

Parent Code of Conduct for a GCU Youth Player

Playing for Gold Coast United offers a unique opportunity and comes with much responsibility to uphold yourself as a player and a parent to the highest standards.

Gold Coast United can and will ask players to either play up or down an age group or change between our League 1 or 2 teams, depending on what the football department deems to be right at the time, under the rules of Football Queensland.

Support and Encouragement

Be Supportive: Encourage your child and their teammates during practices and games. Celebrate their efforts and achievements, regardless of the outcome.

Positive Attitude: Maintain a positive attitude, demonstrating enthusiasm for the sport and your child's participation.

Respect for Coaches and Officials

Respect Authority: Show respect for coaches, officials, and volunteers. Understand that they are working to provide a positive experience for all players.

Avoid Disruptions: Refrain from coaching players from the sidelines during games. Allow coaches to instruct and guide players.

Communication

Open Dialogue: Maintain open lines of communication with coaches regarding your child's development. Discuss any concerns or questions respectfully and privately.

Constructive Feedback: Provide constructive feedback to your child, focusing on their enjoyment of the game rather than just performance outcomes.

Sportsmanship

Model Good Sportsmanship: Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, demonstrating respect towards opponents, officials, and teammates. This sets a positive example for your child.

Discourage Negative Behaviour: Do not engage in or tolerate negative behaviour, such as arguing with referees, criticizing opponents, or disrespecting others.

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Commitment to the Team

Support Team Goals: Understand and support the team's goals and values. Encourage your child to commit to their training and games.

Attendance and Punctuality: Ensure your child attends practices and games punctually. Notify coaches in advance if they cannot attend.

Focus on Development

Prioritize Player Development: Emphasize the importance of skill development, teamwork, and personal growth over winning. Help your child understand that mistakes are part of learning.

Encourage Independence: Allow your child to take responsibility for their training and development. Encourage them to set personal goals and work toward achieving them.

Promote Inclusivity

Foster Inclusivity: Encourage friendships and inclusivity among players, regardless of skill level or background. Help create a supportive team culture.

Respect Diversity: Acknowledge and respect the diversity within the team, promoting a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Health and Well-being

Prioritize Health: Ensure your child is physically and mentally prepared for practices and games. Encourage proper nutrition, hydration, and rest.

Support Mental Well-being: Be aware of your child's emotional well-being. Encourage them to communicate their feelings about their experiences in the sport.



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Confidentiality

Respect Privacy: Maintain confidentiality regarding any personal information or sensitive matters involving players, coaches, or other parents.

Commitment to the Academy

Understand Policies: Familiarize yourself with the academy's policies and procedures. Adhere to the guidelines set forth by the academy for players and parents alike.

By adhering to this Code of Conduct, parents can help create a positive, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all players involved in the academy. Together, we can foster a love for the game and support the development of our young athletes.