

## Gallatin Soccer Club Discipline Policy

1. I will make every effort to create a positive experience for my child's participation at GSC.
2. I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage good sportsmanship at all times.
3. I agree to, and I will require my child to, show respect and courtesy, and demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators (regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability) at every practice and game.
4. I will respect the authority of the coach, referee(s), and GSC officials during games
5. I will never confront a coach or referee during a game. Instead, I will take time to speak with the coach at an agreed upon time and place.
6. I will not come out onto a field during a game unless instructed by an official or coach and only in the case of an injury to my child.
7. I will not openly criticize or question a referee's judgments or his/her honesty, nor will I yell at a referee during a game.
8. I acknowledge that a number of referees are young and learning how to officiate just as my child is learning to play soccer. I will quietly and calmly voice any issues, concerns, or comments to the Referee Assignor or to a GSC Board Member.
9. I will refrain from using abusive or profane language and will teach my child to do the same.
10. I will instruct my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will support the coach, referee, and/or GSC officials in regards to any disciplinary actions they may impose as a result of my child's failure to follow the rules or for any acts of physical violence.
12. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team. I understand that if I call out instructions to a child, I may be telling him/her to do the exact opposite of what the coach has told him/her to do, and this will only confuse and frustrate the players on the team.
13. I understand that every position on the field is an important one, and that the results of a game are not determined by the actions, performance, or abilities of just one player.
14. I will never condone, instruct or take part in physical violence while attending a GSC soccer related function or event.
15. I agree to abide by all GSC rules and policies, and I understand that GSC has the authority to enforce those rules and policies. By signing the registration form I understand and agree with the Code of Conduct as well as the rules and policies of GSC. The signature of one parent, custodial parent or legal guardian shall be inclusive of any other parent, custodial parent, guest or legal guardian of the minor.
16. I understand that GSC is an all-volunteer organization. I further acknowledge that the programs are primarily administered by parents, who volunteer their time, rather than paid professionals.

Violation of the terms in this policy may result in the following actions and are subject to review by the Executive committee and the discipline committee. **Gallatin Soccer Club (GSC)**, guided by **TSSA**, employs a Zero Tolerance Policy for Physical and Verbal Abuse.

The Discipline committee duties may include: reviews incidents, complaints and concerns from individuals, member clubs and/or the League, gathers information from all parties involved, mediates or conducts hearings, reports findings and may initiate disciplinary proceedings against any player, team official or spectator.

The discipline committee shall consist of at a minimum: Vice President/Risk Manager, Age Division Director and an impartial club member. In the absence of a Disciplinary Committee, the Executive committee may levy actions based on evidence discovered.

**Disciplinary Proceedings**

*Incident reports submitted to GSC Disciplinary Committee are kept CONFIDENTIAL and your name will be withheld if you wish.*

**Investigation** – All allegations and incidents will be investigate to their fullest extent.

**Reporting Findings** – Findings will be reported to the board at the monthly meeting and disciplinary actions will be given verbally to the parties involved followed by communication outlining the resolution according to the club.

**Disciplinary Action** –

**Physical Assault from Adult** to any member of the club/opponent will result in at a minimum a seasonal ban and may result in up to a permanent ban from all GSC soccer related events in the future.

**Physical Assault from child** to any member of the club/opponent – Will result in a minimum of one game suspension but may include up to a permanent ban from all GSC soccer related functions in the future.

**Verbal Harassment or Berating** of any official, child, coach or opponent will result in the following:

- o First offense- Verbal Warning/ UP to a One Game Suspension (depends on severity)
- o Second Offense- 3 Game Suspension
- o Third Offense – Seasonal Ban
- o Fourth Offense – Permanent Ban from all GSC soccer related activities.

*\*\* Please note for select soccer violations, all fines passed down from the state soccer association are the responsibility of the team, in addition the board reserves the right to pull any player card or coaching privilege for persistent infractions.*

**Protest and Appeal** – Decision can be appealed to the Club Vice President within (48) hours of receipt of the decision. Appeals will be decided upon at the earliest GSC Board meeting scheduled.

As a parent/legal guardian of a child playing soccer at the Gallatin Soccer Club (GSC), I agree:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_