

Guelph Soccer

Player's 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 Club membership that all members follow the Codes of Conduct at all times.

Player's Code of Conduct:

- I will play soccer because I want to, not because others want me to.
- I will play by the rules of soccer, and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper. I will not fight, "mouth off" or use bad language.
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will be a team player.
- I will remember that winning isn't everything - that having fun, playing fair, improving my skills, making friends and doing my best are the most important.
- I will acknowledge all good play - those of my teammates and of my opponents.
- I will accept the decisions of coaches and referees and show them respect.

Games and Practices

- I agree that practices and games are equally important.
- I will arrive at least 10 minutes before practices, and 15 minutes before games.
- If I cannot make a game or practice, I will notify the coach at least 24 hours in advance so that arrangements for substitutes can be made.

My Uniform

- I will take good care of it and wear it only on game days. I will ensure it is clean for every game.
- I will wear shin guards and appropriate footwear at all games and practices.
- I will remove any jewelry, watches or any item that may cause injury to me, teammates, or opposing players prior to participating in games or practices.

Discipline

- At all times I will show respect for coaches, referees, teammates, and opposing players.
- Infractions that occur during the game are governed by the Laws of the Game and will be decided by the Referee.
- Certain serious infractions (e.g. Referee Assault) will result in a Discipline Hearing, possible suspension from soccer and a fine being levied by the Ontario Soccer Association. Paying any such fine is my responsibility.