

# **GOSHEN SOCCER CLUB'S TRAVEL SOCCER CODE OF CONDUCT**

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect among players, parents, spectators, coaches and officials characterize all competition sponsored by the Goshen Soccer Club, the following Code of Conduct has been established. It is expected that players, parents/guardians of players and coaches of the GSC shall conduct themselves in a manner that is of the highest standards while at training, practice sessions, games, tournaments or any other function or soccer event.

## **A. Players Code of Conduct: As a player for the GSC, I hereby promise to uphold the following Player's Code of Conduct:**

1. I will participate for the fun and enjoyment of the sport.
2. I promise to follow the directions of my coaches and trainers.
3. I promise to respect my teammates, coaches and trainers.
4. I will be a team player and encourage my fellow teammates at all times.
5. I will work hard and maintain a positive attitude during all GSC events, practices and games.
6. I will be prepared and ready to play at the time required to be present for all practices, training sessions, games and events.
7. I will contact my coach in advance of any training, practice or game absence (except for emergency situations).
8. I promise to respect, not criticize or raise my voice to opposing players, coaches, teams or officials/referees.
9. I promise that I will not use foul or degrading language while playing for the club.
10. I promise that I will not engage in any fighting or flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct during any practice, training session, game or event.
11. I will respect all equipment and playing facilities and I will not hang on goals and nets.
12. I will respect the game and accept victory/defeat with dignity.

## **B. Parents Code of Conduct: As a parent for the GSC, I hereby promise to uphold the following Parent's Code of Conduct:**

1. I will provide support for coaches, trainers and officials who are working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable and safe experience for all.
2. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and opposing player, coaches and teams.
3. I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco free sports environment for my child and all children, and agree to assist by refraining from their use at any GSC practice or game.
4. I will do my best to make this sports activity fun for my child.
5. I will remind my child to treat all players, coaches, trainers and officials with respect.
6. I will help my child enjoy their sports experience within my personal constraints by assisting with finances, being a respectful fan, providing transportation, learning the rules of the game or whatever I am capable of doing to support my child and the GSC.
7. I will make every effort to ensure that my child:
  - a. Attends practice/training when scheduled or will provide 24 hour notice of impending absence.
  - b. Is at practice, fully prepared and ready to start before the scheduled time.
  - c. Is at each game 30 minutes (or whenever coach requests) prior to the scheduled start time.
  - d. Notifies the coach at least 3 days in advance if the player will miss a game (excludes cases of illness and family emergencies).

8. I will place the physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win, remembering that the game is for the children and not for the adults.
9. I will not coach any player or interfere with any coaching activities during the training/ practice sessions or games; this includes telling any player what to do when they have the ball (pass, shoot, etc.).
10. I agree to address any concerns I have with my child's coach first, and then if necessary, the VP of Travel and the Board of Trustees.
11. I am also responsible for the behavior of any guest I may bring to any team activities.

**C. Coaches Code of Conduct: As a coach for the GSC, I hereby promise to uphold the following Coach's Code of Conduct:**

1. I will create a safe (free from drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language) and enjoyable atmosphere for my players and organize fun and challenging practices.
2. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
3. I will be a positive role model to my players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of the players.
4. I will treat all of my players fairly, with respect and set the highest standard for others to follow.
5. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of differences in emotional and physical development for the same age group.
6. I will give all players the opportunity to participate and to improve their skills.
7. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
8. I will learn the Laws of the Game and teach these rules to all of my players on the team.
9. I understand that as coach, I am responsible for not only my own behavior but also the behavior of my team members, their parents, and fans at GSC games.
10. I promise to respect the referee, abide by the referee's decisions during the game and refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players.
11. I will maintain an open line of communication with the parents of all of my players.
12. I will seek immediate medical attention for any serious injuries and report all injuries to the appropriate league officials.
13. I promise to honor the game of soccer and help players and parents to appreciate the sport and the life lessons that can be gained from it.

I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct and agree to follow its guidelines at all league activities. I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, disciplinary action may be taken by the GSC Board of Directors, which may include, but is not limited to, removal from activity (such as a game or practice), removal from the club or removal from a coaching position.

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Player Signature

Date

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Parent Signature

Date

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Coach Signature

Date