



Greater Denver Area Sports Association (GDASA) Code of Ethics

EACH PLAYER MUST READ THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT AND AGREE TO ALL POINTS BEFORE AFFIRMING.

GDASA Mission Statement

The mission of GDASA is to create a safe and positive atmosphere for the LGBTQ+ community through engaging in social and competitive sports. We welcome and encourage all individuals no matter of race, gender, age, orientation, identity, or any and all other classifications. You are welcome and celebrated within our organization.

GDASA Code of Ethics

To honor and respect each other and our community, all GDASA community members are asked to conduct themselves in accordance with the GDASA Code of Ethics. Failing to adhere to these ethical standards may result in suspension or termination of membership or team management rights. Sports Team Managers must, to the best of their ability, assure members of their team(s) follow the GDASA Code of Ethics.

Regarding SPORTSMANSHIP, all GDASA Members are expected to:

- Maintain sportsmanlike conduct, before, during, and after any GDASA sponsored games/events especially immediately before, during, and immediately after sporting events.
- Treat all community members, opposing teams, officials, spectators, and GDASA Board members with respect.
- Refrain from engaging in verbal or physical confrontations with players, officials, coaches, managers, community members, spectators, or league and association leadership.
- Show respect for an injured player who is removed from a game.
- Support all players at their varying levels of player ability.
- Embrace good sportsmanship by accepting both victory and defeat, civilly.

Regarding TRAINING & COMPETITION, all GDASA Members are expected to:

- Have familiarity with the rules of the game(s) in which they play.
- Respect the officials' decisions during game play.
- Adhere to all rules related to equipment standards and usage.
- Handle all judgments, decisions, and strategies of their team manager, respectfully, while in the playing area.
- Not play under any assumed name or provide any false information related to player/team ability.
- Allow all community members to engage in enjoyable competitive sport.

Regarding ACCOUNTABILITY and RESPONSIBILITY, all GDASA Members are expected to:

- Create a safe and welcoming environment for all community members by not intimidating, offending, insulting, humiliating or discriminating against any other person because of their gender, race, disability, age, religious or political belief, sexual orientation, social background, ethnic origin, language, marital or civil partnership status or pregnancy.
- Accept responsibility for the conduct of themselves, their teammates, and the fans who accompany their team.
- Discourage offensive behavior towards other players, coaches, officials, leadership, or spectators which includes the use of violence and verbal abuse.

Additionally, all GDASA Members are expected to:



- Pay all fees, dues, and debts promptly to the Association and to the member’s team as necessary.
- Not commit fraud or theft against GDASA, a team, or a member of the league.
- Not use GDASA trademarks, rights, or 501(c)(3) status without permission from the league.
- Not use illegal drugs at the playing areas.
- Not be on the play area while ability is impaired by the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Obey all laws and governing rules for the Association, tournament, and facility.
- Not engage in destruction of property, abusive behavior, or violation of federal, state, and local laws.
- Respect the rules of parks and venues while being used by GDASA.
- Encourage other members to follow this Code of Ethics.

As a GDASA member, it is understood, if you do not abide by this Code of Ethics, you will be subject to a range of consequences by the sports committees or director and/or the GDASA Board of Directors which may lead up to and include expulsion from all GDASA related sports leagues and events for the duration of the playing season. If repeat violations occur, individuals may result in temporary or permanent expulsion from the association.

Print Name

Signature

Date