

Playing for Glacial Drumlin United Soccer Club (GDU)

The information below is designed for you to know what it is like to play for GDU. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at gducoccer@gmail.com.

Code of Conduct – Players

GDU expects that all participants will maintain a high standard of conduct at all times and will enforce the standard firmly and fairly. If violations occur, the player or family member will receive disciplinary actions from GDU according to its Rules and Policies.

STANDARD OF CONDUCT

All players and parents will need to sign a contract and agree to abide by the following Player Code of Conduct:

1. **Be a good sport whether you win or lose.** Show a positive attitude toward your teammates, coaches, game officials, and spectators watching the game.
2. **Respect the people you play against.** After all, without them, you would have no one to play. Address no comments to opposing players, coaches, spectators, or referees unless your comments express genuine friendship and respect; or unless they constitute a direct response to questions by game, league, or tournament officials. In other words, “If you can’t say anything nice, don’t say anything at all!”
3. **Proper temperament.** Foul language has no place on the soccer field, at either games or practices.
4. **Follow the rules.** Your team, the league and soccer in general all have rules for practices and games. Practices and games are more fun and safe within the rules.
5. **Be there for your team!** We expect players to be at team activities and to arrive on time with proper equipment and prepared to play. It is not required but players are encouraged to be at team activities even if they are unable to physically participate. The guideline for attendance is: if the player is able to go to school, she/he is expected to attend the team activity. The converse is also true; if the player was unable to attend school, the player should not attend the team activity. The player or parent/guardian should contact the coach and/or team manager in advance of a practice or any game via phone, text or email of the player’s absence as soon as possible. Parent/guardian should discuss in advance with coaches of a player’s absences from practices and games due to other sports conflicts or family activities. Team policies will be set by the coach and/or the GDU Board at the start of the season.
6. **Players play in games at the sole discretion of the coach.** Players play at positions assigned by the coach. Players should not demand to play or not play certain positions. Players should be willing to play and learn about every position. The coach will play you where he or she feels it is best for individual and team development. The coach may reduce a player’s playtime based on a player’s health or poor attitude towards the team/game. Because the program goals include improvement of each participant’s soccer skills and knowledge, coaches will use game and practice situations to teach new positions to players.

Athlete’s Name _____

Signature and Date _____

Code of Conduct – Parents

GDU expects that all participants will maintain a high standard of conduct all times and will enforce the standard firmly and fairly. If and when violations occur, the violator will receive disciplinary actions from GDU according to its Rules and Policies.

STANDARD OF CONDUCT

All parents will need to sign a contract and agree to abide by the following Parents Code of Conduct:

1. **Set a good example whether you win or lose!** Exhibit a consistently positive attitude toward players, coaches, officials, and spectators. IT IS NEVER ACCEPTABLE TO YELL AT A REFEREE! Encourage each team member; an encouraging remark can work wonders.
2. **Refrain from coaching your player or any other player.** Coaching consists of giving directions of information to players. GDU does encourage “cheering.”
3. **Refrain from yelling at the referees, coaches or players.**
4. **Respect the opponents.** Without them, your son or daughter would have no one to play against. Address no comments to opposing players, coaches, spectators, or referees unless your comments express genuine friendship and respect, or unless they constitute a direct response to questions by game, league or tournament officials. In other words, “If you can’t say anything nice, please don’t say anything at all.”
5. **Refrain from smoking or alcohol consumption during soccer games or practices.** Point out the disadvantages of smoking, drinking and drug abuse, especially in athletic performance, to your players.
6. **Remain even-tempered; display no ill-tempered behavior.** Foul language has no place on the soccer field, either at games or practices.
7. **Support your player and the team** by following the rules regarding equipment, practices, and arriving on time and ready to play. Be sure that your player has the proper clothing and equipment every time he or she steps onto the soccer field. Inform the coach or manager if you are unable to attend a game or practice.
8. **Support the league** in which your son or daughter plays and promote its programs. Follow the rules regarding parking (no parking on Hwy BB when at the GDU field) and pets (not allowed at the GDU field or Madison parks).
9. **Follow field rules during games.** Parents are to be on the opposite side of the field from the players during games. Only team players and coaches are allowed on the teams’ field side before, during, and after the games.

We have read and understood the above and promise to abide by the GDU Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with the above could result in disciplinary action.

Parent/Guardian’s Name _____

Signature and Date _____

Medical Release

Please read and sign the following

I, the parent/guardian of the registrant, a minor, agree that the registrant and I will abide by the rules of GDU and its affiliated organizations and sponsors. Recognizing the possibility of physical injury associated with youth programs and in consideration for GDU accepting the registrant for its programs and activities, I hereby release, discharge and/or otherwise indemnify GDU, its affiliated organizations and sponsors, their employees and associated personnel, including the owners of fields and facilities utilized for the youth programs, against any claim by or on behalf of the registrant as a result of the registrant's participation in youth programs and/or being transported to or from the same, which transportation I hereby authorize. As the parent or legal guardian of the above-named player, I hereby give consent for emergency medical care given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve the life, limb or well being of my dependent.

Athlete's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature and Date _____

Youth Participant Under 19: Concussion Participation Requirements

As the parent/Guardian of a youth participant, I agree that by signing this form that I have read the Concussion Information Sheet available at www.glacialdrumlinunited.org In addition, I agree that if my child shows symptoms of a concussion or head injury that he/she is to be removed from the competition until such time that a healthcare professional can examine my child and provide written clearance to my child's coach for my player to return to play.

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Signature and Date _____

GDU Rules and Policies

GDU expects that all participants, families, members will follow the rules and policy of the GDU club and its associated club, MASYA. MASYA's "Recommendations for Sideline Behavior" can be found at the MASYA website under "Parents Resources". Please note MASYA has and upholds a **Zero Tolerance Policy** towards referee abuse. The GDU also embraces this zero tolerance policy.

In the event a player and/or family member(s) violate the GDU Code of Conduct or MASYA's zero tolerance policy, the violator will receive firm and fair disciplinary actions from GDU according to its Rules and Policies.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

PLEASE NOTE: The objective of these policies is to promote and preserve positive reinforcement for the sport, its players and the GDU club. It's not intended to punish regardless of the disciplinary action.

The GDU Board and its coaches want every parent, guardian, and player to understand that discipline towards any player or family member is a last resort action to address poor sideline or player behavior.

GDU Board member(s) or coach(es) that observe poor behavior/sportsmanship would prefer to discuss the behavior with a player or family member in a positive manner and resolve the issue without a disciplinary action. GDU Board member(s) or coach(es) may also discuss with player or family member(s) situations that were reported to them by other club members or the guest team.

Below is a list of corrective actions from mild to severe. GDU Board member(s) or coach(es) may use these corrective actions in the order listed or may choose to jump to any corrective action based on the severity of the violation

- Verbal Correction: Will be handled by coaches. Discuss what the issue was and verbally ask the person to correct their behavior.
- Verbal Warning: Will come from coaches or GDU Board member(s). Inform the person that they have not complied with the verbal correction. The player and family is told that failure to immediately correct the behavior may result in reduced playing time for the player or a family member(s) ability to watch a game from the sidelines.
- Corrective Action: Will come from coaches or GDU Board member(s). Informing the violator(s) that they have not complied with a verbal warning and a more stringent action will be taken. Examples for player: Loss of playing time; 15 min or half of game. Whole game suspension; Player may have to attend game for time to count or player may not be allowed at the GDU field/opponent's field.
- Examples for spectator: Asked to view the game away from the general viewing area (sidelines). Asked to return to their vehicle and remain there until the end of the game. Asked to leave the GDU field or opponent's field. (Player included)
- Expulsion: Will come from GDU Board only. Informing the violating player and/or family member(s) they are no longer members of the GDU club and may not be active in any club activities. Expulsion action is taken if player and/or family member(s) are unable or unwilling to correct their poor behavior. No reimbursement of dues, fees or tournament entry fees will be made to the expelled player and/or family member(s) by the GDU club or its coaches. Continual violations of the **zero tolerance policy** will also result in expulsion from the GDU club.
- Zero Tolerance: This disciplinary action is in support of the zero tolerance policy set forth by MASYA: In the event that a player receives a red card or any other directive from the referee and the player responds to the referee's call with physical violence or foul language, the player and their family must leave the GDU fields or opponent's home field immediately. The player will serve a **1 game off field** suspension for their actions. In the event a family member spectating is ejected from the sidelines by the referee, the player of that family will be pulled from the game by the coach and both player and family be asked to leave the GDU park or opponent's home field. Players will serve a **1 game off field** suspension for this action.