



Code of Conduct and Expectations

Team Definition

A team comprises a group of people linked in a common purpose. Teams are especially appropriate for conducting tasks that are high in complexity and have many interdependent subtasks.

A team consists of the Players, Parents and Coaching Staff. Each of these individuals has a responsibility to fulfill the commitment to the team. The level of commitment expected will vary based on the age group and the season. The success of every individual is inextricably bound to the success of the whole team. No soccer player, no matter how talented, has ever won a game by playing alone. A soccer team is a group of people who play a team sport together. Members include all players (even those who are waiting their turn to play) as well as support members such as a team Manager, Coach and Assistant Coach.

PLAYERS

Players should Study the Laws of the game and adhere to them at all times. Practice and improve your soccer techniques in order to be successful over your opponents by skilful play, not by unfair methods. Cultivate characteristics of punctuality and reliability. Play to win and enjoy yourself, but be sure to take victory modestly and defeat graciously. Set high standards for yourself of punctuality, politeness and appearance.

- The player is a representative of the Brantford Galaxy Youth Soccer Club and the community of Brantford and Brant County
- Perform at your best level at all practices and games.
- Set the example of politeness, sportsmanship and leadership.
- Always respect your Coaches, Guest Coaches/Trainers, Managers and Club Officials.
- Your commitment to the team includes punctuality, positivity and support.
- Do not disrupt, ridicule and by any means bully any player of your team or any other team in any form whether by verbal, electronic or written means.
- The use of electronic devices is prohibited during game play, practice sessions or Technical Training.
- Never argue with the referee or linesmen.
- Never lose your self control and retaliate.
- Attend all team games, practices and meetings.



- Have your uniform, equipment, O.S.A. Player Book prepared and ready for all games and practices.

COACHES, ASSISTANT COACHES AND MANAGERS

Teach players to be a credit to their community, their club and themselves Coaches are expected to provide a safe, positive, and challenging soccer experience for all their players. Coaches must follow the requirements of the Ontario Soccer Association and this BGYSC Code of Conduct and demonstrate respect for players, parents, and officials. Coaches are expected to be familiar with the published rules of the South Region Soccer League and to abide by these rules. Coaches are expected to continually learn more about coaching soccer by attending clinics, observing other coaches, and obtaining at least the minimum license qualification required by the OSA.

Coaches are required to attend all Club meetings, league meetings, and complete all the paperwork necessary to register and compete in both the SRSL and soccer tournaments. Coaches are responsible for the financial status of their team. This includes paying for tournaments and collecting any fines incurred by their team's players, parents, or coaches.

Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Managers are in a position of authority and are therefore held to a higher standard of trust in the eyes of our community and parents. The way that you treat the Players has a direct influence on the player for their entire life.

- The Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager is a representative of the Brantford Galaxy Youth Soccer Club and the community of Brantford and Brant County.
- Teach, mentor and encourage players to be the best they can be.
- Maintain a positive attitude especially in adverse circumstances.
- Encourage and nurture in each player the values of self discipline and team work.
- The Coaching Staff is responsible for their team at all team functions, practices and games.
- Treat your players with respect and dignity.
- Set the example by politeness, sportsmanship and leadership.
- Coaches should strive to set high standards of punctuality, politeness and appearance.



- Be consistent in your approach to every member of your team by engaging in positive and constructive criticism, equal discipline and fairness.
- Deal with bullying sharply, quickly and in a decisive manner.
- Any indication of child abuse or neglect must be reported to the authorities, Police or C.A.S..

PARENTS

The parent is a representative of the Brantford Galaxy Youth Soccer Club and the community of Brantford and Brant County. Parents are expected to uphold the BGYSC Code of Conduct and be supportive of all Players, Coaches, and Officials. If a player or parent is fined by a game official, it is the parent's responsibility to make sure the fine is paid. Failure to pay fines or fees, or violations of the Club's Code of Conduct may result in the suspension or removal of the player from BGYSC. Participation in a BGYSC soccer team may involve financial commitments in addition to the Club's registration fee. Parents are also expected to volunteer at the annual summer Tournament which is the Club's major fundraiser.

The parent may make a complaint to the Club Executive including the Chair, Vice Chair and Club Head Coach. All complaints will be documented, investigated and treated with a proper and timely response by the discipline Committee.

- Parents should help their children cultivate characteristics of respect, sportsmanship, punctuality and reliability.
- Support the team by ensuring that your child attends all practices and games.
- Inform the coach well in advance if a practice or a game must be missed.
- Assist the Coaching Staff by making yourself available to put up nets, bring refreshments to games etc.
- Parents should remain in the spectator area during the contest.
- Parents should not yell instructions or criticisms to their children.
- Parents should make no derogatory comments to players, parents of the opposing team, officials, Coaching Staff or league administrators.



- Parents should not interfere with their children's coach. They must be willing to relinquish the responsibility for their child to the coach for the duration of the contest.

BULLYING

AN ACT OR GESTURE WHICH IS MEANT TO RIDICULE, PUNISH OR BELITTLE ONES SELF ESTEEM.

Definitions

Bullying may be defined as the activity of repeated, aggressive behavior intended to hurt another person, physically or mentally. Bullying is characterized by an individual behaving in a certain way to gain power over another person.

Bullying occurs when a person is: exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more persons. Negative actions occur when a person intentionally inflicts injury or discomfort upon another person, through physical contact, through words or in other ways.

The Brantford Galaxy Youth Soccer Club will not tolerate bullying in any form or manner. Any act of bullying will be dealt with swiftly and sharply. Bullying can lead to expulsion from practices, games and in severe cases the Club. If the nature of the bullying dictates the need for a higher authority to be involved the Bullying shall be reported to local Police Service, especially cases that involve assaultive behaviour. Parents, Players, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers and Club Officials have a direct responsibility to ensure that we provide a Bully free program and atmosphere.

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