

Garden Spot Youth Soccer Club

Philosophy:

The Garden Spot Youth Soccer Club (GSYSC) exists to provide ascending levels of opportunity for all boys and girls to participate in recreational soccer activities. The club's function is to teach fundamental soccer skills that focuses individuals on learning the game. Its purpose and focus is to develop individual achievement, along with team play and spirit – *not* focusing solely on winning or losing – and to have all participants enjoy the time they spend in practices and games.

Coaches' Contract

The purpose of this contract is to further reinforce our strong belief in *positive* reinforcement and the building up of a child's self esteem.

As a coach representing GSYSC, I will pledge to:

- Establish team practice times and content.
- Create a phone chain in the event of inclement weather or an unexpected change in the schedule.
- Help register the team's players, where necessary.
- Maintain the Club's equipment in a satisfactory manner, ensuring all equipment is returned in a timely manner.
- Become involved in Club meetings, understanding the importance of monthly attendance. If I cannot attend, I will make sure that a representative from the team is present. Additionally, I will consider attending coaching clinics and/or review coaching videos.
- Demonstrate a positive coaching style, abstaining from hurtful criticism, swearing or belittling the players. I understand that children learn by example.
- ***Respect*** each child for what he or she can bring to the game.
- Assure that all players receive balanced and/or fair playing time.
- Encourage parental involvement in team and Club activities.
- Fulfill all defined League requirements.
- Ensure that all players have acceptable equipment (i.e., shin guards) prior to engaging in a practice or a game. Cleats are optional, but are encouraged for travel team players.
- Provide an environment that encourages good sportsmanship – for both the players and parents.
- Share ideas and coaching tips with other Club coaches.
- Develop team players, with experience in playing multiple positions. This is especially key for U14 players and younger.
- Ensure the proper conduct of the spectators for our team.
- Set a ***good example of sportsmanship*** – in practice and at the games.