

**Grand Terrace Community Soccer Club
General Play and Operational Rules
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Section 1

Registration

- 1: A player is officially registered when the following items are completed
 - A: Completed CYSA Player Registration form
 - B: Proof of Age: (I.E. Birth Certificate, Passport, or Government Issued Document)
 - C: Parent Signature stating player is not a registered **Club Player**
 - D: Full payment of league fees
 - E: Completed Tryout for all new players
 - F: When applications are received by coed or girls registrars.
 - G: Cutoff date for late registration is September 1.
 - H: Players who do not have proof of age on file with GTCSC will not be able to participate until an acceptable document is received by the GTCSC Registrars.
- 2: A player is eligible to play if they have not reached 19 years of age by August 1st of the current year and are at least 4 years of age by July 31st of the current year. A player who has not reached age 4 of the current year may be assigned to a team in which the parent has a coaching interest. Birth date must be within 60 days of the July 31st cutoff date. GTCSC Board must approve this exception.
- 3: A player maybe placed in an older age group if the following is met.
 - A: Player is within one year of the playing age of the higher group
 - B: A written request from the parent is submitted to the league and approved by the GTCSC Board.
 - C: All requests are submitted prior to the draft.
 - D. Safety & Skill Level comparable to desired division.
 - E. If space is available.

These are the basic considerations for Promotion

- 4: Player Fee refund will be granted in the following manner.
 - A: All Refund requests submitted in writing to the league & Board approval.
 - B: 100% refund will be allowed only if before the draft.
 - C: **No refunds will be granted after the draft**
- 5: No player will be allowed to practice or participate in a game unless they are officially registered with GTCSC. Violation of this rule will result in the following: Coach will be suspended and/or disciplined by the disciplinary committee.
- 6: Scholarships are available on a case by case basis meeting the following conditions.
 - A: Submit a scholarship request form to the GTCSC Board.
 - B: Parent agrees to volunteer during the season. (Snack bar, fireworks booth, field clean up day)
 - C: GTCSC Board approves the request.
 - D: Must sign Scholarship Agreement.
 - E: Must work a minimum of 8 hours per child with a maximum of 24 hours per family.
 - F: Scholarship nominations are accepted.
- 7: A parent may request that a player not play for a specific coach given the following.
 - A: Written request is received 2 weeks prior to the draft.
 - B: Only (1) request per player per year.
 - C: Any player refusing to play for a coach after the draft will be dropped and no refund will be granted.
- 8: Placing players of the same family in the same age group together will take place as follows.
 - A: If neither child is retained on a team, they will be drafted together.
 - B: If one child is retained the head coach they must retain both siblings. If sibling rating is not equal or close to related sibling, coach may retain another player with Board Approval.

- C: All normal rules of retention apply
- 9: Players registering after team formation will be handled in the following
 - A: Player will be placed on a standby list.
 - B: All team vacancies before the first league game will be filled with a player from the standby list with an equal rating.
 - C: Efforts to fill vacancies will be filled after each team play a minimum of two games each. Any other placement of players will be handled with all effected coaches present and informed of the procedure at the time of placement.
 - D: Players will be placed according to team vacancies but are not guaranteed placement.
 - E: If rosters are deemed even players on the standby list may be distributed by Board approval.

Section 2 Team Formation

- 1: Divisions will be comprised of players whose age shall be that before August 1st preceding the start of the year.
- 2: Teams are formed for the season from the pool of officially registered by the day of the draft.
- 3: The team selection is done using the League Administrator Software using the provided player rating to create balanced teams.
- 4: Players will be rated based on the following scale and approved by the coaches in that age division
 - A: Learning = 0
 - B: Below Average = 1
 - C: Average = 2
 - D: Above Average = 3
 - E: Excellent = 4
 - (Coaches may rate using .5 as well)**
 - F: New Players will be rated by Board members at approved tryouts.
 - G: No coach will be allowed to pick up team trophies until their ratings are submitted.
- 5: One week prior to the draft the league registrar will submit rating average to coaches for review before inputted into the computer. Rating will be based on current season ratings.
- 6: If an agreement on a rating cannot be reached, The GTCSC board members present at the review session will after speaking to the coaches, determine the appropriate rating for the draft purposes.

Section 3 Draft

- 1: Coaches will have the opportunity to retain players based on the following: (see chart)
 - A: The player is the coaches own child
 - B: Player was a member of the Registered Head coach's team the prior year
 - C: Player is properly registered with the league

- D: No player on the waiting list can be retained
- 2: The draft will be run by the Director of Coaches and League registrars
- 3: Only the head coach will be allowed to participate in the draft. If a head coach cannot be present, he/she may select someone to represent him/her at the draft.
- 4: Coach or his/her representative must be present at the draft. No draft business will be handled over the phone or through other means, including board members (this includes trades).
- 5: Coaches for a given division will draw numbers for the order of draft selection.
- 6: All approved retentions will then be added to the team
- 7: All remaining players will then be placed on team as equal as possible based on the approved ratings.
- 8: All teams will be formed with an equal number of players. Any additional players will be added per the guidelines described in Section 2
- 9: Each coach is allowed to initiate one trade of equal rating during the draft with board approval. This will only be done with the Coach or representative present.
- 10: Once the draft is completed no further trade will be allowed for any reason.
- 11: No Registrar will conduct their own draft for their own division.
- 12: Retainers must be registered 7 days prior to draft.

Section 4

Coach Selection and Conduct

- 1: Coaches will be selected based on the following criteria
 - A: Completion of Program Administrator Form
 - B: Completion of Intent to Coach Form. Must be submitted to the Director of coaches by July 1, to be considered for that position. All others must be submitted prior to the draft and will be considered based upon availability.
 - C: Current CYSA Risk management
 - D: Current CYSA Coaching License
 - E: Available Coaching position
 - F: Approval by Board
- 2: Coaches will be awarded seniority based on the following criteria
 - A: Returning coaches in the same division
 - B: Years of League Service
 - C: Returning coaches who are moving up a division
 - D: Returning assistant coaches with the same division
 - E: Returning assistant coaches moving up a division

- F: Final appointment of coaches will be based on discretion of Board if there's a conflict.

Tie Breaker: The total years of service to this league as a coach, assistant coach, league administrator, official or referee.

- 3: The following list of coaching licenses will be accepted for Item 1D
- A. Youth Module I (U6 & U8 Divisions)
 - B. Youth Module III (U10 and up)
 - C. "F" License
 - D. "E" License (U14 and up required for tournament)
 - E. "D" License
 - F. Any National A, B, C License
- 4: Coaches requirements below:
- A. No coach will be allowed to commence practices or team meetings without required license and live scan (risk Management).
 - B. If a coach does not have the required license; a coach with the necessary license will be given preference regardless of seniority within the league and/or prior coaching experience. This will override the rules of Selection and Seniority outlined above ----
coaches must be licensed
 - C. Will attend a coach/referee workshop conducted by the GTCSC Board.
- 5: Licenses from any other league outside of CYSA will not be accepted
- 6: The following items are considered violations of the Coaches Code of Conduct.
- A: Physically or verbally assaulting a player, parent, official, league official, or spectator
 - B: Showing up at practices or games intoxicated, or with the smell of alcohol on the breath
 - C: Throwing an object at or in the direction of any person, official or player
 - D: Engaging in conduct harmful or dangerous to players or others
 - E: Allowing players to play without protective equipment or otherwise ignoring known safety or health concerns regarding a certain player
 - F: Allowing players to practice or play in a game when they have been informed by league officials that they are suspended from play.
 - G: Knowingly allowing an ineligible player to play or practice
 - H: Contacting All-Star players before approved time
 - I: Selecting or contacting a number of players from your team in excess of the allowed number for All-Star selections
 - J: Lying to league officials about your tournament or all-star selections process.
 - K: Practicing at locations not approved by GTCSC
 - L: Lying about coaching qualifications and/or risk management
 - M: Taking inappropriate actions to obtain a certain player
 - N: Intentionally taking actions toward a player to have them leave your team.
 - O: Coaches must notify Registrars or other Board Members if a player drops with a player drop form. Board members may confirm the basis of the player dropping.
- 7: Any of these actions will be reviewed by the Board and may be punishable by suspension or removal from coaching.

Section 5 Division Rules

Under 6 Divisions

- 1: 6 Players on the field
- 2: Size 3 Ball
- 3: (2) 20 Minute halves (4) 10 Min Quarters "Running Time"
- 4: Coaches are **not allowed on the field**
- 5: Home team to provide referee unless the league provides a referee
- 6: No direct Free Kicks
- 7: Players are allowed (2) chances to make a proper throw in
- 8: Offside is not enforced
- 9: No Cherry Picking all players must travel up and down the field
- 10: No card will be issued to players
- 11: Subs made at each Quarters
- 12: No Slide Tackling
- 13: Goals may be scored on a kick off without touching another player
- 14: **There is to be no parents or coaches standing or coaching on the goal line**
- 15: **Players are to remain on field during water break (quarters)**

Under 8 Divisions

- 1: 7 Players on the field
- 2: Size 3 Ball
- 3: (2) 25 Minute halves (4) 12 ½ Minute Quarters "Running Time"
- 4: Coaches are not allowed on the field
- 5: League to provide Referee
- 6: Both direct and indirect kicks
- 7: Penalty Kicks will be taken on the spot marked
- 8: Players are allowed (2) chances to make a proper throw in
- 9: Offside is enforced
- 10: Yellow and Red cards will be issued
- 11: Subs made at each Quarters
- 12: No Slide Tackling
- 13: Any player receiving a Yellow Card needs to leave the field for a cooling off period. A sub may be used at this time.
- 14: Goals may be scored on a kick off without touching another player
- 15: **There is to be no parents or coaches standing or coaching on the goal line**
- 16: **Players are to remain on field during water break (quarters)**

Under 10 Divisions

- 1: 8 Players on the field
- 2: Size 4 Ball
- 3: (2) 25 Minute halves (4) 12 ½ Minute Quarters "Running Time"
- 4: Coaches are not allowed on the field
- 5: All FIFA Laws of the game apply, including offside
- 6: Any player receiving a Yellow Card needs to leave the field for a cooling off period. A sub may be used at this time.

- 7: Coaches are to remain in the area of the center circle
- 8: Coaches are only permitted on the field at the direction of the Referee
- 9: **There is to be no parents or coaches standing or coaching on the goal line**
- 10: **Players are to remain on field during water break (quarters)**
- 11: **Subs made at each Quarters**

Under 12 Divisions

- 1: 11 Players on the field
- 2: Size 4 Ball
- 3: (2) 30 Minute halves (4) 15 Minute Quarters "Running Time"
- 4: Coaches are not allowed on the field
- 5: All FIFA Laws of the game apply
- 6: Any player receiving a Yellow Card needs to leave the field for a cooling off period. A sub may be used at this time.
- 7: Coaches are to remain in the area of the center circle
- 8: Coaches are only permitted on the field at the direction of the Referee
- 9: **There is to be no parents or coaches standing or coaching on the goal line**
- 10: **Players are to remain on field during water break (quarters)**
- 11: Subs made at each Quarter

Under 14 Divisions

- 1: 11 Players on the field
- 2: Size 5 Ball
- 3: (2) 35 Minute halves (4) 17 ½ Minute Quarters "Running Time"
- 4: Coaches are not allowed on the field
- 5: All FIFA Laws of the game apply
- 6: Any player receiving a Yellow Card needs to leave the field for a cooling off period. A sub may be used at this time.
- 7: Coaches are to remain in the area of the center circle
- 8: Coaches are only permitted on the field at the direction of the Referee
- 9: **There is to be no parents or coaches standing or coaching on the goal line**
- 10: **Players are to remain on field during water break (quarters)**
- 11: **Subs made at each Quarter**

Under 18 Divisions

- 1: 11 Players on the field
- 2: Size 5 Ball
- 3: (2) 40 minute halves
- 4: Coaches are not allowed on the field
- 5: All FIFA Laws of the game apply
- 6: Any player receiving a Yellow Card needs to leave the field for a cooling off period. A sub may be used at this time.
- 7: Coaches are to remain in the area of the center circle
- 8: Coaches are only permitted on the field at the direction of the Referee
- 9: Free substitutions are allowed at any stoppage
- 10: **There is to be no parents or coaches standing or coaching on the goal line**
- 11: **Players are to remain on field during water break (quarters)**

Section 6 Discipline

The following guidelines will apply to discipline issues.

- 1: Any player or coach receiving three (3) yellow cards during the season will be suspended for the next game
- 2: Any player or coach receiving a red card will be suspended from the next game, practices or any team/GTCSC function prior to serving the suspension. They cannot be at the field at anytime.
- 3: Any player or coach receiving additional cards above those listed above will be subject to additional suspensions per the By-Laws.
- 4: Any player or coach who is involved in Fighting or Verbal, Racial, or Sexual Harassment, or Physical Assault on a player, coach, referee, or league official will be suspended for (4) games minimum and attend a disciplinary hearing.
- 5: Any player or coach suspended for any reason will not be allowed take part in any team/GTCSC function. (I.e. practice, game etc) This is not just for red cards.
- 6: Suspensions will carry over to all post season games or the next season.
- 7: Any Discipline action can be appealed to the Discipline Board following the guidelines in the GTCSC By-Laws.
- 8: Any discipline actions from the board to coach and/or player may disqualify them from any tournament play
- 9: Coaches who do not follow the 50% play rule at every game will be suspended for the next game, (excluding player unavailability, injury or illness). GTCSC Board has the right to contact the parent or guardian of the child to ascertain the situation

Section 7 Referee Selection and Conduct

1. All Referees' must be approved by the Board.
2. All Referees are to sign up for **at least** 1 game per week
3. All Referees must fill out a program administrator form
4. All Referee's over 18 years of age must be Live Scanned (including turning 18 during season)
5. All Referees' will be evaluated and instructed during the season as necessary to improve the quality of referee's.
6. Games will be assigned in the following manner:
 - Adults- Anyone 18 and Over
 - U14 & U18 will be assigned first with 3 man crews whenever possible
 - 2nd year and higher Jr Referees
 - U12 and U10 All positions
 - 1st year and Jr Referees
 - U8 All positions
 - U10 Assistant Referees
7. Any Mid-week games can be 2 man crews in the event 3 man crews cannot be provided.
8. All Center Referees to complete a post match report
9. Follow USSF Code of Ethics

10. Must be 2 yrs removed from age group you are assigned to
11. Relatives cannot officiate in divisions in which their child plays or you coach.
12. All discipline issues will be reviewed by the Discipline Panel
13. Games will be assigned based upon your requested time and handed out by the Director of Referees'.
14. All referees' must fill out a w-9 form at the beginning of each season.
15. Referees can be disciplined and/or removed by a majority vote.

Section 8

Post Season Tournaments

Commissioner's Cup

Commissioner's Cup Tournament is open to the teams that finish in first and second place in following divisions U10, U12, and U14.

Presidents Cup

PRESIDENTS CUP SELECTION PROCESS:

President's Cup selection is a process by which the league coaches have the privilege and responsibility of choosing the best players in their age division to represent Grand Terrace in the District 5 Tournament, or President's Cup. The President's Cup is highly competitive, and as such, selections made are balanced to achieve a uniformly athletic team.

CRITERIA:

A player selected for President's Cup should have exceptional skill in ball control, both offensively and defensively. They must have speed and agility. They must be quick footed and have a very high level of endurance. They must be a team player that is willing and able to play any position according to the needs of the team. They must be aggressive but always under control demonstrating a positive attitude towards soccer and a willingness to give 100 percent of themselves both at practice and on the field during games. Our President's Cup players are emissaries of Grand Terrace and Grand Terrace Community Soccer Club and as such must demonstrate sportsmanship in the highest degree!

COACHES:

President's Cup Coaches also must demonstrate more than a capability of winning. A Cup Coach must exhibit exemplary conduct at both practice and games. They are expected to coach clean, skillful, honest, and sportsmanlike soccer where playing hard is stressed equally with the spirit of winning. A President's Cup Coach should remember that their position is a privilege and not a forgone right. Those coaches who will not adhere to the rules and regulations in the selection process as follows will not be asked or given the privilege of managing a President's Cup Team.

PROCESS:

1. After the Ninth week of regular season play, each head coach from every team shall nominate a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of fifteen (15) players from all teams that should be considered for nomination to the President's Cup team.

This list will be kept CONFIDENTIAL.

2. Coaches shall include at least one Defensive player and at least one Offensive player in the nominations if possible. A total of fifteen (15) players will be chosen to fill the President's Cup Roster.

3. A list of nominated players shall be compiled by the board and all coaches will attend a selection meeting scheduled by the board. All attempts will be made to schedule the selection meeting at a convenient time to all. However, only one Head Coach from each team (a substitution being the Assistant Coach because the Head Coach cannot make the meeting) will be allowed to participate. Coaches shall include at least one fullback and one mid-field position in the nominations if possible. All discussions and

selection criteria from this meeting will remain strictly CONFIDENTIAL. Any discussion of this information with any member of G.T.C.S.C. - not in attendance of this meeting will be considered "Administrative misconduct" and may result in disciplinary action being brought against them by the G.T.C.S.C. board.

4. This selection meeting will be run by the President of the League or his/her designate. The President will choose four other BOD members to participate in this meeting and to note in the case of a "stalemate" Board members will disqualify themselves in the case of a stalemate involving their own child or team. The President may substitute for any board member that disqualifies himself/herself or in the case of voting to break a tie.

5. By anonymous ballot, each coach will vote for the appropriate number of total players to fill the team roster. Each completion of ballots by those present will be considered a "round" in order of priority numbered one (1) through fifteen (15) using the form provided for this process.

6. Selection to the President Cup team will be based upon unanimous voting of all coaches present only - unless in the case of a "stalemate" - the President and/or board members selected will vote to fill any remaining positions. It will not be mandatory to have one player from each team, nor will there be a limit on the number of players from one team.

7. After each round of voting, a member of the board will list the players chosen unanimously from the coaches votes. After the first round of voting, and after each subsequent round, each coach will have an opportunity to discuss each of remaining nominations and the reasons why they think that this player should be chosen for inclusion on the roster. No negative or dissenting opinions regarding any nomination remaining or the reasoning for the coach to suggest the inclusion of this player will be allowed.

8. Voting and discussion will continue in each subsequent round until the roster is filled, or a stalemate is reached.

9. A "stalemate will be considered to exist after three rounds of voting by the coaches whereby no remaining positions are filled on the roster because of non-unanimous voting.

10. When a stalemate is declared to exist by the President, each coach will have a final opportunity to discuss the players that he/she believes should fill the remaining positions on the roster. Thereafter, the President and board members selected by the President will retire into private deliberations to discuss and choose the players to fill the remaining roster openings. After the remaining positions are filled, the players chosen will be announced and the roster will be deemed as "full". The board members that deliberate in the case of a stalemate are able to use whatever evidence they choose and have no obligation to explain their decisions or choices. **ALL DECISIONS IN THE CASE OF STALEMATE VOTING ARE FINAL.**

11. Individuals selected to the team may be notified by telephone by the Coach of the team the day following the completion of selection and the roster being deemed as "full".

12. Any Head Coach or Assistant Coach of the President's Cup team must be approved by a majority vote of the board before they are accepted to the team, and must possess a minimum of an "YM3" coaching license. U14 and U18 divisions must possess a minimum of an "E" License.

13. The Coach of the President's Cup team will be determined after the final game of the regular season play is completed. The "first-place" team Coach will be offered the first opportunity to be nominated as Head Coach of the President's Cup team. After nomination, the board has no obligation to accept the Coach regardless of the regular season standings. The board will look to elect a Coach who will represent G.T.C.S.C in the most positive manner with respect toward players, Officials, Parents, and the game itself.

14. The Coach or Assistant Coach of the President's Cup team has no right to include his/her own son/daughter on the team if not selected in the regular voting process to fill the roster.

15. Should the first-place Coach not accept the offer of the President's Cup team, or the first-place Coach not be accepted by majority vote of the board, the team will then be offered to the second- place Head Coach. The offer of the team will continue through that division's regular season's final standings until a coach accepts and is confirmed by vote of the board. Should no Head-Coach be acceptable, then the

team will be offered to the Assistant Coach of the first place team, and then the second; duplicating the selection process with the Head Coaches in the ranks of the Assistant Coaches.

16. After a Head Coach has been confirmed by the board, the Head Coach will have the option to select any other Head or Assistant Coach from the same division to serve as his/her assistant. The Head Coach must verify that his choice holds the appropriate Coaching license, or they will not be accepted. The Head Coach will then submit the name of his choice to the board for approval. If the first choice as Assistant Coach is unavailable, then the Head Coach will repeat this same process until an Assistant Coach is accepted by vote of the board.

17. Teams sent to President's Cup will be selected from the Co-Ed under 10 divisions and each division above, or as directed by CYSA-South.

18. If more than one team is selected to go in any age division then the coach of the team with the next best record will be selected to coach that team.

19. If two teams are selected then the coach of the first team will select his team before the second team is selected.