



Gloucester Gentlemen's Soccer League Player Conduct Policy



The GGSL was founded in order to give “35 somethings” a place to play soccer, develop their skills, and be among friends - all in a safe environment. We cater to those who want to make soccer a key part of both their sporting and social lives.

It is critical for all players in the GGSL to realize that we demand a higher standard of our players - consider this the “price of admission” to the GGSL. You may need to consciously change your ingrained soccer behaviour in order to participate in the GGSL. In the GGSL you cannot:

- Engage in physical contact with opponents, **including shoulder-to-shoulder contact.**
- Restrain opponents with arm or shirt tugging.
- Defend by running into opponents, either before or after he receives the ball.
- Recklessly collide with opponents and be vindicated simply by noting that you “got the ball.”
- Direct verbal or physical abuse at either referees, opponents, or teammates.

We do not consider the above behaviours “part of the game”. On the other hand, the GGL is all about:

- Enjoying the fabulous game of soccer
- Developing your soccer skills
- Getting some exercise
- Playing on a team
- Seeing friends
- Respecting all opponents, regardless of their skill level
- Marking the end of the workweek
- Getting the weekend off on the right foot
- Enjoying post-game socializing with teammates and opponents

Congratulations on your decision to join the GGSL – one of the most unique, vibrant and successful soccer leagues in Ottawa! We trust that you will respect the proud traditions that we have established at the GGSL, and help us build an even better league in the future. Please be aware of your responsibilities every time you step on the pitch so that we can all safely enjoy the competition and camaraderie we have come to expect in the GGSL.

I have reviewed the above GGSL Code of Conduct and my signature affixed hereto indicates I fully accept the overriding principles of the GGSL which are: respect for teammates, opponents and referees, friendly but competitive play, and strict observance of the limited contact rules. I understand that failure to adhere to these principles may lead to further discipline, including my expulsion from the GGSL.

Signature

Name

Date