



#BEYONDTHEFIELD

Here at River City FC, we make efforts to connect with kids every day, on and off the field. Our goal is to help these kids grow into life-giving adults by teaching them what it means to be more than just soccer players. That is how we go #BEYONDTHEFIELD.

Here are our 10 #BEYONDTHEFIELD Core Values, which are embedded into our coaching curriculum:

CONFIDENCE

SEPTEMBER

- Full trust or belief in oneself and one's powers or abilities; self-reliance, self-empowerment; assurance.
- Each Rascal deserves to be confident and comfortable with who they are and their abilities. Negative comparison with other "A" teams or highly talented players is discouraged. We teach each player to be the best they can be and strive to encourage and give them as much confidence as possible.

RESPONSIBILITY

OCTOBER

- Answerable or accountable for something; within one's duty of power, control, or management.
- Recognizing that players must take ownership and not have to rely on other's actions or reminders.

SELFLESSNESS

NOVEMBER

- Being more concerned with the needs and wishes of others than with one's own; being unselfish.
- Soccer is a team sport in which the goals of the team often come before the goals of the individual. Players are instructed to think of themselves less and the team more. This is the ultimate goal of our leaders and captains.

RESPECT

DECEMBER

- A feeling of given esteem for something that is important, valuable, good.
- There will be times when players will disagree with others, but they should always be respectful and will be taught to do so. Everyone will be respected within the River City FC program, whether it's with oneself, the referee, opposing team, parents, coaches, etc. Disrespect will not be tolerated. We believe that everyone deserves to be respected.

INTEGRITY

JANUARY

- Being honest and morally upright- even when no one is watching.
- At River City FC we refer to it as "honesty with an oomph" due to lack of accountability. Coaches will not always be watching. Other players or parents may not always be watching. Instructing players to pride themselves on their integrity and to outdo one another in doing good is one of the most admirable characteristics on a team.

PERSEVERANCE

FEBRUARY

- Continuous persistence in a course of action, a purpose, etc.— especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement.
- Players will learn to both work hard and not give up—especially when the situation seems difficult or hopeless. Perseverance is what brings underdog teams to victory, the ability to never give up and to continue to better oneself and the team.

LOVE

MARCH

- Words and actions of devotion, enthusiasm, affection, and sacrifice for someone or something.
- Love is at the root of all of our virtues and is believed by us to be the most important to teach. Love for the world, for others, and for the game of soccer are all emphasized.

GRATITUDE

APRIL

- The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.
- Gratitude is THE attitude...but it's not easy. Each and every day we're told that we need more (fill in the blank) in our lives to be happy. While gratitude may only be seen as a thought, we hope to teach it as an action, that our Rascals are so grateful for everything they have that they can't help but give to others.

COURAGE

MAY

- "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear" -Nelson Mandela
- Often times, unfamiliarity or tough competition will strike fear into kids. Nothing beneficial comes from this fear. Moving forward and encouraging them to be courageous in spite of that fear and to work hard and confront that fear is crucial.

TEAMWORK

JUNE

- The act of selflessly doing one's part and cooperating with others to support the whole team.
- At River City FC, we want to celebrate a team's ability to work together before we celebrate an individual's performance. It may seem basic, but we remind our players that soccer is a team sport, not an individual one.

Let's achieve greatness together.

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