



United Soccer Athletes (USA) Soccer Club

Code of Conduct for Players, Parents, and Coaches

Soccer is a wonderful sport and a passionate game. We should always remember our attitude is contagious. The referees, the players, the coaches and the fans should come together to match wits and skills. The other team is our opponent, not our enemy, and thus should be treated with respect.

While winning is important, I/we recognize that playing well and fairly is the essence of the game.

I will set a good example to those around me by adhering at all times to the following:

1. We will not criticize the referee openly or directly before, during or after games. Any criticism shall be done in writing (to USA or the appropriate League with a copy to USA), not verbally.
2. We will only give positive feedback to players.
3. We will cheer at all games within the spirit of fair play and shall do our best to cheer the effort regardless of the outcome.
4. We will be mindful in "lopsided" games where cheering our own "winning" team might be misunderstood.
5. We shall do our best to teach our players to become students of the game.
6. We shall find the "little successes" that our players have during each match.
7. We shall show the quality of our sportsmanship during and after each and every match and help our players remember to thank the referee after the match without regard to the result.
8. We shall do our very best to have our players prepared for every match.
9. We shall support the learning effort of the players, the coaches and the referees by demonstrating our patience.
10. We understand that improper behavior at a match, practice, or other USA Club sponsored activity may result in the individual(s) being asked to leave the field or the event by a referee, Team Coach (or designee), or USA Board Member in accordance with The Laws of the Game, the specific rules of the League in which your team is a member, or at the reasonable judgment of an above stated official.
11. We understand that (upon review) the USA Soccer Club can, and will if necessary, suspend our individual privilege to watch our child play should we behave in a manner that is rude, disrespectful, or otherwise offensive.
12. We shall leave the coaching to the coach during a match. We shall do our best not to give our players instructions during the match.
13. We agree to do our best to have as much fun watching the game, as the players should have playing the game.

GRAND VALLEY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Respect – A Game We All Must Play



PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT AT ALL GVSA and MSYSA SANCTIONED SOCCER GAMES.

Player Code Of Conduct

The Grand Valley Soccer Association is committed to long term development of the youth soccer player as a well rounded athlete, and productive, respected member of society. Excellent gamesmanship in the form of healthy competition coincides with an overall attitude of community awareness and the desire to be a good citizen. Therefore, each player will be expected to follow the Grand Valley Soccer Association Code of Conduct principles and each parent is expected to help enforce these principles.

1. GVSA Players understand that soccer is a team sport and absences from practice or games may hurt the team. Players unable to attend training or games should let their coach know as soon as the information is available.
2. GVSA Players will not use alcohol or illegal substances at any time.
3. GVSA Players will not use profanity at any time, especially at practices and games.
4. GVSA team captains will make themselves known to the referee and assist in the managing of the match as required by the referee. Team captains are encouraged to respectfully ask for clarification of referee decisions during the match if teammates have questions. Team captains will assist the Referee by helping to manage teammates who exhibit poor behavior during a match. Team captains are the on-field Representative of the Club and the League!
5. GVSA Players will show respect to the referees. Players will not show dissent to a referee. Players will accept responsibility for all fouls issued. Players will positively acknowledge the referee's effort after a game regardless of the outcome.
6. GVSA Players will show respect to the other team's players. Players will not be allowed to taunt an opposing player. Players will shake hands with their opponents after each game.
7. GVSA Players accept victory and defeat with dignity.
8. GVSA Players will show respect to their coaches.
9. GVSA Players will show respect to their parents.
10. GVSA Players will work to promote a model of a top soccer athlete: good skills, sound fundamentals, clean and fair play.

I have read and understand the GVSA CODE OF CONDUCT, and I agree to abide by these principles at all time. I understand these principles also apply to out-of-state tournaments, both on and off the field. I also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these principles.

(Player Name)

(Player signature)

(Date)