



2016-2017 GUSA Parents Code of Conduct

You play a very important role in the development and overall enjoyment of the game of soccer for your children. In an effort to ensure that we are creating the best possible environment for all of our players at GUSA, we respectfully ask that parents adhere to the following guidelines.

- Ensure that your son/daughter is present and on time at training and games.
- Remain in designated areas during training and games.
- Refrain from interfering with the coaching of your son/daughter.
- Parents must not coach from the sidelines during training or games. This often times creates confusion for the players which only slows their thought process and impairs their ability to play at their highest possible level.
- Parents should not criticize their child on any part of the player's game, leave this to the coaches as it may cause confusion and erode the players confidence.
- Be your child's best fan and support him/her unconditionally.
- When transporting your child home, please be supportive and always focus on the positive aspects of his/her game.
- Develop a responsibility in your son/daughter to pack his/her own kit, cleats, wear the proper attire for the weather and bring his/her water bottle full of water.
- Respect the facilities at home and at opponents facilities.
- Do not criticize your child's coach to your child or other parents. If you have concerns about your child's coach, reach out to that coach directly to discuss your concerns. If your concerns have still not been adequately addressed, contact the appropriate DOC directly.
- Encourage your child to speak with the coach. If your child is having difficulties in training or games, or can't attend a training session or game, encourage him/her to speak with the coach directly. Taking this responsibility is a big part of becoming a mature person. By handling such off field tasks, your child is taking ownership of all aspects of the game.
- Monitor your child's stress level at home and inform the coach of any concerns that you observe in this area so that the coach can help to alleviate any of the stress related to soccer.
- Help your child keep his/her priorities in order. He/she needs to maintain a focus on schoolwork, relationships and other things in life besides soccer.
- Help the players to focus on the performance as much as the result.
- Support all of the players on your child's team. Do not criticize any player to your child or other parents.
- Do not criticize the opponents, their parents, coaches and most importantly, the referees.
- Do not enter the playing area unless invited to by the coaching staff.
- Please wait 24 hours after a game or training before contacting the coach to discuss any matter relating to your child.

GUSA and all of our players greatly appreciate all of our parents adhering to this Code of Conduct and to creating the best possible environment for all of our players to reach their full potential.



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