

GK League 1 Code of Conduct

The goal of our league is to provide a **safe, fair, and enjoyable environment** for players, coaches, referees, and families. To maintain this standard, all participants — whether part of Granville Keepers or visiting clubs — are expected to follow the Code of Conduct below. This can be found at granvillekeepers.org/gkleague1.

I. Player Expectations

- A. **Respect the game:** Follow the rules of play and the instructions of officials and coaches.
- B. **Sportsmanship:** Treat teammates, opponents, and officials with respect at all times.
- C. **In Game Card Policy:**
 - 1. Two yellow cards in a single game = red card → suspension for the remainder of the game + 1 additional game.
 - 2. Red card for dangerous play = current game + 1 additional game suspension.
 - 3. Red card for unsportsmanlike conduct = current game + 2 additional games.
 - 4. Second red card for unsportsmanlike conduct = suspension for the remainder of the season.
- D. **Fighting:** Any involvement in a fight (on or off the field, during or after a game) = suspension for the remainder of the season.
- E. **Appeals:** See **Complaints & Appeals** in **Section VI of the GK League 1 Code of Conduct** for the appeal process.
- F. **Bench Policy:** Following a red card, the coach may allow the player to remain on the bench under supervision or release the player to their parent/guardian.

II. Coach Expectations

- A. Lead by example in respect and sportsmanship.
- B. Manage sidelines, keeping players and parents calm and focused on the game.
- C. Support officials' decisions and direct all complaints to GKSC through official channels.
- D. Be responsible for ensuring players who are suspended do not participate until their suspension is complete.
- E. Ensure all players are properly registered with Granville Keepers Soccer Club LLC prior to their participation in any events.
- F. Inform new players of the code of conduct policy.

III. Parent and Spectator Expectations

- A. Cheering positively for all players is highly encouraged; avoid negative comments toward players, officials, or other parents.
- B. Profanity is not permitted.
- C. Any spectator causing disruption (for example: encouraging players to hurt someone, using profanity, or arguing or fighting with officials, players, or other spectators) will

receive one warning from an official or league official. Continued issues will result in removal from the facility for the remainder of the day. Any spectator removed from two events in a season will be suspended from attending further events that season.

- D. Do not argue with the officials during games. Complaints may be submitted to info@granvillekeepers.org or online at granvillekeepers.org/feedback.
- E. Respect all facility staff and follow event rules at all times.

IV. Officials and Enforcement

- A. Officials on-field decisions are final.
- B. League officials and authorized GKSC personnel may extend suspensions if further altercations occur.
- C. GKSC reserves the right to remove any player, coach, or spectator whose behavior endangers the safety or integrity of the event.

V. Acknowledgement of Risk and Liability

- A. Soccer involves inherent risks of injury. No matter how much care and time is taken to try and prevent injuries, they can still occur. By participating in any Granville Keepers Soccer Club LLC event, the parent voluntarily assumes these risks on behalf of their child.
- B. It is the coaches' responsibility to inform any new parents and players of this Code of Conduct and to direct them to complete a registration prior to playing in any games or participating in any events with the Granville Keepers Soccer Club LLC.
- C. By participating you release and hold harmless Granville Keepers Soccer Club LLC, GK League 1 officials, coaches, and volunteers from claims of injuries, damages, or losses resulting from participation.

VI. Complaints & Appeals

- A. Officials' decisions on the field are final.
- B. Complaints or appeals must be submitted in writing to info@granvillekeepers.org or through our online form located at granvillekeepers.org/feedback.
- C. Discussions or arguments with officials by spectators during a game are not permitted.
- D. As a parent or coach, you have the right to appeal against any suspension issued. Please submit all appeals in writing to info@granvillekeepers.org or through our online form located at granvillekeepers.org/feedback.
 - 1. All Appeals will be reviewed by Granville Keepers Soccer Club LLC Board of Directors and our officiating staff.
 - 2. All appeals will be responded to within 1 week of the appeal being requested. Please include all relative information in your appeal. We may follow-up for more information or context.