

CODES OF CONDUCT

SPORTSMANSHIP

One of the prime goals of the Gloucester Dragons is to teach good sportsmanship. To achieve this, coaches and parents must set an example for the players to follow. Harassing referees or players is uncalled for and detracts from the enjoyment of the game. The conduct of the adults is soon reflected in the attitude of the players. All adults have an obligation to set a good example.

PARTICIPATION

The aim of the Gloucester Dragons is to promote recreation, fitness, health and friendship. Participation is the rule; winning is a bonus. Each player will receive equitable playing time, although this is not a guarantee as it is impacted by the player's commitment as reflected by their participation at practices, their attendance and their adherence to the Code of Conduct.

PLAYER'S CODE

- ✓ Play the game for the game's sake.
- ✓ Play your best at all times.
- ✓ Be generous when you win and gracious when you lose.
- ✓ Always be fair, no matter the circumstances.
- ✓ Obey the Laws of the Game.
- ✓ Accept the official's decisions with grace.
- ✓ Work for the good of your team.
- ✓ Believe in the honesty of your opponents.
- ✓ Honestly and wholeheartedly applaud the efforts of your teammates and your opponents.
- ✓ **Have Fun!**

PARENT'S CODE

- ✓ Respect the decisions of officials with grace.
- ✓ Always set a good example.
- ✓ Be quicker to praise than to criticize.
- ✓ Make participation a positive experience for your child and others.
- ✓ Relieve the pressure of competition not increase it. Children are adversely affected by the win-at-all-costs attitude.
- ✓ Be supportive of *all* coaches and officials. The coaches are volunteers, giving up personal time and money to provide recreation for your child.
- ✓ Treat your opponents with respect; they are necessary friends in any game. Without them your child could not participate meaningfully.
- ✓ Applaud good plays by *both* teams.

COACH'S CODE

- ✓ Respect the decisions of officials with grace.
- ✓ Help your players to have fun, learn and improve.
- ✓ Respect **all** individuals as unique human beings.
- ✓ Treat opponents and officials with respect.
- ✓ Maintain the standards of personal conduct and fair play.
- ✓ Be enthusiastic and positive.
- ✓ Ensure that you are generous with your praise when deserved.
- ✓ Be mindful of age and experience when critiquing players.
- ✓ Be thoroughly acquainted with the Laws of the Game.
- ✓ Be committed to the improvement of the performance of your players and your team.

OFFICIAL'S CODE

GDRS officials are required to adhere to the Ontario Soccer Association Code of Conduct for Officials, and shall:

- ✓ Conduct themselves with dignity both on and off the field of play and shall, by example, endeavour to inspire the true principles of fair play and earn the respect of those whom they serve.
- ✓ Not cause the Association to become involved in any controversial matters and shall abide by the rules and regulations of the jurisdiction in which they officiate;
- ✓ Adhere to all standards and directives.
- ✓ Always be neat in appearance and maintain a high level of physical and mental fitness;
- ✓ Study the Laws of the Game and be aware of all changes and enforce all said Laws and changes.
- ✓ Perform their designated responsibilities, including attending organized clinics and lectures, etc., and shall assist their colleagues in upgrading and improving their standards of officiating, instructing and assessing.
- ✓ Honour any appointments made for and accepted by them unless unable to do so by virtue of illness or personal emergency.
- ✓ Not publicly criticize other officials or any soccer association or make any statements to the media related to any game in which they were involved.

GDRS is committed to reflecting the above codes of conduct by players, parents, coaches and officials. We hope that all participants acknowledge and celebrate behaviour that clearly demonstrates the values that are integral to these codes for this is the most effective means of reinforcing positive behaviour. However, it should also be noted that disciplinary action or sanctions can and will be taken for lack of compliance.

The Gloucester Dragons gratefully acknowledge the generous amount of effort and time expended by all its volunteers. Thank You So Much!