

Guelph Soccer

Parents' 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 of continuing Club membership that all members follow the Codes of Conduct at all times.

Parents' Code of Conduct:

- I will remember that my child plays soccer for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- I will NOT give instructions to players -- that is the coach's job.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
- I will make my child feel like a winner by offering praise for competing fairly and doing their best.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will never question the referee's judgment or honesty.
- I will support all efforts to eliminate verbal and physical abuse from children's soccer games.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches, who give their time for the benefit of my child.
- I will make sure that my son/daughter shows up for scheduled practices and games at the time designated by the coach.
- I realize that the team can be penalized for my behaviour and that I must obey an order by a referee or from the team's coach to leave the vicinity of the field.