

# Gorge Soccer Association Club Codes of Conduct

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## **Gorge Soccer Association - Codes of Conduct**

The Gorge Soccer Association Codes of Conduct establishes a clear set of guidelines and principles for all coaches, players and parents / guardians within the Club. The primary goal of the Codes of Conduct is to ensure that we create a learning environment that is fun, positive, safe and enjoyable, while adhering to the principles of the Gorge Soccer Association Player Development Philosophy. These guidelines and codes are based on the Canadian Soccer Association Fair Play codes.

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

1. Respect for the Laws of the game
2. Respect for the referees and their decisions
3. Respect for all participants, including team-mates, coaches and opponents
4. Equal participation
5. 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.

Players and coaches will be judged based on their performances on and off the field of play, as an individual and as a member of a team. Their personal conduct, both in and out of competition, reflects upon the Club and their teams image and it is the responsibility of the players and coaches to safeguard the reputation and pride of those who they represent.

### **Player Guidelines**

- 1) The Player agrees to dress and wear appropriate attire whenever he/she are representing the Gorge Soccer Association, and to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will be a credit to the Club.
- 2) Respect and consideration must be shown towards all Gorge Soccer Association staff, Technical Staff, public and all volunteers who are involved in hosting a game or tournament.
- 3) Players are reminded that in most instances, they are guests and should always conduct themselves as such.
- 4) Players must adhere to any rules set out by the Gorge Soccer Association and the coaching staff governing curfew at all functions and events.
- 5) The use of tobacco, consumption or possession of alcohol and illegal substances will not be tolerated. Zero tolerance is in effect.

### **Coach Guidelines**

- 1) The Coach agrees to dress and wear appropriate attire whenever he/she is representing the Gorge Soccer Association, and to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will be a credit to the Club.
- 2) Respect and consideration must be shown towards all Gorge Soccer Association Staff, public and all volunteers who are involved in hosting a game or tournament.
- 3) Coaches must adhere to any rules set out by Gorge Soccer Association .



- 4) The use of tobacco, consumption or possession of alcohol and illegal substances while in the presence of players is not allowed.
- 5) The Coach must agree, in writing, to adhere to the Gorge Soccer Association Codes of Conduct and Ethics as described in this document.

The following pages provide the following stand-alone documents to be used when necessary:

- 1) Code of Conduct – Player
- 2) Code of Conduct – Parent
- 3) Code of Conduct – Coach



## Fair Play Code of Conduct - Players

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### Have Fun!

- I will do my best to participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to
- I will play by the rules and in the spirit of the game
- I will control my temper – fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the activity for everybody
- I will come to the field expecting to have fun
- I will make sure that my wants are communicated to my coach
- I will remember that winning isn’t everything – that having fun, improving skills and making friends are also important

### Try Your Hardest!

- I will work hard in practice on all drills
- I will play my hardest on game days
- If I am tired, I will ask for a substitution
- I will try my best to come ready for practices and games will come and support my team rain or shine

### Respect!

- I will encourage my team mates and not get mad at them or laugh at them if they make mistakes
- I will encourage the other team whether we are winning or losing
- I will listen to the referee and accept their decisions regardless of whether the call was right or wrong
- I will be quiet and listen to my coach when he is giving instruction
- I will play the position my coach asks me to in a game

Player’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Fair Play - Please! - For the good of the game!**



## Fair Play Code of Conduct - Parents

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### Have Fun!

- I will not force my child to participate in sports
- I will remember that my child plays sports for their enjoyment, not mine
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will make sure that my wants are communicated to my coach

### Try Your Hardest!

- 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 /event
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard
- I will do my best to ensure that my child arrives early for practices (15 minutes) and games (30 minutes) so that they are ready to play
- I will offer to help other parents if they need help getting their child to an event

### Respect!

- I will encourage the players on my child's team and not get mad at them or laugh at them if they make mistakes
- I will not coach from the side line as this only confuses the players
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- I will encourage the other team whether we are winning or losing
- I will never question the officials' judgment or honesty in public
- I will respect the coaching staff and recognize that they have my child's best interests at heart
- I will bring concerns up with the coach after practices or games

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fair Play Code of Conduct - Coaches

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### Have Fun!

- I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe
- I will not ridicule or yell at my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly
- I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves
- I will encourage my players to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence

### Try Your Hardest!

- I will make practices structured and fun
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills
- I will try to ensure that I arrive early for practices (15 minutes) and games (30 minutes) so that the players are ready to play
- I will offer to help other parents if they need help getting their child to an event

### Respect!

- I will remember that players need a coach they can respect; I will be generous with praise and set a good example
- I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices remembering that young players have other interests and obligations
- I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents
- I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time
- I will encourage the other team whether we are winning or losing
- I will never question the officials' judgment or honesty in public

Coach's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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