



Purpose and Responsibilities

Our goal is to “Inspire in all children a lifelong passion for soccer”. Soccer is the most popular sport in the world. As the Goldstar soccer program grows, our desire to place priority on participation and good sportsmanship, as well as developing soccer skills and a love of the game!

Players’ Responsibilities

- Make all practices and games – YOUR team needs you!
- Play your best.
- Be a good sport and a team player.
- Listen to your coach and follow instructions.
- Wear the proper clothing and equipment.
- Adhere to the rules of the game and respect the decisions of the game officials / coach (es).
- Have a GREAT attitude and a willingness to have fun! You are here for PLAYER DEVELOPMENT. Do not focus on scores or what other children are doing, but your own skill development.

Parents’ Responsibilities

- Watch your child play whenever possible.
- Make sure they have a water bottle / something to drink.
- Be an example of sportsmanship to your child and other children.
- Do not undermine the authority of the referee (or coach) by dissent.
- Allow your child to play only if physically fit (not sick or hurt).
- Let you coach know if your child will be absent from a game or practice.
- Inform the coach of any medical restrictions (including allergies).
- Please bring players EARLY to practices and games, and promptly pick them up.
- Volunteer to assist the coach or club in any manner possible.
- If you think there is something that can be done better, please step up, volunteer your time and make a difference!

Coaches’ Responsibilities

- Be an example of sportsmanship toward your team and others.
- Coach by encouragement, praise, example, and explanation
- Encourage your entire team play.
- Ensure that all players know the practice and game schedule.
- Ensure that every player plays the minimum amount of game time as specified in the club rules.
- Communicate your observations and suggestions to staff coaches and representatives.
- Ensure that all players are given adequate instructions in the rules of soccer and playing time (but never force a player to play).
- Respect the decisions of the game officials (when applicable).
- If you are going to be absent from a practice or game, please arrange a substitute.



Running up the Score

NO ONE likes to play in a game that's 14-0 (for example). It stinks for both parties (i.e. the team being trampled on, and the winning team not being challenged enough).

While it feels great scoring endless goals, the feeling of “GLORY” the winning team is having may be giving their opponent a feeling of “failure and doom”. Not just their opponent, but possibly their own team mates. If goals are scored by one or two people on the team (i.e. not a “team” effort), the repercussions may make children on the winning team feel insecure.

We are not suggesting to hold any child back (sometimes, you simply can't), but please try to take this into consideration at game day.

This is RECREATIONAL SOCCER, not the World Cup. In any sport it unsportsmanlike to run up score. In the long term, neither party wins.

If you find yourself in a situation like this, you may want to try implementing several “games”; making it more of a learning challenge for your team; and giving the losing team time to come up for air.

A few great ideas in case this happens to your team:

- **5 passes before you attempt to score.**
- **Try to score with ONLY your left foot (or right if your player is left footed).**
- **You have to make a “Wall Pass Before You Score” (i.e. you have to bounce the ball off a team-mate before you shoot).**
- **You have to score off a cross (i.e. when the guy is on the wing, and another team-mate kicks it in).**
- **Take one (or more) of your players and place them on the opponent's team.**

Always put yourself (your child) in someone else's shoes. Please try to keep this in mind for each game. Remember, our overall goal is enjoyment and player development.

Children will have plenty of time to “Get the Score Run Up” on them in this world we live in.