

## **GSL FOOTBALL PARENTS SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

GSL Football plays an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of our players. It is therefore essential for parents, and their guests to encourage players to embrace the values of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and most importantly self control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending any GSL Football event and shall conform my behaviour to the following Code of Conduct:

Please read each line and place an "x" or check mark for each of the conduct codes lines.

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I will try to learn and understand the rules of the game of football. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or other GSL events. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as taunting, refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I (and my guests) will not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health, safety, and well being of any child or other participants. \_\_\_\_\_
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. \_\_\_\_\_
8. I will teach my child to treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect. \_\_\_\_\_
9. I will emphasize skill development and participation, and de-emphasize that winning is the only thing. \_\_\_\_\_
  
10. I (and my guests) will refrain from making threats, initiating physical contact or verbal abuse with any coach, parent, player, referee, participant or any other attendee. \_\_\_\_\_
  
11. I (and my guests) will respect the officials and coaches and their authority during games. I will not question, discuss or confront officials or coaches at the game/field. \_\_\_\_\_

12. I (and my guests) understand that the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are STRICTLY prohibited at all GSL Football events. I will not attend while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. \_\_\_\_\_

13. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team. \_\_\_\_\_

14. If I fail to follow the Sports Code of Conduct, I understand that I and my child may be subject to penalties including suspension or expulsion. \_\_\_\_\_

15. I fully understand that GSL Football is run by volunteers that help make my child's football experience as successful as possible. I promise to help my child enjoy the football experience by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, providing transportation or any of the many other whatever I am capable of doing whenever possible. \_\_\_\_\_

Please realize that football requires practice and that the parents must ensure that their children attend as many practices as possible to ensure the players safety and knowledge of the game.

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Parent signature

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