



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



Parent and Family Member Code Of Conduct

Parents of GVSA Players serve as important role models to their children and to all the other children that they come in contact with on and around the soccer field. Therefore, GVSA expects each parent to agree to the following CODE OF CONDUCT principles:

1. GVSA Parents will learn and understand the rules of the game for each specific league/tournament, etc.
2. GVSA Parents will respect the integrity and judgment of the referees. Parents will refrain from challenging referee calls.
3. GVSA Parents will show appreciation of good play by both teams.
4. GVSA Parents will respect the Captains of either team and support them throughout the match.
5. GVSA Parents will refrain from “coaching” any player from the sidelines.
6. GVSA Parents will cheer and show encouragement at all times.
7. GVSA Parents will follow the 48-hours rule before contacting coaches after a game.
8. GVSA Parents will help enforce the Player CODE OF CONDUCT shown above.

We have read and understand the GVSA CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT, and we agree to abide by these principles. We also agree to accept actions taken by the league for failure to abide by these principles.

(Parent name)

(Player name)

(Parent signature)

(Date)

(Parent name)

(Parent signature)