

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Following Codes of Conduct must be read, signed by parent(s)/guardian and player, and then returned with paperwork at registration. No player will be allowed to register without signed player and parent codes of conduct.

The Greater Libertyville Soccer Association takes great pride in the quality of its players, facilities and broad community involvement. Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of children. Therefore, it is essential for parents, coaches, spectators, and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Furthermore, parents, coaches, spectators, and officials involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control.

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators characterize all competition sponsored by the Greater Libertyville Soccer Association the following Codes of Conduct have been established. It is the obligation of all program administrators, coaches, parents, and players to create an environment that promotes this objective. Those who willfully violate this code jeopardize their participation in the GLSA Competitive Soccer Program.

The Greater Libertyville Soccer Association has a Disciplinary Committee in place to mitigate issues and concerns regarding the violation of the codes of conduct set forth by our organization and the Illinois Youth Soccer Association.

GLSA reserves the right to release a player per the IYSA rule 006 pertaining to the involuntary release of players from a club. For further information on Rule 006 please refer to www.IYSA.org

In addition, all guidelines, policies and procedures related to disciplinary action are available on the GLSA website at www.GLSA.org

GLSA Player Code of Conduct

It is a privilege to play on a competitive soccer team. As a representative of the GLSA competitive program, in signing this commitment, I will:

Play the game for the game's sake, and not just to please my parents or coach.

Be modest and generous when I win and gracious when I lose. Accept defeat with dignity. *Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.*

Respect the game of soccer and its laws, learn these laws, follow them, and play the game fairly.

Work for the good of my team and give my best effort at all times.

Respect my teammates at all times. I will not bully, haze or threaten my teammates, either within the team setting or outside the club using current media outlets and publications.

Show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I will sometimes disagree with his/her calls.

Show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games, conduct myself with honor and dignity and treat other players, as I would like to be treated. I understand that soccer is a game, and that the players on the other team are my opponents, not my enemies.

Help my parents and fans understand the laws of the game so they can watch and enjoy the game better.

Never address remarks at opposing coaches, players, referees and spectators (except for genuine friendship, respect or in response to a question by a referee)

Control my temper and not retaliate, even if I disagree with a decision; Displays of temper will not be tolerated on the field or in playing area.

Convey a consistently positive attitude toward my teammates or coaches. My true strength of character will be displayed on the field.

Practice on my own, come prepared to learn, and give my coaches and trainers my complete attention. Their only purpose is to make me a better player and my team a better team.

Never use or possess tobacco, alcohol, or illegal / performance-enhancing drugs.

Play the game I love—Love the game I play!

Repeated demonstrations of behavior that are in direct violation of the GLSA code of conduct will be dealt with by a referral to the GLSA disciplinary committee. Violence or conduct in violation of the rules of the game including the combination of caution offenses by individual league rules that causes a player to sit out a game will be handled by GLSA officials in conjunction with the disciplinary standards set forth by the league and the Illinois Youth Soccer Association.

Acknowledgement

I have read, understand and hereby agree to abide by and support this GLSA Player's Code of Conduct.

Player's Name (print)

Date

Player's Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____