

GREENFIELD AREA SOCCER CLUB

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

I pledge to accept responsibility for my Greenfield Soccer experience by following this Players' code of Conduct:

The following code of conduct is being implemented so that you know what is expected of you as a player of GASC. GASC players are expected to act like reasonable and prudent individuals, who represent the club, and individual teams on and off the field. The club holds its coaches and parents to a code of conduct and feels it is equally important that players know their responsibilities on and off the field.

Who We Are and What We Value

GASC values hard work, commitment, and excellence both on and off the field. As a club, we believe that a player's commitment to training sessions and games will not only help the club's success, but will also contribute to that individual's personal ability to continually improve, as well as to each team's quality of play.

Athletes play soccer to have fun, to learn, to develop a passion for the game, and to improve their skills. In doing so, they represent their team, coach, parents, and community.

GASC expects its players to maintain a high level of sportsmanship and fair play. Players must show respect for the game, the coach, teammates, opponents, and the authority of the referee and their assistants. This is demonstrated as follows:

Players

I will play within the laws of the game and spirit of the game, and if I don't understand the rules, I will attempt to learn them so I can become a better player.

I am expected to be on time (meaning arriving at the requested time, not when the match/training starts) and be prepared for matches and training sessions

I will display self-control in all situations and will not use foul or abusive language at any time before, during or after a match or training sessions

I shall train and play to the best of their ability, have a positive attitude and encourage others to do the same.

I will show respect towards the referee and their assistants as well as towards the opponents. They will not harass, abuse, or berate a referee for any reason.

Negative comments by players will not be tolerated.

I will play soccer because I want to, not because others want me to.

I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.

I will remember that winning isn't everything, that having fun, playing fair, improving my skills, making friends, and giving my best efforts are the most important aspects of youth soccer.

I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.

I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses, the same as I do.

I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.

I will follow coaching direction and will not be disruptive during practice or games, nor will I "mouth off" or use bad language.

If I have a problem with something, I will discuss it with my coach at the earliest opportunity, rather than let it grow into a bigger problem later on.

I will be on time for practices and games and will notify my coach if I cannot attend. I will make every effort to attend all games and practices.

I will concentrate on playing soccer by always giving my best effort, both in practice and in games.

I will respect my opponents, whether they have more or less ability than me and regardless of whether I win or lose.

I will be modest and respectful when I win, and gracious when I lose.

I will conduct myself with honor and dignity and treat other players as I would like to be treated. I know that at all times, I represent Greenfield Area Soccer, my team and my community.