



## Code of Conduct and Ethics

As a member club of Ontario Soccer (OS) and the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) respectively, the Georgetown Soccer Club (GSC) adheres to the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics and the Ontario Soccer Code of Conduct, which can be accessed through the following links:

<https://www.ontariosoccer.net/governing-documents>

[https://www.canadasoccer.com/files/CSA Code of Conduct and Ethics FINAL 22.09.17.pdf](https://www.canadasoccer.com/files/CSA_Code_of_Conduct_and_Ethics_FINAL_22.09.17.pdf)

When there is a conflict of information, please refer to Ontario Soccer's document as it is most specific to where you play and includes the most up to date legislature.

Additionally, GSC has implemented the following Code of Conduct: It is the expectation of the GSC that all affiliated with the Club will conduct themselves in a manner which allows all players the opportunity to reach their full potential and most important, enjoy the game. This Code of Conduct provides the principles by which everyone associated with the Club must comply. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action that could result in the termination of membership of a player and/or coach or termination of employment of referees. Playing fair also has to do with making choices. As we interact with each other in sport, or as spectators in sport, we must regularly consider and define what we think is right and what is not. As our children interact with each other in sport, their ability to think and learn about fair play issues matures along with their ability to think and learn about what makes for a rewarding and fulfilling life in society.

### General

As mandated by OS through the Peel Halton Soccer Association, the Club complies with the Zero Tolerance Policy with regard to abuse (verbal or physical) of referees, team officials or players. Anyone guilty of abuse will be permanently expelled from the club and its facilities.

- Act at all times according to the Georgetown Soccer Club "Fair Play Code" for players, coaches, referees and parents.
- Abusive behaviour and communication styles are not acceptable.
- Use of profanity is prohibited.
- Smoke, or the consumption of alcohol in the playing and spectator area is prohibited.

- Keeping fields and parks clean or garbage, respecting municipal By- laws and the neighbours for parking is expected and encouraged.

## **Players**

- Players will play co-operatively with teammates
- Will treat opponents, game officials, coaches and spectators with respect
- Will arrive a minimum of 15 minutes before game time. Rep players will vary and will be determined by the coaching staff.
- Should arrive in their uniform ready to play.
- Will keep their shirts tucked into their shorts during play
- Must wear shin guards for all games and practices – no exceptions.
- Cannot wear metal cleats for recreational games.

## **Coaches**

- Coaches will set an example of fair play, respect of others and good sportsmanship through example during the season.
- Coaches will ensure that each player is on the field at least 50% of the time for recreational teams.
- Will speak respectfully to players, officials and parents.
- Will offer constructive feedback in an effort to improve the skills of their players

## **Referees**

- Will officiate the game in a fair, non-partisan and unbiased manner Will follow the rules set by their governing body.
- Be respectful when addressing players, coaches, spectators and parents.
- Will treat players, referees, opponents and other spectators with respect.

## **Spectators**

- Must stand on the opposite side of the field from players and coaches.
- Will not step onto the field during the game.
- Will maintain a distance of not less than three meters from the field during the game.
- Must ensure young spectators in their care do not interrupt the game and remain well away from the field.
- Will not play with a ball any closer than five meters from the field.
- Parents will also abide by the rules as noted in the attachment to the Player Registration form.

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