**Galaxy United FC – Code of Conduct**

#### ****Players****

* Play by the rules and within the spirit of the game.
* Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager talk to the official during a break or after the game.
* Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
* Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team’s performance will benefit, and so will you.
* Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are on your team, or the other team.
* Treat all players, as you would like to be treated.
* Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
* Co-operate with your Coach, Team Manager, and Officials by behaving in an acceptable manner.
* Obey reasonable instructions and requests made by your Coach and the Club.
* Play for the fun of playing, and not just to please your parents or coaches.
* Respect your Coach, team mates and opponents.
* Attend training and games with proper attire and footwear, including protective gear.
* Attend training and games on time or notify the Team Manager if unable to make it on time.
* Respect the facilities and equipment that are being used.
* Abide by the FFA National Anti-Doping Policy – access at: [www.ffa.com.au/sites/ffa/files/2017-09/FFA%20National%20Anti-Doping%20Policy.pdf?\_ga=2.35905312.1275044663.1591510509-1140664942.1581536574](http://www.ffa.com.au/sites/ffa/files/2017-09/FFA%20National%20Anti-Doping%20Policy.pdf?_ga=2.35905312.1275044663.1591510509-1140664942.1581536574)
* You must never bet on any match you or your team is involved in as it would trigger a conflict of interest that compromises the integrity of football. If you bet on yourself or your opponent, you risk having your image and reputation tarnished, being banned by football (possibly for life) and possibly becoming the subject of a criminal investigation and/or prosecution. Betting on other games within football is also prohibited.
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#### ****Parents and Spectators****

* Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
* Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
* Focus on the child’s efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
* Encourage players to always participate in accordance with the rules.
* Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivational.
* Applaud good play by all teams. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game’s outcome.
* Respect our team’s opponents – without them there would be no game.
* Respect official’s decisions and teach children to do likewise.
* Do not use foul language or harass any players, coaches or officials.
* Remember that you are not permitted to enter the field of play during the game.
* Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
* Respect the facilities that are being used.
* Behave in a manner acceptable to the Club.
* Treat the coaches and officials with respect in regards to their decision making and do not interfere with training or match day games.
* Foul language or violence will not be tolerated by the Club and will incur serious consequences or penalties.
* Inform your team manager if your child is unable to attend training or match day.
* If you have any concerns or complaints, submit them to the Team Manager who will bring it to the attention of the Football Department.
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**Coaches**

1. Behave in a professional manner when representing the club
2. Work in a manner that aims to promote the development of all players
3. Work within the training and match day framework developed by the GUFC Technical Director in conjunction with Football Operations
4. Engage in ongoing personal development, through FFA Licences, workshops and attend scheduled GUFC coaches’ meetings as advised
5. Develop detailed session plans within a 6-week cycle using the National Curriculum and Building Blocks as a framework
6. Use age appropriate methods
7. Strictly follow the playing up policy developed by the club
8. Inform the Technical Director before any invitation for trials, training & practice are organised
9. Wear club attire at all training sessions and matches as well as media engagements
10. In case of possible cancellation of training sessions or matches, coaches must contact the Technical Director prior to any decision being taken
11. Must be contactable by email and mobile phone
12. Must not smoke or drink alcohol in the presence of players at training or matches or whilst in club attire
13. Must not use derogatory or aggressive language at any time
14. Must avoid bringing the name of GUFC into disrepute through any public confrontation with any player, staff, official, family member or person at any time that they are representing the club
15. Coaches failing these standards are subject to a ‘three strike’ policy (depending on severity of infringement), at which time the club may terminate this contract without pay
16. Abide by the FFA National Anti-Doping Policy [www.ffa.com.au/sites/ffa/files/2017-09/FFA%20National%20Anti-Doping%20Policy.pdf?\_ga=2.35905312.1275044663.1591510509-1140664942.1581536574](http://www.ffa.com.au/sites/ffa/files/2017-09/FFA%20National%20Anti-Doping%20Policy.pdf?_ga=2.35905312.1275044663.1591510509-1140664942.1581536574)
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**Guidelines for working with Children**

* Ensure that any physical contact with children is appropriate to the development of skills required for the sport or activity.
* Try not to separate yourself and a child from the line of sight of other people. If you need to have a private talk to a child about their ability or behaviour, do this in an open place near others. Preferably, you would invite another coach or support person to join the conversation or talk to more than one child at a time
* Try to adopt positive language when talking to a child and in the presence of children. This includes avoiding bad or aggressive language that could intimidate a child or set a poor example
* Before entering change rooms knock or announce that you will be coming in. Try to have at least one other adult with you in a change room with children. Do not isolate yourself and a child from others in the change room.
* Do not to lose your temper with a child (verbally or physically).
* If a child approaches you and wants to talk to you privately about a matter, do so in an open area in the sight of other adults (such as other coaches, officials or parents/guardians).
* Ideally, advise another coach or official of the child’s request and ask them to stay within sight while you have the discussion with the child and to come to your assistance if the child becomes emotional and/or you indicate you require support in dealing with the child
* If you find yourself in a position where you are alone with a child, for instance if the child’s parent or guardian is late collecting him or her from training, one of the following actions may be appropriate:  
  + Ask that the second to last child and their parent/guardian will wait with you and the child. This will also enable you to concentrate on making contact with the parent/guardian (if they are very late)
  + If there are other people at the ground or facility, wait for the parent/guardian closer to those people
  + Avoid the risk of being left alone with a child by having a parent/guardian or support person assist you with the training and require that person to wait with you until all children have left
* Wherever possible, social media messages (such as text, email, Facebook or Instagram) sent to a Child or Young Person by a Person in a Position of Authority should be copied to their parent or carer. Where a parent or carer is not included in the communication:
  + Restrict such communication to issues directly associated with delivering our services, activity or program.
  + Limit the personal or social content in such communications to what is required to convey the service-related message in a polite, friendly manner, in particular, do not communicate anything that a reasonable observer could view as being of a sexual nature.
  + Do not use such communication to promote unauthorised ‘social’ activity or to arrange unauthorised contact.
  + Do not request a Child or Young Person to keep a communication a secret from their parents or carers.
  + Do not communicate with Children or Young People using Internet chat rooms or similar forums such as social networking sites, game sites or instant messaging.

*Any breach of this code may be subject to disciplinary action by Galaxy United FC.*