaluation. Parents are to encourage and accept the decisions made by the Coaches. **There will be no parents' inputs in those decisions.**



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- **The team manager is a parent responsible for the team**, who volunteers to assist the coach in managing player cards, checking the game schedule on the app, and bringing the tent and benches. However, it is the responsibility of all parents to support the team manager in any way necessary.
- **It is mandatory** for parents to download the SportsEngine app to access the game schedule and the WhatsApp app to join the parent groups and receive important notifications and updates.
- **We will not tolerate any lack of respect among parents, coaches, and players.** A parent should never address a child who is not their own with any comments, especially those that discourage or undermine the athlete's performance.
- Parents who fail to comply with the rules and codes of conduct outlined in this document will be asked to leave the field, and **depending on the severity of the situation, may be subject to disciplinary actions by the academy in accordance with the contract (p. 8, item K).**

IV) Team Events:

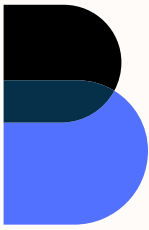
After each game, there will be an opportunity for the players to come together and bond. It is essential that parents support this relationship-building moment. Parents will take turns providing snacks for the players after the game (juice boxes, chocolate milk, fruits, chips, etc.). We want the players to have a positive experience after the game, regardless of the game's outcome.

V) Organization Fundraising:

Every Player is encouraged to participate in the Clubs annual fundraiser. Ronaldo Academy Tampa will coordinate various ways for the fundraiser: raffle, bingo, etc.



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IV) Team Fundraising:

Fundraisers, sponsorships must be approved by the Ronaldo Academy Tampa, in writing, 10 days prior to the fundraising event. All funds collected will be credited to the Team/Player account. These funds will remain with the Team. Team Funds remain with the Organization should the team disband. A Parent must accompany their Player if the location of the fundraiser is not at the field. Ronaldo Academy Tampa has a NO REFUND POLICY.

To find out more about our policies and rules in their entirety, please access our complete contract available on the official website R9tampa.com.



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