

Grand Terrace Community Soccer Club

General Play and Operational Rules

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Section 1 – Registration

1: A player is officially registered when the following items are completed

- A. Completed CYSA Player Registration form.
- B. Verified Proof of Age: (I.E. Birth Certificate, Passport, or Government Issued Document) .
- C. Parent understanding that child cannot be registered for Club and Recreational play at same time in same season.
- D. Full agreement of league fees.
- E. When applications are received by coed or girls registrars.
- F. Cutoff date for late registration is September 1.
- G. Players who do not have proof of age on file with GTCSC will not be able to participate until an acceptable document is received by the GTCSC Registrars.

2: A player is eligible to play if they have reached the age **as provided by the Cal South/District 5 age matrix.**

3: A player may be placed in an older age group if the following is met:

- A. Player is within one year of the playing age of the higher group
- B. A written request from the parent is submitted to the league and approved by the GTCSC Board.
- C. Any and all requests are submitted prior to the draft.
- D. Safety & Skill Level comparable to desired division.
- E. If space is available.
- F. If insufficient info Board may request applicant to tryout.

4: Player Fee refund will be granted in the following manner.

- A. All Refund requests submitted in writing to the league & Board approval.
- B. 100% refund will be allowed only if requested before the draft.
- C. No refunds will be granted after the draft unless board approves.

5: No player will be allowed to practice or participate in a game unless they are officially registered with GTCSC. Violation of this rule will result in the following: Coach will be suspended and/or disciplined by the disciplinary committee.

6: Scholarships are available on a case by case basis meeting the following conditions.

- A. Submit a scholarship request form to the GTCSC Board.
- B. Must sign Scholarship Agreement agreeing to volunteer during the season. By working in the following areas which include but are not limited to; Snack bar, fireworks booth, field cleanup day, Assist Field Supervisors with field setup, take down, and trash pickup. Volunteer positions such as; Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Parent and snack bar duty for team as required by league do not qualify for these hours.
- C. GTCSC Board approves the request.
- D. Must work at 1 hour for every \$10 of registration fee (fee based on early registration prices only). Ex: registration fee of \$115 would be 11 hours per child. All hours to be completed by August 30th.
- E. Scholarship nominations are accepted.

7: A parent may request that a player not play for a specific coach given the following.

- A. Written request is received by the last registration date.
- B. Only (1) request per player per year.
- C. Any player refusing to play for a coach after the draft will be dropped and no refund will be granted unless otherwise approved by the board.

8: Placing players of the same family in the same age group together will take place as follows:

- A. If neither child is retained on a team, they will be drafted together.
- B. If one child is retained the head coach they must retain both siblings. If sibling rating is not equal or close to related sibling, coach may retain another player with Board Approval.
- C. All normal rules of retention apply

9: Players registering after team formation will be handled in the following

- A. Player will be placed on a standby list.
- B. All team vacancies (uneven teams) before the first league game will be filled with a player from the standby list with an equal rating.
- C. If teams have no vacancies (even teams) the placement of players will be handled with all affected coaches present and informed of the procedure at the time of placement.
- D. Players will be placed according to team vacancies but are not guaranteed placement.
- E. If rosters are deemed even, players on the standby list may be distributed by Board approval.

Section 2 - Team Formation

- 1: Teams are formed for the season from the pool of officially registered players by the day of the draft.
- 2: The team selection is done using the League Administrator Software or other board approved methods, using the provided player rating to create balanced teams
- 3: Players will be rated based on the following scale and approved by the coaches in that age division
 - A. Beginner = 1
 - B. Average = 2
 - C. Above Average = 3
 - D. Advanced = 4(Coaches may rate using .5 as well)
 - E. All players U10 to U19 will be rated by Board members and those appointed by Board members at approved tryouts.
- 4: One week prior to the draft, the league registrar(s) will submit rating averages to coaches for review before inputted. Rating will be based on current season ratings. If an agreement on a rating cannot be reached, the GTCSC board members, present at the review session, will after speaking to the coaches, determine the appropriate rating for the draft purposes.

Section 3 – Draft

- 1: Coaches will have the opportunity to retain players based on the following:
 - A. The player is the coaches own child.
 - B. Player was a member of the Registered Head coach's team the prior Fall season.
 - C. Player is properly registered with the league.
 - D. No player on the waiting list can be retained.
 - E. No retentions or alternates are effective without parent/player form completed and returned.
 - F. U8, U10, and U12 Divisions allowed 3 retainers. U14 and U18 allowed 4 retainers.
- 2: The draft will be run by the Director of Coaches and League registrars
- 3: Only the head coach will be allowed to participate in the draft. If a head coach cannot be present, he/she may select someone to represent him/her at the draft.
- 4: Coach or his/her representative must be present at the draft. No draft business will be handled over the phone or through other means, including board members (this includes trades).
- 5: Coaches for a given division will draw numbers for the order of draft selection.
- 6: All approved retentions will then be added to the team.
- 7: All remaining players will then be placed on team as equal as possible based on the approved ratings.
- 8: All teams will be formed whenever possible, with an equal number of players. Any additional players will be added per the guidelines described in Section 2.
- 9: Each coach is allowed to initiate 2 trades of a player within ½ point during the draft with board approval. This will only be done with the Coach or representative present.
- 10: Once the draft is completed no further trade will be allowed for any reason.
- 11: No registrar will conduct their own draft for their own division.
- 12: Retainers must be registered one (1) day prior to draft.

Section 4 - Coach Selection and Conduct

1: Coaches will be selected based on the following criteria

- A. Completion of Program Administrator Form
- B. Completion of Intent to Coach Form. This must be submitted to the Director of coaches by July 1, to be considered for that position. All others must be submitted prior to the draft and will be considered based upon availability.
- C. Current CYSA Risk management D: Current CYSA Coaching License
- D. Available Coaching position
- E. Approval by Board

2: Coaches will be awarded seniority based on the following criteria:

- A. Returning coaches in the same division
- B. Years of League Service
- C. Returning coaches who are moving up a division
- D. Returning assistant coaches with the same division
- E. Returning assistant coaches moving up a division
- F. Final appointment of coaches will be based on discretion of Board if there's a conflict. Tie Breaker: The total years of service to this league as a coach, assistant coach, league administrator, official or referee.

3: All coaches are required to adhere by both Cal South and District 5 coaching license requirements below:

- A. No coach will be allowed to commence practices or team meetings without required license and live scan (Risk Management).
- B. If a coach does not have the required license; a coach with the necessary license will be given preference regardless of seniority within the league and/or prior coaching experience. This will override the rules of Selection and Seniority outlined above ---coaches must be licensed

4: Licenses from any other league outside of CYSA will not be accepted

5: The following items are considered violations of the Coaches Code of Conduct:

- A. Physically or verbally assaulting a player, parent, official, league official, or spectator
- B. Showing up at practices or games intoxicated, or with the smell of alcohol on the breath
- C. Throwing an object at or in the direction of any person, official or player
- D. Engaging in conduct harmful or dangerous to players or others
- E. Allowing players to play without protective equipment or otherwise ignoring known safety or health concerns regarding a certain player
- F. Allowing players to practice or play in a game when they have been informed by league officials that they are suspended from play.
- G. Knowingly allowing an ineligible player to play or practice
- H. Contacting All-Star players before approved time
- I. Selecting or contacting a number of players from your team in excess of the allowed number for All-Star selections
- J. Lying to league officials about your tournament or all-star selections process.
- K. Practicing at locations not approved by GTCSC
- L. Lying about coaching qualifications and/or risk management
- M. Taking inappropriate actions to obtain a certain player

- N. Intentionally taking actions toward a player to have them leave your team.
 - O. Coaches must notify Registrars or other Board Members if a player drops with a player drop form.
Board members may confirm the basis of the player dropping
 - P. Coaches can be ejected by a red card as deemed by center referee or lead referee
 - Q. All Coaches are required to complete and follow the HEADS UP protocol
- 6: Any of these actions will be recorded and reviewed by the Board and may be punishable by suspension or removal from coaching

Section 5 - Division Rules

Under 6 Divisions

- 1: 5v5
- 2: No goalie
- 3: Size 3 Ball
- 4: (4) 8 min Quarters "Running Time"
- 5: Only Referee coaches are allowed on the field
- 6: **Both teams can** provide referee
- 7: No direct Free Kicks
- 8: Players are allowed (2) chances to make a proper throw in
- 9: Offside is not enforced
- 10: No Cherry Picking. All players must travel up and down the field
- 11: No card will be issued to players
- 12: Subs made at each Quarters
- 13: No Slide Tackling
- 14: Goals may be scored on a kick off without touching another player
- 15: There is to be no parents or coaches standing or coaching on the goal line
- 16: Players are to remain on field during water break (quarters)
- 17: No intentional headers as per Cal South
- 18: No defensive player can stand inside the 6 yard box unless within arm's length of the ball
- 19: **Coaches are in charge of displaying sportsman like conduct and integrity of the game**
- 20: Game is complete at end of the hour from scheduled start time.

Under 8 Divisions

- 1: 7v7
- 2: Size 3 Ball
- 3: (4) 10 minute Quarters "Running Time"
- 4: Coaches are not allowed on the field
- 5: League to provide Referee
- 6: Both direct and indirect kicks
- 7: Penalty Kicks will be taken from outer goalie box

- 8: Players are allowed (2) chances to make a proper throw in 9: No offensive player can be in the build out line during offensive play
10: Yellow and Red cards will be issued 11: Subs made at each Quarters
12: Slide tackling allowed.
13: Any player receiving a Yellow Card needs to leave the field for a cooling off period. **A sub may be used or coach can reenter player at referees discretion.**
14: Goals may be scored on a kick off without touching another player
15: There is to be no parents or coaches standing or coaching on the goal line 16: Players are to remain on field during water break (quarters)
17: No intentional headers as per Cal South.
18: If one team is up by 4 or more goals and a player maxes out at 3 goals scored, the below will apply:
A). 1st offense, coach receives yellow card.
B). 2nd offense player receives yellow card.
C). 3rd offense, coach receives red card.
D). 4th offense, player receives red card.

Under 10 Divisions

- 1: 7v7 on the field.
2: Size 4 Ball
3: (4) 12 minute Quarters "Running Time"
4: Coaches are not allowed on the field
5: All FIFA Laws of the game apply, including offside
6: Any player receiving a Yellow Card needs to leave the field for a cooling off period. **A sub may be used or coach can reenter player at referees discretion.**
7: Coaches are to remain in the area of the center circle
8: Coaches are only permitted on the field at the direction of the Referee
9: There is to be no parents or coaches standing or coaching on the goal line
10: Players are to remain on field during water break (quarters)
11: Subs made at each Quarters
12: No intentional headers as per Cal South.
13: Off sides will be called.
14: If one team is up by 4 or more goals and a player maxes out at 3 goals scored, the below will apply:
A). 1st offense, coach receives yellow card.
B). 2nd offense player receives yellow card.
C). 3rd offense, coach receives red card.
D). 4th offense, player receives red card.

Under 12 Divisions

- 1: 9v9 on the field.

- 2: Size 4 Ball
- 3: (4) 15 Minute Quarters "Running Time"
- 4: Coaches not allowed on the field
- 5: All FIFA Laws of the game apply
- 6: Any player receiving a Yellow Card needs to leave the field for a cooling off period. **A sub may be used or coach can reenter player at referees discretion.**
- 7: Coaches are to remain in the area of the center circle
- 8: Coaches are only permitted on the field at the discretion of the referee
- 9: There is to be no parents or coaches standing or coaching on the goal line
- 10: Players are to remain on field during water breaks
- 11: Subs are made at each quarter
- 12: No intentional headers as per CalSouth
- 13: If one team is up by 4 or more goals and a player maxes out at 3 goals scored, the below will apply:
 - A). 1st offense, coach receives yellow card.
 - B). 2nd offense player receives yellow card.
 - C). 3rd offense, coach receives red card.
 - D). 4th offense, player receives red card.

Under 14 Divisions

- 1: 11 Players on the field
- 2: Size 5 Ball
- 3: (4) 17 1/2 Minute Quarters "Running Time"
- 4: Coaches are not allowed on the field
- 5: All FIFA Laws of the game apply
- 6: Any player receiving a Yellow Card needs to leave the field for a cooling off period. **A sub may be used or coach can reenter player at referees discretion**
- 7: Coaches are to remain in the area of the center circle
- 8: Coaches are only permitted on the field at the direction of the Referee
- 9: There is to be no parents or coaches standing or coaching on the goal line
- 10: Players are to remain on field during water break (quarters)
- 11: Subs made at each Quarter
- 12: A minimum of 11 players, and a max of 16 players, must be registered in order to have a U14 and U18 Girls division
- 13: If one team is up by 4 or more goals and a player maxes out at 3 goals scored, the below will apply:
 - A). 1st offense, coach receives yellow card.
 - B). 2nd offense player receives yellow card.
 - C). 3rd offense, coach receives red card.
 - D). 4th offense, player receives red card.

Under 19 Divisions

- 1: 11 Players on the field

- 2: Size 5 Ball
- 3: (4) 20 minute Quarters.
- 4: Coaches are not allowed on the field
- 5: All FIFA Laws of the game apply
- 6: Any player receiving a Yellow Card needs to leave the field for a cooling off period. A sub may be used or coach can reenter player at referees discretion
- 7: Coaches are to remain in the area of the center circle
- 8: Coaches are only permitted on the field at the direction of the Referee
- 9: Free substitutions are allowed at any stoppage
- 10: There is to be no parents or coaches standing or coaching on the goal line
- 11: Players are to remain on field during water break (quarters)
- 12: If one team is up by 4 or more goals and a player maxes out at 3 goals scored, the below will apply:
 - A). 1st offense, coach receives yellow card.
 - B). 2nd offense player receives yellow card.
 - C). 3rd offense, coach receives red card.
 - D). 4th offense, player receives red card.

*Scoring for divisions U10, U12, U14 and U19 divisions will be a 10 point scoring system as per Cal South Tournament rules.

Section 6 - Discipline

The following guidelines will apply to discipline issues:

- 1: Any player or coach receiving three (3) yellow cards during the season will be suspended for the next game
- 2: Any player or coach receiving a red card will be suspended from the next game, practices or any team/GTCSC function prior to serving the suspension. They cannot be at the field at anytime.
- 3: Any player or coach receiving additional cards above those listed above will be subject to additional suspensions per the By-Laws.
- 4: Any player or coach who is involved in Fighting or Verbal, Racial, or Sexual Harassment, or Physical Assault on a player, coach, referee, or league official will be suspended for up to four (4) games as determined by disciplinary hearing.
- 5: Any player or coach suspended for any reason will not be allowed take part in any team/GTCSC function. (I.e. practice, game etc) This is not just for red cards.
- 6: Suspensions will carry over to all post season games or the next season.
- 7: Any Discipline action can be appealed to the Discipline Board following the guidelines in the GTCSC By-Laws.
- 8: Any discipline actions from the board to coach and/or player may disqualify them from any tournament play
- 9: Coaches who do not follow the 50% play rule at every game will be suspended for the next game, (excluding player unavailability, injury or illness). GTCSC Board has the right to contact the parent or guardian of the child to ascertain the situation
- 10: If there is a "no show, no call, no buyout", for your mandatory snack bar shift, then the team will be deducted 3 points for U10, U12, U14 and U19 divisions; for U6 and U8 divisions trophies will be withheld. Coaches will also not be asked to participate in post season or future seasons.

Section 7 - Referee Selection and Conduct

- 1: All Referees' must be approved by the Director of Ref(s).
- 2: All Referees must fill out a program administrator form
- 3: All Referees' over 18 years of age must be Live Scanned (including turning 18 during season)
- 4: All Referees' will be evaluated and instructed during the season as necessary to improve the quality of referee's
- 5: Games will be assigned in the following manner:
 - Adults - Anyone 18 and Over
 - 14U and 18U will be assigned first with 3 man crews whenever possible
 - 2nd year and higher Jr Referees
 - 12U and 10U all positions
 - 1st year and Jr Referees
 - 8U all positions
 - 10U Assistant Referees
- 6: Any Mid-week games can be 2 man crews in the event 3 man crews cannot be provided.
- 7: **All referees** to complete a post match report
- 8: Follow USSF Code of Ethics
- 9: Must be 2 yrs removed from age group you are assigned to. (if availability issue arises, Director of Ref(s) has final decision)
- 10: Relatives cannot officiate in divisions in which their child plays or you coach.
- 11: All discipline issues will be reviewed by the Discipline Panel
- 12: Games will be assigned based upon your requested time and handed out by the Director of Referees'.
- 13: All referees' must fill out a w-9 form at the beginning of each season.
- 14: Referees can be disciplined and/or removed by a majority vote.

Section 8 - Post Season Tournaments

Commissioner's Cup

Commissioner's Cup Tournament is open to the teams that finish in first and second place in following divisions 10U, 12U, and 14U.

Presidents Cup/**Open Cup**

President's Cup/**Open Cup** selection is a process by which the league coaches have the privilege and responsibility of choosing the best players in their age division to represent Grand Terrace in the District 5 Tournament, or President's Cup. The President's Cup/**Open Cup** is highly competitive, and as such, selections made are balanced to achieve a uniformly athletic team.

President's Cup/**Open Cup** Selection Process

CRITERIA:

A player selected for President's Cup/**Open Cup** should have exceptional skill in ball control, both offensively and defensively. They must have speed and agility. They must be quick footed and have a very high level of endurance. They must be a team player that is willing and able to play any position according to the needs of the team. They must be aggressive but always under control demonstrating a positive attitude towards soccer

and a willingness to give 100 percent of themselves both at practice and on the field during games. Our President's Cup players are emissaries of Grand Terrace and Grand Terrace Community Soccer Club and as such must demonstrate sportsmanship in the highest degree!

COACHES:

President's Cup/**Open Cup** Coaches also must demonstrate more than a capability of winning. A Cup Coach must exhibit exemplary conduct at both practice and games. They are expected to coach clean, skillful, honest, and sportsmanlike soccer where playing hard is stressed equally with the spirit of winning. A President's Cup Coach should remember that their position is a privilege and not a forgone right. Those coaches who will not adhere to the rules and regulations in the selection process as follows will not be asked or given the privilege of managing a President's Cup/**Open Cup** Team.

If a Coach was subjected to documented discipline in respective season, they will not be considered for any Post Season Tournament Play.

PROCESS:

1. After the Ninth week of regular season play, each head coach from every team shall nominate a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of six (6) players from all teams that should be considered for nomination to the President's Cup team in divisions U10 and U12. This list will be kept CONFIDENTIAL.
2. Coaches shall include at least one Defensive player and at least one Offensive player in the nominations if possible. **A total of no more than 4 subs per division to be taken, up to Board approval.**
3. A list of nominated players shall be compiled by the board and all coaches will attend a selection meeting scheduled by the board. All attempts will be made to schedule the selection meeting at a convenient time to all. However, only one Head Coach from each team (a substitution being the Assistant Coach because the Head Coach cannot make the meeting) will be allowed to participate. Coaches shall include at least one fullback and one mid-field position in the nominations if possible. All discussions and selection criteria from this meeting will remain strictly CONFIDENTIAL. Any discussion of this information with any member of G.T.C.S.C. - not in attendance of this meeting will be considered "Administrative misconduct" and may result in disciplinary action being brought against them by the G.T.C.S.C. board.
4. President of the Board of Directors will select a different committee for each division. They will have 5 minutes to vote between the highest nominees in votes.
5. By anonymous ballot, each coach will vote for the appropriate number of total players to fill the team roster. Each completion of ballots by those present will be considered a "round" in order of priority numbered one (1) through fifteen (15) using the form provided for this process.
6. Selection to the President Cup/**Open Cup** team will be based upon unanimous voting of all coaches present only unless in the case of a "stalemate" - the President and/or board members selected will vote to fill any remaining positions. It will not be mandatory to have one player from each team, nor will there be a limit on the number of players from one team.
7. After each round of voting, a member of the board will list the players chosen unanimously from the coaches votes. After the first round of voting, and after each subsequent round, each coach will have an opportunity to discuss each of remaining nominations and the reasons why they think that this player should be chosen for inclusion on the roster. No negative or dissenting opinions regarding any nomination remaining or the reasoning for the coach to suggest the inclusion of this player will be allowed.
8. Voting and discussion will continue in each subsequent round until the roster is filled, or a stalemate is reached.
9. A "stalemate" will be considered to exist after three rounds of voting by the coaches whereby no remaining positions are filled on the roster because of non-unanimous voting.
10. When a stalemate is declared to exist by the President, each coach will have a final opportunity to discuss the players that he/she believes should fill the remaining positions on the roster. Thereafter, the President

and board members selected by the President will retire into private deliberations to discuss and choose the players to fill the remaining roster openings. After the remaining positions are filled, the players chosen will be announced and the roster will be deemed as "full". The board members that deliberate in the case of a stalemate are able to use whatever evidence they choose and have no obligation to explain their decisions or choices. ALL DECISIONS IN THE CASE OF STALEMATE VOTING ARE FINAL.

11. Individuals selected to the team may be notified by telephone by the Coach of the team the day following the completion of selection and the roster being deemed as "full".
12. If an all-star player misses three practices the coach has the option to remove the player and replace with an alternate with the next highest votes. The Board must be notified.
13. If one player receives one vote from the same coach each round it counts as only one vote relating to alternates.
14. Any Head Coach or Assistant Coach of the President's Cup team must be approved by a majority vote of the board before they are accepted to the team, and must possess a minimum of an "YM3" coaching license. U14 and U18 divisions must possess a minimum of an "E" License.
15. The Coach of the President's Cup team will be determined after the final game of the regular season play is completed. The "first-place" team Coach will be offered the first opportunity to be nominated as Head Coach of the President's Cup team. After nomination, the board has no obligation to accept the Coach regardless of the regular season standings. The board will look to elect a Coach who will represent G.T.C.S.C in the most positive manner with respect toward players, Officials, Parents, and the game itself.
16. The Coach or Assistant Coach of the President's Cup team has no right to include his/her own son/daughter on the team if not selected in the regular voting process to fill the roster.
17. Should the first-place Coach not accept the offer of the President's Cup team, or the first-place coach not be accepted by majority vote of the board, Board of Directors will select the best possible coach.
18. After a Head Coach has been confirmed by the board, the Head Coach will have the option to select any other Head or Assistant Coach from the same division to serve as his/her assistant. The Head Coach must verify that his choice holds the appropriate Coaching license, or they will not be accepted. The Head Coach will then submit the name of his choice to the board for approval. If the first choice as Assistant Coach is unavailable, then the Head Coach will repeat this same process until an Assistant Coach is accepted by vote of the board.
 - a. An assistant coach must have coached within the current season in any division within that year to be an assistant for All-Stars.
19. Teams sent to President's Cup will be selected from the Co-Ed U10 divisions and each division above, or as directed by CYSA-South.
20. If more than one team is selected to go in any age division then the coach of the team with the next best record will be selected to coach that team.
21. If two teams are selected then the coach of the first team will select his team before the second team is selected.
22. If winning coach is a head coach of more than one team in a same division, they will not be permitted to be head coach. Same will result if coach is head coach in different divisions, but if tournaments take place the same weekend, licensed assistant coach can be head coach.
23. Rounds for all-star draft:
 - a. 5 minutes, no discussion
 - b. 10 minutes, with discussion
 - c. 10 minutes, with discussion

d. Coaches Pick

if a player has 75% of the vote, then the vote shall win.

24. At least 3 coed girls to be nominated for the girl All-star team. Open invitation for coed girls nominated to attend a organized practice with girls coaches teams in that division.
25. Coaches must have proper license by October 1st, of the current year to qualify for post season.

Section 9 — Adult Soccer

1. There is to be no Slide Tackling.

Section 10 – Select/Signature

1. GTCSC to host all try outs dates.
2. League to approve all coaches and players.
3. Parents and coaches are to abide by GTCSC General Rules and Bylaws. This includes fees, fundraiser, field cleanup dates, snack bar obligations, Opening Ceremonies, Sponsorships and putting up and taking down nets and goals.
4. Select/Signature will be granted upon formation, as long as it does not negatively affect league teams and play.
5. Board has final approval of all teams participating regardless of Cal South interest.