

GULF BREEZE FUTBOL ACADEMY

Parent Commitment

Parental support is an important foundation of the Gulf Breeze FA program. Parents must make a fundamental commitment to support their children in their soccer efforts. They must reinforce the importance of the commitment made by their children and help the child fulfill their commitment. This is crucial to the overall learning process for our players. Without it, players may get "Mixed Signals" about the overall importance of commitment and responsibility.

To help our children get the most out of competitive sports, we need to instill in them that winning in the game is important but to be a winner in life is more important. We need to help them maximize their efforts, continue to learn and improve, and refuse to let mistakes (or fear of making mistakes) stop them.

Let your child know you appreciate it when he or she tries hard even if unsuccessful. Ask rather than tell. Try to get your child to talk about his or her play rather than telling him or her you think about it. Ask open-ended questions to get them to talk. Recognize hard work and let the coaches' critic their play.

As a parent I commit to the following:

- 1. I understand that we are making a commitment to the pursuit of Excellence, both on and off the field, in joining Gulf Breeze FA.
- 2. I acknowledge that I will abide by the Parent guidelines and the club's policies and rules.
- 3. Remember that the game is for players not parents or anyone else for that matter.
- 4. Refrain from coaching players during games and practices from the sidelines. Parents are spectators they are there to enjoy the matches.
- 5. Be a good role model. Honor the game when you attend matches and encourage other parents to honor the game as well.
- 6. I will place the well being of all players ahead of my personal desire to win, remember to keep winning and losing in perspective.
- 7. Respect the coach's decisions.
- 8. Enjoy the experience and take an active part in your child's development.
- 9. Stay away from the players' bench area under all conditions, if a coach requires your presence, he will let you know.
- 10. Conduct yourselves properly at all times when players from the club are involved. The club and coaches will not tolerate embarrassment and indiscretion at games and tournaments.
- 11. Respect opponents as if they were a gift that forces us to play to our highest potential. We try hard to win but not at the expense of demeaning our opponent.
- 12. Leave the coaching to the coaches. You have entrusted the care of your player to these coaches and they need to be free to do their job.
- 13. Parents are not allowed to approach the coach after a game for discussions about playing time, playing positions, etc. Conferences should be scheduled for another time.



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- 14. I have considered and agree to the time and financial commitments of the team and club. All dues owed will be paid on the 1st of every month. If the member is delinquent with payments for 1 month the player will not participate in any tournaments or play dates, 2 months past due, the player pass will be held by the club registrar, and will not be permitted to play or practice until all dues are paid in full. I will share in additional team expenses above and beyond the club registration fee and monthly dues should they arise. Parents are responsible for all related expenses associated with all tournaments directed by the club whether attending or not. Tournament fees for all other tournaments agreed upon by the teams are based on participation.
- 15. Abide by the rules of the game, club, leagues, facilities, tournaments, team and coach.
- 16. I also understand and agree to abide by the GBFA policy of not allowing players to guest play with other teams except according to US Club guidelines and with the express written approval of the team coach and GBFA.



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