



GLASTONBURY YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL ADULTS

INTRODUCTION

While it is a privilege and honor to represent one's community while participating in the Glastonbury Youth Football Association, it is recognized that the primary participants are children. Therefore, it is contingent upon the adults to encourage by example and to show the proper guidance among the young athletes. The following Code of Conduct shall be in effect for all adults participating in GYFA programs. This includes board members, coaches, managers, parents and guardians.

EXPECTATIONS

- Be positive with your athlete; let them know that they are accomplishing something simply by being part of the team. Encourage your athlete to play for the love of the game.
- Don't offer excuses to your athlete if they are not playing. There is usually a reason for it. Encourage your athlete to work hard and do their best.
- Don't put down the coaches or other athletes. If you are constantly berating your athlete's coach, do not expect positive results from the season. Be supportive in a positive way.
- Insist on good grades. Check the number of hours your athlete spends on homework.
- Don't try to live your life vicariously through your athlete.
- Being a fan (supporter!!) does not entitle you to be belligerent or abusive toward players, coaches or officials. Coaches work with athletes and know their talents. Respect that. **Also, consider that sons and daughters are often embarrassed by parents who can be heard from the stands.**
- Insist that your athlete respect team rules, game officials and sportsmanship. Don't let them embarrass their family, program and team by a rude gesture or incident. Self-respect begins with self-control.
- Remember that the coach is involved as a coach because they are sincerely fond of children and have experience coaching. Coaches have different ways of dealing with people and situations.
- At a competition, you represent GYFA and you should be a positive role model.
- Be involved in a positive way. Cheer for all kids on the team. Help by volunteering. There are hundreds of ways to be involved with the team and be a good parent at the same time.

Pursuing or threatening to pursue legal action against GYFA or any of its board members is in direct conflict with continuing participation in the program. By pursuing such legal action, it is understood that those involved are voluntarily removing themselves, and their families, from GYFA participation immediately.

Adult participants failing to meet the expectations above shall face disciplinary action which is to be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of due process of the GYFA Board of Directors. **This action could include adult suspension/expulsion from GYFA and/or suspension/expulsion of a child due to a parent/guardians behavior, as deemed appropriate by the President and Executive Board.**

Signed & Dated by Adult Participant(s)/Parent(s)

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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Player/Participant(s) Name(s) _____