

GOLDEN STATE SOCCER CLUB – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

GSSC Management and the GGSC Coaching Staff will provide, expect and demand the following:

- Provide GU19/18 student-athlete's the opportunity to develop their COLLEGIATE AND ACADEMIC skills and sportsmanship-like attitudes in a competitive and structured atmosphere with the goal of developing our players for college recruitment.
- Players must achieve, maintain and/or exceed a 2.95 or higher GPA and upon request must provide GSSC staff unofficial transcripts or a digital copy of current grades. A cumulative GPA of 2.95 or lower will result in a minimum 2-week suspension and/or longer until GPA is above a 2.95. Note: Parents must advise GSSC Staff if your player's grades fall below a 2.95 so we can help your player achieve academic success.
- GSSC Management will provide collegiate recruiting opportunities for all GSSC players who meet the requirements of playing for GSSC by exposing all players to College Showcase ID Tournaments, College Coaches, and College Recruitment material. GSSC will provide direct access to a GSSC College Recruiting Consultant (Ozzie White) and will provide direct pipelines to NCAA and NAIA Div 2/3 University Soccer Coaches for Recruitment.
- Absent illness, family emergency and/or permission from Coach Tim, PRACTICES are mandatory and missing practice w/o permission from Coach Tim will result in reduced play time. College coaches will enquire to GSSC staff about practice consistency and dedication to the team.
- Soccer is a team sport. Learning to respect yourself, your teammates, your coaches, your opponents and the referees are of the utmost importance and a priority for GSSC. The competitive soccer team system is set up to give the team a chance to learn how to win and lose, to be safe and to be competitive within a structured environment. In order to meet these requirements, the following rules are enforced:
 - **RULE #1:** Practices: Be at every practice early and dressed in GSSC PRACTICE KITS (Jersey/Shorts) and related gear (Boots/Ball) and ready to play. Tardiness and excessive tardiness will result in reduced play time and or removal from the team based upon the assessment of GSSC Staff.
 - **RULE #2:** Player Behavior: CRITICAL WARNING: Players are not allowed to criticize teammates during practice, during games, and/or criticize themselves in a manner that projects unprofessional conduct, and/or self-degradation on or off the field. Reason: Bad feelings between players reduces good playing mentality, behavior and effectiveness on/off the field. If a player has an issue with another GSSC player that affects the chemistry of the team GSSC Staff must be notified and appropriate steps taken to make amends so the team can function as an effective unit achieving the same goal. If players cannot get along then GSSC will expel a player or players. Exceptions: None.
 - **Rule #3:** Social Media: Players are expected to maintain a professional appearance and behavior representing GSSC. if social media is utilized in any manner that reflects poorly upon the player, GSSC, GSSC Staff, GSSC Coaching, GSSC Players, GSSC Parents and GSSC Consultants the player will be suspended with prejudice with no ability to return to GSSC. Note: College Coaches will be looking at your social media or enquiring as to your social media presence.
 - **RULE #4:** Players will play positions assigned by the coach and will show appropriate respect at all times. Reason: Playing different positions allows players a balanced experience and teaches respect for teammates and other positions. Parents are expected to support coach's decisions

regarding field positions and other similar situations including game play decisions no matter the outcome. College coaches look for players that can play multiple positions and therefore your player may be playing multiple positions. Exceptions: None.

- **Rule #5:** Coach-Player Communication: Coach Tim will use GSSC social media channels and texting to advise of practice schedules, practice locations, game times, game location, and any other issues related to GSSC. Players and/or Parents MUST respond with acknowledgment of receiving the related message within the same day as communicated. Coach Tim will advise of urgency to respond and failure to communicate will result in reduce play time or suspension.

PARENTS

- Parents will set a high standard of behavior in front of GSSC players, the GSSC team, GSSC staff and at all venues at all times including Social Media.
- No matter what language you speak we will not tolerate threats or negative outbursts, or cursing at ANY player, coach or referee and/or any tournament official. GSSC Staff and Coaches will handle all communication on behalf of the team.
- Parents will remain silent on the sidelines and will not address the players, referees, opponent players or opponent coaches. If this happens GSSC staff will ask you to leave with no exceptions. If continued behavior is showcased then parent/player can be removed from GSSC.
- No differences should be addressed in front of the team, at the practice or game pitch. All differences must be addressed with GSSC Management on an individual basis in the proper place, time and manner. This can be via a face-face set appointment or phone call between parent, coach and GGSSC Management.
- Parent(s) will notify GSSC Staff if there is an issue with their player that affects the relationship with the team.

Guest Player Rule

If a GSSC player is asked to be a guest player at a tournament with another club team GSSC Management and Coaches believe that player should be allowed to participate. GSSC will allow GSSC Players to Guest Play so long as there is NO CONFLICT with GSSC Tournaments, Scrimmages, Planned Events, and/or Practices. GSSC Staff would like to have sufficient notice (5+ days) to provide the Player Card. Note: If a GSSC player is injured as a Guest Player GSSC reserves the right to prevent the player from returning to a "playable status" unless a medical release from a certified Medical Physician accompanies the player and is presented to GSSC Staff notifying GSSC the player is released from Medical Care and can return to a playable status.

I agree to accept and abide by these rules and will be a positive, supportive influence to my player, the other players, and the entire GSSC Staff.

Player Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____