



# Garden Spot Youth Soccer Club

## Coach Code of Conduct

1. In conjunction with GSYSC, I will strive to provide a safe, positive, fun filled environment and experience in the game of soccer for players, coaches, officials and spectators.
2. I will learn the rules of soccer and the policies of the governing leagues and GSYSC.
3. I will continuously strive to improve my coaching abilities and knowledge through coaching programs and clinics.
4. I will treat each player, parent, coach, official and spectator equally and with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability. I will encourage all others, players, parents, coaches, officials and spectators to demonstrate this same degree of equality and respect.
5. I will be a positive role model for all players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators.
6. I will not encourage any behavior or practice that would endanger the health and well being of athletes and will ensure that all players are participating properly equipped and uniformed.
7. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or spectator such as booing, taunting, or using profane language or gestures.
8. I will promote that every child plays by the rules and assist in resolving conflicts with the absence of hostility or violence.
9. I will teach each player that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that every child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his / her performance.
10. I will abstain from hurtful criticism, ridicule, swearing or belittling of players, coaches, officials and spectators in either games or practices and encourage the same from others.
11. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the players ahead of any personal desire I may have for coaching, winning or the game of soccer.
12. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront them at the game.
13. I will welcome discussions with parents about practices, games and players in a constructive manner at all times.
14. I will actively be involved in GSYSC and team events, recognizing the importance of attendance and participation by coaches at all levels. I will also continue to encourage parental involvement in team and GSYSC events.
15. I will not use or possess alcohol, tobacco or drugs at any GSYSC event or facility.

### Violation of any code

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Offense:

- A formal warning will be given to the offending party resulting in:
- Automatic Two Game Suspension
- A formal (verbal or written) apology to all involved parties, including referees, league officials, parents, and team members within ten days of the offense.
- GSYSC Board has the authority to advance further disciplinary action as needed.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:

- 1 year suspension from coaching in Garden Spot Youth Soccer Club.
- No player contact.
- After a 1 year suspension, a reinstatement decision will be made based on outcome of a board (GSYSC) review.

Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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