

WHAT ARE R.E.C.C. CARDS?

Respect – Ethics – Character – Community

Each coach is issued with five R.E.C.C. Cards at the start of each season. These are not just nice looking cards, but display the core values of United Soccer Alliance of Indiana (USAI).

As an organization of recreation, youth sports, it's important to create not only a safe environment to play the sport, but also the right environment for our families. Here at USAI we hold true to our core values and would like to T.E.A.C.H. more than just a game.

For this to become a reality, both on and off the field, we have developed a new program (R.E.C.C. Cards) that allows coaches, players and parents to live these values and express them in a positive manner.

Coaches will share these R.E.C.C. Cards with a player during practice whenever they display one of the core values:

RESPECT - for self, teammates, opponents, coaches, referees. Hold each other accountable. Promote teamwork.

ETHICS - Do the right thing, the right way, at the right time, for the right reasons. Hold ourselves to the highest standards.

CHARACTER - Develop fine young men and women, one child at a time. Develop Self-Confidence. Strive for personal best. Honor, commitment, and responsibility.

COMMUNITY - Develop community through youth sport. Embrace diversity, inclusiveness and volunteerism.

The cards will be collected by the coach at the end of every practice to be utilized again. We encourage coaches to continually reinforce this positive message and even motivate the players to pass the cards on themselves whenever they feel someone deserves recognition.

As coaches, we would like you to extend this communication about R.E.C.C. Cards to parents during your weekly conversations. Share with them who received a R.E.C.C. Card and why, whom amongst the players passed them on without prompting, etc.

Also, at the end of every month submit your R.E.C.C. Card of the month to USAI and we will issue a statement on our website and social media about the great work.

Can I give R.E.C.C. Cards out during games?

Why not!! Although I might refrain from running out on field during play, you can certainly share your thoughts on the touchline and flash or let them hold a R.E.C.C. Card.



Can I give R.E.C.C. Cards to parents?

Absolutely!! If they are, great volunteers and support you, then not only can give a R.E.C.C. Card for Character and Community, but let USAI know about this parent(s) and we will collect and share this hard work.

Can I give a R.E.C.C. Card to another or player on another team?

Naturally!! This is recreation wide program and Community is very important. If you have a coach that supports your team at practice or shares players at games, we are one family and these messages need to be shared and appreciated.

The point here, you are only limited by your own imagination. We are looking for coaches, parents and players to adopt this program, make their own and share with us the positive outcomes.

We look forward to seeing this program grow and the positive effects on all the families participating in this pioneering project. We eagerly await the messages of R.E.C.C. Cards each month and are excited to share them with the rest of the recreational soccer program.

Thank you for playing USAI

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