



GREENBELT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Home of the Gators

Code of Conduct

Everyone should remember that it is a game and that each team will experience its share of wins and losses, good days and bad days, good refereeing, and bad refereeing, similar to the experiences we each encounter in everyday life. It's important for coaches, players, and parents to avoid inappropriate behavior during practices and games. Treat everyone with respect and dignity, and you will truly be a winner by any measure.

Parent Code of Conduct

Once you sign your child up with GBGC, you are a member of the Club and part of a team; your actions reflect not only on yourself, but also on the entire GBGC organization. You are expected to:

- ❖ Avoid inappropriate behavior during practice, games, team and Club functions, tournaments and travel (e.g. theft, substance abuse, violent or destructive behavior, etc..).
- ❖ Abide by the rules established by GBGC, the County and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.
- ❖ Conform to the Laws of the Game.
- ❖ Take victory modestly and defeat graciously.
- ❖ Treat teammates, opponents, coaches, referees and other officials with respect.
- ❖ Recognize and praise skillful play by both teams, and do not ridicule either side.
- ❖ Never argue with a referee or assistant referee.

Remember that you are there for the support of your child and his/her team. The game is for your child, not for you. Set a good example of sportsmanship and encourage your child to meet his/her obligations. Allow the coach to direct the play of the game. Remember that in future years, no one will remember the score or who won the game, and that your son or daughter's sports career is a long-term process and is not dependent on the outcome of a single game.

Most minor violations of the Code of Conduct should be resolved within the structure of the Team. Serious or unresolved violations should be reported to the Commissioner or President of the Club. A review will be conducted and actions may be taken to resolve the situations. Actions may include, but are not limited to, a caution, a personal apology, probation, service work, suspension, or in extreme cases, expulsion from GBGC. In addition, violators may be subject to disciplinary action by the City, County and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.