

Great Basin Youth Soccer League PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Your child is playing soccer for FUN. Please realize that everyone wants you to enjoy the game. Also, this page is being provided as an effort to assist you and your child in gaining the maximum benefit possible from the soccer match. Below are some simple rules you must observe. Please read carefully and sign at the bottom of the page to acknowledge you understand; what's expected behavior at every match.

1. **Do not shout instructions to your child.** This will cause confusion and may result in erroneous play on your child's part. The coach has instructed your child on how to play. If you shout instructions, your child will probably try to please you and the coach at the same time. In trying to do two things at once, the child may fail at both.
2. **Cheer for your child when he/she successfully plays the ball.** However, remember your child is a member of a TEAM. Let the others players know you support them too. Refrain from disparaging or degrading remarks.
3. **Suffer in silence whenever something occurs that goes against your child's team.** A display of anger may influence a delicate situation resulting in embarrassment for you and your child. Some parents embarrass their own children by making a spectacle of themselves.
4. **Remember that the parents from the other team are equally enthusiastic about their team's success.** Be a gracious competitor.
5. **Do not run up and down the sidelines or stand behind the goal lines or behind/alongside the goal area.** Find a comfortable place to sit down or stand and enjoy the match.
6. **Do not shout insults at the referee, especially our AR's as they are in the process of learning and development, the same as the players.** *The referee has the power to stop the match if the crowd becomes discourteous.* To have been the cause of such drastic action would be a humiliation to you, your child and team. The GBYSL League will not tolerate this and you and your child may not be asked back to participate.
7. **If your team loses, adopt a positive attitude.** Compliment the child upon his/her good plays. Ignore the mistakes. The child will be happy you noticed his/her good qualities.
8. **Remember - your child will forget about today's game.** Next week he/she will probably have forgotten the score. However, both of you will remember that you had a good time playing the most popular sport in the world!
9. **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED AT ANY SOCCER MATCH - HOME OR AWAY. OUT OF COURTESY TO OTHERS PLEASE REFRAIN FROM TOBACCO USE ON OR NEAR THE SIDLINES/FIELDS.**
10. **All non-playing children MUST be supervised at all times.**
11. **NO DOGS ALLOWED, CHECK PARK SIGNS FOR DOG REGULATIONS.**

I will abide by the above Parent's Code of Conduct set forth by the Great Basin Youth Soccer League

Parent/Guardian signature

Childs Name _____ Team _____ Age U _____