

Gilbert Soccer Club--Code of Conduct for Coaches

By reading and signing this Code of Conduct, all coaches within Gilbert Soccer Club (GSC) agree to abide by the following rules of conduct as established by GSC. Accordingly, as a competitive soccer coach, I:

1. agree to abide by the rules/directives of the GSC, AYSA, USYSA, US Club Soccer, USSF, and FIFA;
2. agree to dress in a clean and proper manner and in GSC Arsenal attire while coaching, because coaches are an example to their players;
3. agree to hold at least two practices each week, appropriate to the age of the players, and to be punctual in arriving for practices and games;
4. agree not to leave practices or games until all players have been picked up by a parent, guardian, or other authorized adult;
5. will refrain from teaching unsafe or unsportsmanlike methods to the players;
6. will refrain from teaching demeaning songs, cheers, or chants to the players;
7. will make decisions for the team with the best interest of the players, and the club, in mind;
8. understand that official decisions by the referees should be accepted without rancor or anger, no matter how unfair they may seem; I further understand that the use of behavior, verbal or physical, which is intimidating toward the referee (including vulgar, improper, foul, demeaning, and/or abusive language) is grounds for immediate dismissal as a coach in GSC;
9. will teach the players respect for themselves, the opponent, and the referee;
10. will teach the players sportsmanship and proper on-field conduct;
11. will provide a fun learning environment for the players;
12. will teach progressive improvements in technical proficiency and tactical knowledge while promoting self-esteem equally in all players;
13. will instruct parents in proper behavior at games, including respect for the referee, the "opposing" parents, and both sets of players; I understand that spectator control is my responsibility, and if the referee must take measures to control the game, he/she cannot take them with the parents so he/she will take them with me, as coach;
14. will encourage safe, competitive, fair play and will reward improvement and effort, regardless of skill, and regardless of the outcome of any game;
15. understand that GSC believes that winning is desirable, but winning at any cost defeats the purpose of the game. Losing can be a triumph when the team has given its best effort;
16. understand that GSC emphasizes to all coaches that our teams should be a positive example for all players and parents statewide. We will show respect to everyone, both on and off the field. It is the duty of the coach and his/her assistants, as leaders of the team, to teach their team these important values;
17. will refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches;
18. will abstain from the use of tobacco products while in the presence of the players and will discourage use of tobacco products by players;
19. will abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages when supervising players. There shall be NO alcohol on the coach's breath, on playing or practice fields.
20. will never use, advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances;
21. will at no time become intimately and/or sexually involved with players. This includes request for sexual favors or threat of reprisal for the rejection of such request;
22. will not engage in verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse;
23. understand the definition of harassment: Harassment takes many forms but can be defined as behavior including comments and/or conduct which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, hurtful, malicious, degrading or otherwise offensive to an individual or groups of individuals or which creates an uncomfortable environment;
24. will work together with other coaches in my age group in a pool training setting and will continually assess players for movement within the age group;
25. will openly borrow and loan players to other teams in the club to benefit player development;
26. will communicate throughout the year with parents and players through two formal evaluations and two informal evaluations;
27. will communicate regularly with Directors about the progression, improvements and standing of the team.

Violation of these rules may lead to your dismissal as a Coach in GSC. I agree to abide by this Coaches' Code of Conduct, as detailed above.

Print Name

Signature

Date