



Glendale Soccer Fall 2025 Parent & Spectator Guide

Youth soccer is for the players. Please keep in mind that Glendale Soccer is a recreational soccer program with the following goal in mind – to provide a safe, fun and fair atmosphere for kids to play soccer so they can develop a lifelong love of the game.

The Board of Directors expects all participants to treat each other with mutual respect and does not tolerate abusive, intimidating or disrespectful language or behavior at any of our matches.

We invite you to share in the pleasure of watching and cheering on your children in this season.

These standards apply equally to players, coaches, referees, and spectators.

Match Day Philosophy

- Climate at the field is determined by those present, our joint actions create a positive experience.
- Sportsmanship matters. Demonstrate positive support and fair play for all players, coaches, referees, and spectators. Criticism doesn't have a place on the sidelines of youth sports.
- The emotional and physical well-being of our players is critical; always demonstrate compassion and restraint.
- Referees are a vital part of the game and should be treated with respect.

Glendale Soccer Code of Conduct

- Interact in a positive and supportive manner with players, coaches, spectators, and referees; intolerant, abusive or disrespectful language or behavior will not be tolerated. This includes on social media.

- Leave coaching to the coaches; let the players focus on and communicate with their team.
- Respect referees and match officials and their authority during games; concerns should be reported to the club through appropriate channels, not at the field.
- Respect our venues and their posted rules; take care of our community.
- Abstain from the use of controlled substances, tobacco products and alcohol in the areas immediately surrounding the field of play.

Violations of this code of conduct will be discussed collaboratively with the Board of Directors to determine disciplinary or restorative steps to be taken to address the issue. Glendale Soccer reserves the right to apply the “Common Sense Rule” to any actions by players, coaches, referees, and spectators not specifically addressed here that violate the spirit of the stated Match Day Philosophy and Code of Conduct.

Sideline Culture

We believe that a positive gameday experience is critical to the health of youth soccer.

A positive sideline culture will keep more **players playing**, more **referees refereeing**, and more **coaches coaching**. Most importantly, it creates an environment **most beneficial to every player at Glendale Soccer**. **Have FUN and enjoy the experience of watching a match with family and friends!**

Match Feedback Pathway

- Spectators → Coach → Board of Directors
- At no point should spectators approach a referee with anything other than “hello” or “thanks.” This includes after the match with regards to decisions during the match. Any concerns should be brought to the team coach and/or club.
- Determinations of the referees are final and are not subject to review. It is expected that any coach interactions with referees will be positive in nature.

Respecting Referees & Knowing the Laws of Soccer

A misunderstanding of the [laws of soccer](#) can often lead to inappropriate comments directed at referees. Referees will make mistakes. They may not always make the correct call or will miss something that happens on the field – but it never gives anyone the right to disrespect or abuse them.

Our referees are amateurs. Many of them get involved in youth soccer for their love of the game. Even more of them are Glendale Soccer players who are learning how to referee matches. We need to encourage them to stay part of the game, instead of giving them reasons to leave. Be empathetic. The referee is a son, daughter, mother, father or grandparent. What if they were yours?

By treating referees with respect from the sidelines, you help create a more positive match day experience that is supportive for EVERYONE.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to review the laws of the game, including what constitutes a foul, handball and offsides or when the ball is fully out of play. A short rules tutorial of youth soccer rules can be found [HERE](#).

Additional Guidelines

- Dogs must be leashed and should not be allowed on or near any fields.
- No smoking on or near any fields.
- Profanity is not accepted.
- Follow also posted parking rules at Glendale Soccer fields.

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