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I. OVERVIEW

GPS Nations League offers an elite amateur soccer competition platform focused on world-class training, development, education, and competition for select soccer players across the United States. At Global Premier Soccer (GPS), we value sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators. This **Code of Conduct** has been established to promote these values and ensure that all participants understand and uphold these standards. It applies to all participants involved in GPS Nations League matches, including players, coaches, parents, and spectators.

II. CODE OF CONDUCT

a. General Principles

All GPS Nations League participants agree to conduct themselves in accordance with the following principles:

- 1. Adherence to Policies:**
All participants confirm they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the **GPS Nations League Rules, GPS Safety and Wellbeing Policy, GPS Privacy Policy**, and other relevant rules and guidelines. Compliance with these policies is mandatory for all participants.
- 2. Respect and Sportsmanship:**
Participants will foster a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, including players, coaches, parents, and spectators. They will refrain from offensive actions, insults, or disparaging remarks toward others. Violating this principle may lead to sanctions, including suspension.
- 3. Commitment to Inclusion:**
GPS Nations League is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment. Discrimination or adverse actions based on gender, race, disability, age, religious beliefs, sexual

orientation, or any protected status will not be tolerated. Serious violations may result in their removal from the League.

b. GPS Coach Code of Conduct

Each head coach must ensure that their team, assistant coaches, players, and parents understand and follow this Code of Conduct. Coaches play a vital role in promoting compliance and must take immediate action to address any violations.

Coaches are expected to:

1. **Instruct and Motivate:**
Coaches must teach players the rules of the game and encourage playing within these rules, emphasizing discipline and good sportsmanship.
2. **Respect Match Officials:**
Coaches must show respect toward match officials, refraining from questioning their decisions in any abusive or disrespectful manner.
3. **Support Sportsmanship:**
Coaches should promote positive fan behavior, encouraging fans to act with maturity and help maintain control during matches.
4. **Respect All Participants:**
Coaches must respect opposing players and coaches, both during and after the match, regardless of the outcome.
5. **Maintain Composure:**
Coaches should manage their emotions, avoiding hostile behavior or language that could be seen as humiliating.
6. **Avoid Discriminatory Actions:**
Coaches must refrain from any action that could intimidate, insult, humiliate, or discriminate against others based on various personal characteristics (e.g., gender, race, religion).
7. **Refrain from Substance Abuse:**
Coaches must not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during any official GPS activities, including matches, practices, or events.
8. **Avoid Offensive Actions:**
Coaches must not engage in any offensive actions as outlined in the **Offensive Actions** section.

c. GPS Player Code of Conduct

In addition to the general principles, all players must:

- 1. Respect Authority:**
Players must accept and observe the authority and decisions of match officials and other relevant disciplinary bodies.
 - 2. Promote Inclusivity and Respect:**
Players should refrain from engaging in actions that intimidate, offend, or discriminate against others based on personal characteristics such as gender, race, or sexual orientation.
 - 3. Acknowledge Efforts of Others:**
Players should recognize and appreciate the contributions of coaches, parents, match officials, and administrators.
 - 4. Uphold Sportsmanship:**
Players must maintain discipline and good sportsmanship, ensuring matches are conducted fairly and respectfully.
 - 5. Respect Opponents:**
Players should respect both their teammates and opposing players throughout the match and after its conclusion, regardless of the outcome.
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d. Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct

Parents and spectators have an important role in maintaining a positive environment. They must:

- 1. Respect the Game:**
Parents and spectators should respect the rules of the match and support their team positively.
 - 2. Respect Match Officials:**
Parents and spectators should not question or criticize match officials in an abusive or disrespectful manner.
 - 3. Promote Positive Interaction:**
Parents and spectators must avoid negative interactions, including hostile language or gestures toward opposing fans, players, or coaches.
 - 4. Avoid Discriminatory Behavior:**
Any actions that intimidate, insult, or humiliate others based on protected characteristics will not be tolerated.
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III. OFFENSIVE ACTIONS

Offensive Actions are defined as any behavior that undermines the integrity of the GPS Nations League. These actions are strictly prohibited and include:

- 1. Refusing to Abide by Official Decisions:**
Disrespecting or refusing to follow the decisions of match officials.

2. **Verbal Abuse:**
Abusing or insulting any player, coach, official, parent, spectator, or GPS staff member.
 3. **Physical Assault or Threats:**
Any physical assault or threatening behavior directed at any individual involved in the event.
 4. **Intimidation or Stalking:**
Engaging in behavior intended to intimidate or stalk any participant.
 5. **Violent Actions:**
Throwing objects, engaging in physical violence, or other similar behavior.
 6. **Failure to Follow Venue Staff Instructions:**
Ignoring requests from venue staff related to field operations, policies, or emergency procedures.
 7. **Sexual Misconduct:**
Engaging in lewd or sexually explicit behavior.
 8. **Substance Abuse:**
Consuming alcohol or drugs while involved in GPS activities.
 9. **Discriminatory Behavior:**
Any behavior likely to intimidate, offend, insult, or discriminate based on gender, race, religion, or other personal characteristics.
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IV. VIOLATIONS

Violations of this Code of Conduct will not be tolerated. Individuals who engage in offensive actions, including fighting, using foul language, throwing objects, or disruptive behavior, will be subject to immediate removal from the event. Further penalties and sanctions may apply as outlined in the GPS Disciplinary Code.

Conclusion

By following this Code of Conduct, all GPS Nations League participants contribute to an environment of mutual respect, fairness, and inclusiveness, ensuring that the experience is positive for everyone involved.