



## **Guelph Soccer Player Code of Conduct**

Coaches should read and discuss the Player's Code of Conduct with all players on your team.

I will play soccer because I want to, not because others want me to.

I will play by the laws of soccer and within the spirit of the game.

I will control my temper. I will not fight, 'mouth off' or use foul or abusive language. I will not hit or spit at anyone on the pitch.

I will respect my opponents.

I will be a team player.

I will remember that winning isn't everything - that having fun, playing fairly, improving my skills, making friends and doing my best are more important.

I will acknowledge all good play, both by my teammates and by my opponents.

I will accept the decisions of coaches and referees and show them respect.

I will notify my coach if there is anything that s/he should know about my health as it pertains to my ability to participate on the pitch.

I will not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.

I will play hard, to the best of my ability within the laws of soccer.

### **Games & Practices**

I agree that practices and games are equally important.

Unless my coach instructs otherwise, I will try to arrive at least 10 minutes before practices and 15 minutes before games.

Unless my coach instructs otherwise, if I cannot make a game or practice, I will notify my coach at least 24 hours in advance so that arrangements for substitutes can be made.

### **My Uniform**

I will take good care of my uniform and wear it only on game days. I will ensure that it is clean for every game.

As stated in the Laws of the Game, I will wear my shirt over my shoulders and tucked into my shorts whilst on the pitch during a match.

I will wear shin guards, socks and soccer boots at all games and practices.



Prior to participating in any games or practices, I will remove any jewellery, watches or any item that may cause injury to my teammates, any opposing players or me.

## **Discipline**

I will show respect for coaches, referees, teammates and opposing players at all times.

Infractions that occur during the match are governed by the Laws of the Game and will be decided by the referee. The referee's decision is final.

Certain serious infractions (e.g. referee assault) will result in a Discipline Hearing, possible suspension from football and a fine being levied by Ontario Soccer. Paying any such fine is my responsibility.

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_