

# GS United Soccer Club

## GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

All participants involved in the **GS United Soccer Club** will conduct themselves in a manner that promotes the good will and positive spirit of athletics. Participants will conduct themselves with the highest standard of courtesy, integrity and good sportsmanship.

All members and participants shall respect other coaches, players, members, fans, spectators and officials. Any inappropriate conduct, threats harassment, or abuse (Verbal or physical) directed towards coaches, players, members, fans, spectators, officials, volunteers, parents, and team officials will not be tolerated.

All members, fans and participants of athletic events shall behave in a positive and supportive manner.

Violation by any member, fan or participant of these codes of conduct may result in an immediate and indefinite suspension from games, practices, tournaments, and special events for the family (including the player) or family members involved.

## Code of Conduct: Players

The Player will realize that participation on a team is a privilege and not a right, and because of this, The Player will adhere to the following code of conduct:

Demonstrate qualities or integrity, courtesy and good sportsmanship at all times.

play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.

control my temper.

respect my opponents, coaches, officials, fans, etc.

always strive to give my best on and off the field of play.

have a positive outlook regardless of the circumstances.

be a team player that supports the actions, decisions, and the outcomes of my coaches and my teammates.

Demonstrate a commitment to coaches and teammates by:

attend and be on time for every practice and game. I will be willing to give 100% effort 100% of the time.

strive to improve in all skills involved in my activity and reach for a higher level of mastery.

communicate to my coach and teammates any information which will affect my participation and commitment in team activities.

## Code of Conduct: Parents

The parents realize that participation on a team is a privilege and not a right, and will conduct themselves according to the following Code of Conduct:

respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to provide sporting activities for my child.

handle disputes with team officials with dignity and through proper team channels: privately with the coach and at an appropriate time. In the rare event that a solution cannot be realized in communication with the coaches Please seek the assistance of the **GS United Soccer Club** Executive Committee.

handle disappointment, whether it occurs through disputes, my child's skill, the officials and their decisions, placement on a team, etc. with dignity, maturity, and common sense.

remember that my child plays sports for his or her enjoyment, not mine.

encourage my child to play by the rules, and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or aggressive behaviour.

teach my child that "doing one's best" is more important than winning.

be positive and supportive in my comments to my child during competition.

support the coaches' selection of the team and playing time.

## Code of Conduct: Coaches

coaches will embrace the philosophy that the game is a game of enjoyment. It is played not only in the pursuit of excellence, but to promote a healthy lifestyle in the social, mental, and physical development of the player. All coaches are to lead by example, and should therefore follow the same expectations of conduct as the player.

coaches will focus on maintaining a high level of integrity and good sportsmanship as leaders of their teams.

follow the rules of the game, accept the decisions of officials, no matter how unfair they may seem regard and treat all officials and opponents as being honest in intention. Winning is fun but not at all costs; losing can be a triumph when the team has done its best.

treat all visiting teams as honoured guests.

treat all others as you would like to be treated.

the coach will promote the mental, social, and physical development of values in the athletes under their care.

be sensitive to the emotional needs of the athletes.

**REMEMBER to "HAVE FUN"!**

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