Parent Expectations

As a parent of a GTFC player(s), you are a representative of the Club. We ask that in your representation, you uphold the character of our players, fellow parents and GTFC Staff. At GTFC, we place emphasize the importance of commitment into our training and commit to players who are committed to GTFC. All decisions are at the discretion of the Directors. Players join our Club family because of your positive comments and actions.

- Communication is vital to the success of your player. GTFC utilizes TeamSnap for all team correspondence.
- It is important for parents and players to understand that a player's development takes place over many months of training and games - not in any one particular game. The coaching staff is instructed to manage the playing time of each player over the course of the entire seasonal year.
- Please engage in open dialogue with your player, Head Coach and GTFC Staff, and communicate any relevant information as soon as possible. GTFC staff coaches will not engage in discussions or opinions regarding any other club members and/or player(s) other than your own.
- Please communicate directly with your Head Coach if your player(s) will be missing any mandatory training, games and/or tournaments. As a parent you are also expected to update all availability on TeamSnap in a timely manner.
- We place great emphasis on players making responsible decisions (on and off the field). Encourage your player to be responsible for their own gear and expectations, holding them accountable in a way consistent with GTFC expectations.
- Have the Head Coach, relevant GTFC Staff and Team Administrator’s cell phone numbers programmed into your phone; a phone call often alleviates the tension caused by a late player, etc. All of this information is also in TeamSnap so it is your responsibility to keep this up to date.
- Parent(s) are asked to remain on the opposite side of the game field during an event from warm up to cool down (except in the case of an emergency). Please reference additional documents for any changes to this procedure in regards to public health and safety.
- Show support for your soccer player, team, club and sport, and refrain from coaching from the sidelines. Anticipate the varying levels of refereeing; be courteous and respectful to all involved in the game.
- After games and events, be a voice of encouragement to your player(s). GTFC strives to provide parents with resources, including education articles, to consider in these discussions.
- Parent(s) must wait a minimum of 24 hours after an event before addressing any issues/concerns. Please use the GTFC Decision Tree for appropriate contact person. All GTFC Staff will respond within one business day.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted at any training session or match.
- All non-athlete children must be supervised at all times.
- Please be courteous to your Head Coach by having your player picked up on time from any event.
- Be respectful of GTFC staff and their time. Be mindful of how and when you communicate with all GTFC Staff and club administrators. If this becomes an issue, there may be consequences.

Disciplinary Actions Process:
- If a player or parent is found to have committed a club infraction, disciplinary actions will be enforced. Infraction disciplinary actions will be based on many factors and variables concerning the situation that may or may not be known by the people or team involved. Penalties also will be determined by, but not limited to, the harshness and frequency of the offense/offenses that has occurred.
- Infractions will be decided and penalties assessed based on facts as witnessed by GTFC representatives. There will be deliberation, and you will be notified by an official club email. The notification will detail the infraction as well as the resulting disciplinary action.
Each infraction will be dealt with on an individual basis and may result in any of the mentioned disciplinary action examples (below), including removal from the Club, depending on the severity of event. All discipline will be determined at the sole discretion of the Club Director and this decision will be final.

Examples of Disciplinary Actions:
- Parent/Player meeting with the Head Coach and Director.
- Parent/Player suspended for a period of a game, entire game or multiple games including tournaments/events (player must attend game/s to serve suspension if required).
- Parent/Player suspended for remainder of season, no refunds (If infraction occurs toward the end of the season, suspension can continue for following season/year).
- Parent/Player removed from the Club.