

Grand Terrace Community Soccer Club

Losing can be triumph when the team has given its best.

The idea is to place the greatest amount of good for the greatest number.

In soccer as in life, treat others as you would have them treat you.

Player's Code:

- Play the game for the game's sake
- Be generous when you win
- Be graceful when you lose
- Be fair always
- Obey the laws of the game
- Work for the good of the game
- Accept the decisions of the officials and referees with good grace
- Believe in the honesty of your opponents
- Conduct yourself with honor and dignity
- Applaud the *efforts* of your teammates and your opponents

Parent's Code:

The attitude shown by parents at games and practices towards their child, the opposition, the officials and the coach can influence the child's behavior and values in sports. Criticism *of* the officials and disrespect of the opponents by overly anxious parents bent on immediate success rather than long term benefits undermines the whole purpose of sports and brings into the games undue stresses beyond those imposed by competition. When children cannot cope with such stress, it contributes to behavior not in keeping with the spirit of the game.

- Children have more need of example than criticism
- Make athletic participation for your child and others a positive experience
- Attempt to relieve the pressures of competition, not increase it. Remember that a child is easily affected by external influences
- Be kind to your child's coach and to all officials. The coach is a volunteer giving of personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child
- The opponents are necessary friends. Without them, your child could not participate
- Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team
- Remember that the referee is between the exuberance of a winner and the disappointment of the loser. All referees follow the same creed to watch every move of every player and to call the game to the best of their ability
- Do not openly question the judgment or honesty of the officials
- Remember that the referee is a symbol of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship
- Accept the results of each game and encourage the children to be gracious in victory and turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement

The GTCSC Board appreciates the opportunity to be of service to our community. As our 2012-2013 season progresses, we hope you realize that the League, board members, coaches, players, and parents take on this responsibility as a team. As a team, this season should be FLAT-OUT FANTASTIC!

