

Guelph Soccer

Coach Code of Conduct

Objective

The Club's Codes of Conduct establish a clear set of guidelines for the coach, player and parents/guardians. Its primary goal is to help ensure that soccer is a fun, positive and enjoyable experience.

The Code of Conduct is based on the concept of fair play, defined by five basic principles:

- Respect for the rules
- Respect for the referees and their decisions
- Respect for all participants, including team-mates, coaches and opponents
- Equal participation
- Maintaining self-control at all times

Coaches should read and discuss all the Codes of Conduct with all members of your team. It is a condition Club membership that all members follow the Codes of Conduct at all times.

Coach's Code of Conduct:

- I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time.
- I will teach players to act fairly and respect the rules, referees and our opponents.
- I will not ridicule, show disrespect, or yell at the referees.
- I will be selective in the amount of instructions I give players during the game.
- I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that substitute players, bench personnel and my team's spectators do not interfere with the match.
- I will work in cooperation with referees for the benefit of the game.
- I will make sure that equipment/facilities are safe.
- I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that players and their families have other interests and obligations.
- I will be on time and prepared for games and practices.
- I will obtain proper training and upgrade my coaching skills and knowledge of the game.
- I will not ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or for performing poorly.
- I will inform parents of any injuries their child might have suffered.
- I will dress appropriately and wear the coach shirt provided by the Club at all games and practices so that I present a professional image and be easily identified.

Resolving Problems

Talk to the person privately. If you are upset, we recommend you wait 24 hours and then determine if you want to pursue the issue. If you feel you need further guidance on an issue, please contact your league manager.