

Grand Junction Soccer Club

A Premier Colorado Soccer Club

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PLAYER/PARENT AGREEMENT

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Introduction

Over the years, we have learned that one of the key ingredients for a successful club is to provide clear, consistent communication between the Club, the coaches, the players and the parents. This agreement is the one way of explaining our expectations of you as a member of the GJSC. As you have committed to become a member of the FIRE FC, please take the time to read the following pages carefully.

The Club and the Team

Members of the GJSC agree to put the Club ahead of the Team. When decisions are made regarding conflicts between the Club and a particular Team, the Club will come first. Club decisions will be made by the appropriate member of the GJSC staff.

The Team and the Individual

In most cases, members of the GJSC agree to put their Team ahead of the individual player. If conflicts arise between the Team and a player or parent, the Team Coach under the direction of the respective Director of Coaching will be responsible to make decisions for the good of the Team.

Player Evaluations and Selection

Player performance will be evaluated by observing the player under the pressures of practices, scrimmages, games and player placement days. The professional GJSC coaching staff and the team coach will confer in matters of player evaluations primarily in these four areas:

- Psychological (attitude, character, discipline, leadership, etc.)
- Physical (endurance, strength, speed, etc.)
- Technical (dribbling, shooting, heading, ball handling skills, etc.)
- Tactical (runs, reading the game, decision making, etc.)

We will not always agree on issues as sensitive as player evaluations and selection. Please respect our subjective selections in these matters.

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The Player

Once you commit to join the GJSC you will have a spot on a team for the soccer year. You may be asked to play on another team during that year, We will place players on teams we feel best suits their ability level. The soccer season begins June 1st and runs to May 31st.

Behavior

We expect our players and parents to possess characteristics such as honesty, integrity, respect, dedication, and commitment. In turn, the club will also be exemplifying those same characteristics. We will instruct players to ignore adverse conditions such as a poor call made by a referee, name calling, foul language, rough play, cheating, poor weather, negative behavior by parents or opponents, etc. We expect our parents to have the same approach. A player will not be cut from the club at any time, unless it is for disciplinary reasons or failure to fulfill their financial obligations. Decisions regarding temporary suspensions from the club will be made by their respective Director of Coaching along with the Technical Director.

Uniform and Equipment Policy

All players are expected to wear the designated ADIDAS uniform of the club. All competitive players are required to wear FIRE FC practice gear to trainings. For The Premier team, numbers will range from 0 -20. United team will take numbers 21 – 40 Inferno will take 41 – 60 and Blaze teams will take 61 – 80. Players who are currently on existing FIRE FC teams retain priority in choosing uniform numbers.

Before, During and After the Game

During the soccer season, the team and its players participate in practices, scrimmages, league competition, tournaments and sometimes State cups. The coaches will make decisions on player selections, game line-up, positions, playing time, tournament participation, etc. Players and parents must be positive in fulfilling the role they are asked to perform for the team. Players must arrive on time to practices and games with the required equipment that would include the FIRE FC training gear, FIRE FC Uniforms, etc.

The Parents

Parental support and involvement in the club are essential. If your son/daughter is selected and chooses to commit themselves to the GJSC, your commitment is also necessary. If players are to make a commitment to the Club and their Team, parents must see to it players attend all possible club and team functions. At times, conflicts cannot be avoided and other more important events will take precedence. The Club requires your communication, planning and understanding so we can minimize conflicts.

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Sideline Coaching

Coaching by the parents is not allowed. No matter how good your intentions are, we insist there be no shouting instructions to players or yelling (complaining) to officials during games. Your vocal support and positive encouragement are welcome after a good play. No one other than those listed on the official game roster may sit on or near the team bench during the game. All spectators are asked to sit on the opposite side of the field from the team.

Team Managers

Team Managers play a vital role in the success of a team. Their role is also a voluntary role that takes many hours to perform correctly. With this role comes added responsibility and authority as they serve as a liaison between the coaching staff and the parents. Please respect the added hours and time commitment required of this position.

Communications

At the appropriate time, parents may discuss and ask questions about your son or daughter. Please allow the 24 hour rule when speaking to your child's coach after a practice or game over a sensitive matter. If you feel you need to take your issues to a higher chain of command, the GJSC has a system in place. Always make sure you have addressed your concerns with the coach first. Please be cautious on your discussions with your son or daughter in regards to the team and teammates. Content should be constructive.

Thank you for taking the time to review this document. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our General Manager, Larry Johnson.

This document must be turned into the coach at the team meeting. Players will not be able to train until this document is received. A copy of this document is available online at grandjunctionsoccer.org.

Player Signature.....

Parent Signature.....

Coaches Signature.....

