

GASC Coaches Code of Conduct



The coaches and managers are expected to conduct himself/herself at all times, both on and off the field in a manner which insures a fun, safe, and healthy youth soccer environment.

As a coach for GASC Soccer Program, I agree to the following:

- I am representing GASC, my community, and my team and agree to act accordingly at all times.
- I will learn and know the rules of the game and the policies of GASC and shall support and uphold them always.
- I bear responsibility for teaching players to strive for success while playing fairly and observing the laws of the game at the highest level of sportsmanship.
- I understand that coaching is a position of trust. Therefore, I will be a positive role model for my players and will maintain my personal integrity and dignity at all times.
- I will treat officials with respect and dignity, and shall teach my players to do the same. In both victory and defeat, the behavior of all shall model grace, dignity and composure.
- I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and will refrain from their use at all games, exhibitions, practices, and events.
- I will never coach a game or conduct a practice under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- I will refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual. Including but not limited to swearing, use profanity or make obscene gestures, or engage in any inappropriate behavior or conduct at any time I am within the GASC Soccer Complex or any facility we travel to for games.
- I will always remember that my players are involved in GASC Programs for fun and enjoyment, and I will do everything possible to keep the game fun and enjoyable.
- I am a youth coach and understand that the game is for the children, not the adults.
- I will always have a positive attitude and will always praise my players for trying hard, playing fair and doing their best, regardless of the outcome of the game.
- I will never criticize or yell at any player for making a mistake.
- I will not tolerate any physical or verbal abuse in youth sports.
- I understand that winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one.
- I will place the well-being of every player above my personal desire to win.
- I will be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- I understand that being a coach means being, first and foremost, a teacher.
- I will teach my players basic skills, techniques and strategies, and will give all my players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem at practice and in games.
- I will maintain an open line of communication with my players and parents.
- I will explain goals and objectives for the team, as well as the rules of the game and the policies of GASC, whenever requested or necessary, to the best of my ability.
- I will respect the referees and game officials and their authority during every game. I will never dispute, challenge or excessively argue any decisions made by them, or confront any referee or league official at the field before, during or after the game.
- Whenever necessary, I will take the time to calmly and rationally discuss any situation or call made during a game with a referee or league official.
- I will adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of the institutions I represent: Greenfield Area Soccer Club, Greenfield Parks and Recreation, Indiana Soccer Association, US Youth Soccer Association.

I acknowledge that this Code of Conduct has been adopted by GASC and agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action by GASC that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Warning
- Probation
- Game suspension
- Season suspension
- Removal from program

In the event a situation arises which calls for interpretation, GASC will take into account the best interest of each athlete, the entire team, the GASC Soccer Club, and the integrity of the soccer game. GASC board decision will be final.