# GRAND VALLEY SOCCER ASSOCIATION Respect – A Game We All Must Play



### PLAYER AND FAMILY CODE OF CONDUCT AT ALL GVSA and MSYSA SANCTIONED SOCCER GAMES.

#### **Player Code Of Conduct**

The Grand Valley Soccer Association is committed to long term development of the youth soccer player as a well rounded athlete, and productive, respected member of society. Excellent gamesmanship in the form of healthy competition coincides with an overall attitude of community awareness and the desire to be a good citizen. Therefore, each player will be expected to follow the Grand Valley Soccer Association Code of Conduct principles and each parent is expected to help enforce these principles.

- 1. GVSA Players understand that soccer is a team sport and absences from practice or games may hurt the team. Players unable to attend training or games should let their coach know as soon as the information is available.
- 2. GVSA Players will not use alcohol or illegal substances at any time.
- 3. GVSA Players will not use profanity at any time, especially at practices and games.
- 4. GVSA team captains will make themselves known to the referee and assist in the managing of the match as required by the referee. Team captains are encouraged to respectfully ask for clarification of referee decisions during the match if teammates have questions. Team captains will assist the Referee by helping to manage teammates who exhibit poor behavior during a match. Team captains are the on-field Representative of the Club and the League!
- 5. GVSA Players will show respect to the referees. Players will not show dissent to a referee. Players will accept responsibility for all fouls issued. Players will positively acknowledge the referee's effort after a game regardless of the outcome.
- 6. GVSA Players will show respect to the other team's players. Players will not be allowed to taunt an opposing player. Players will shake hands with their opponents after each game.
- 7. GVSA Players accept victory and defeat with dignity.
- 8. GVSA Players will show respect to their coaches.
- 9. GVSA Players will show respect to their parents.
- 10. GVSA Players will work to promote a model of a top soccer athlete: good skills, sound fundamentals, clean and fair play.

I have read and understand the GVSA CODE OF CONDUCT, and I agree to abide by these principles at all time. I understand these principles also apply to out-of-state tournaments, both on and off the field. I also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these principles.

(Player Name)	(Club)
(Player signature)	(Date)

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#### **Parent and Family Member Code Of Conduct**

Parents of GVSA Players serve as important role models to their children and to all the other children that they come in contact with on and around the soccer field. Therefore, GVSA expects each parent to agree to the following CODE OF CONDUCT principles:

- 1. GVSA Parents will learn and understand the rules of the game for each specific league/tournament, etc.
- 2. GVSA Parents will respect the integrity and judgment of the referees. Parents will refrain from challenging referee calls.
- 3. GVSA Parents will show appreciation of good play by both teams.
- 4. GVSA Parents will respect the Captains of either team and support them throughout the match.
- 5. GVSA Parents will refrain from "coaching" any player from the sidelines.
- 6. GVSA Parents will cheer and show encouragement at all times.

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- 7. GVSA Parents will follow the 48-hours rule before contacting coaches after a game.
- 8. GVSA Parents will help enforce the Player CODE OF CONDUCT shown above.

(Parent name)	(Player name)
(Parent signature)	(Date)
(Parent name)	
(Parent signature)	_
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We have read and understand the GVSA CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT, and we agree to abide by these principles. We also agree to accept actions taken by the league for failure to abide by these principles.