



Travel Club By-Laws

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ARTICLE I-

Name and Affiliations

ARTICLE I. Section 1.1 Name

The name of the club shall be known as the Goodrich Soccer Club. The initials "GSC" shall also refer to this club.

ARTICLE I. Section 1.2 Affiliations

The affiliation of the club shall be to the Mid-Michigan Youth Soccer League (MMYSL), Michigan Youth Soccer League (MYSL) or the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program (MSPSP).

ARTICLE II-

Purpose

ARTICLE II. Section 1.1 Purposes

The purpose of the club shall be to provide the youth of Goodrich and other neighboring communities the following:

- . The opportunity to experience and participate in the sport of soccer as played by select teams.
- . The necessary instruction in the sport of soccer to allow them the opportunity to advance their knowledge of the game, its rules and the skills required to play select soccer.
- . The opportunity to play select/amateur level games between similarly aged and experienced peers.
- . The encouragement and enthusiasm towards personal growth and development in the sport of soccer.
- . The promotion of fair play, teamwork and good sportsmanship values.
- . To promote, support, operate and enforce the rules and regulations set forth by the following governing bodies of soccer. The Mid-Michigan Youth Soccer League (MMYSL), the Michigan Youth Soccer League (MYSL), the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program (MSPSP), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and the Federation International de Football Association (FIFA). The GSC can place more stringent rules and regulations in effect for the club, but in no means place less stringent rules or regulations into effect.

ARTICLE III-

Tryouts , Passcards, and Responsibilities

ARTICLE III. Section 1.1 Tryouts

Tryouts will be held on a date set forth by the guidelines of MSYSA each year. Tryouts for each team will take place on two separate days, unless the coaching staff deems it unnecessary (i.e.; not enough players to fill a roster). Every effort will be made to have more than one coach evaluate the players. It is understood that the final roster will be decided by the head coach. Players from previous seasons shall not be allowed to wear any items from a GSC uniform to a tryout. Within 3 days of last try out the coach will inform all participants in a nonpublic manner (for example, by phone, email, letter or private discussion) whether they have made the team. The coach will contact those who made the team first in case a selected player declines.

ARTICLE III. Section 2.1 Passcards

It is understood that coaches should encourage their players to play as much as possible. If a player received an invitation to play up as a passcard player, and no rules by the governing bodies of MMYSL and MSPSP have been violated, coaches should give the players their passcard to take to the game to play as a club passcard. Players should return their passcard to their coach at the very next practice or game. Exceptions to this rule occur when there is a conflict in game times, or a coach deems that a player playing as a passcard player will negatively affect their own team's performance (i.e.; the passcard game is immediately before player's regular game.) It is not acceptable for a coach to deny a player his/her passcard without a valid reason. However, the player **MUST** have the team at his or her appropriate age group (if there is one) as the primary team. Dual rostering within GSC is not allowed.

ARTICLE III. Section 3.1 Coaches' Responsibilities

The Head Coach or his designee is responsible to the Goodrich Soccer Club Travel Director and will be responsible for the following:

- A. All team operations. The coach is expected to delegate team operations wherever possible to adult volunteers but it is the coach's responsibility to ensure that the tasks have been completed.
- B. Coaches, their assistants and team parents must adhere to the Goodrich Soccer Club's **Code of Conduct for Coaches & Volunteers**. This will be **available for** downloading on the club's website.
- C. Conduct try-outs as directed by GSC Operating Rules, and the Travel Director.
- D. Respect and dignify each athlete as an individual
- E. Create an environment that encourages each athlete to reach his potential.
- F. Promote the safety of each athlete, including remaining at the field, game, or practice until each player has been picked up.
- G. Attend scheduling meetings as needed
- H. Be a model of appropriate behavior and language at all times.
- I. Communicate your expectations often with players and parents.

- J. Conduct a pre-season meeting with the parents and players to discuss the following:
 - a. Dates, times, and site of practices.
 - b. Rules and regulations concerning player and parent behavior at practices and games.
 - c. Consequences for tardiness, missing games or practice, yellow cards and red cards, behavior during practices and games.
 - d. Recruitment of adult volunteers
 - e. Provide every parent with a copy of the GSC Travel Operating Rules

ARTICLE III. Section 4.1 Player Responsibilities

Section 1. – It is a privilege to play on a GSC Travel team. Each player is expected to put forth his greatest effort, cooperating with coaches and teammates, and at all times behave in a sportsmanlike manner.

Section 2. – Each player is expected to be on time to practices and games, prepared to play and wearing the appropriate equipment. If a player is unable to attend a practice or game it is the player's responsibility to inform his coach in a timely manner.

Section 3. – Game time is guaranteed for each player who meets his player responsibilities per the GSC operating rules, however; the amount of game time beyond that is at the coach's discretion.

Section 4. – Players are expected to play the field position the coach assigns.

Section 5. – Each player is expected to approach the coach at practices, NOT games, should a question or issue arises regarding play time, position, or any other concern.

Section 6. - A coach may dismiss a player from his team for un-sportsmanlike conduct or for other disciplinary reasons, after first warning the player and his parents in writing of possible dismissal, and informing and discussing the situation with the Travel Manager, the player can be removed with Board approval.

ARTICLE III. Section 5.1 Parent Responsibilities

Section 1. - Parents of Travel players are responsible for creating a supportive environment for players and coaches in accordance to the Goodrich Soccer Club's Parent Code of Conduct.

Section 2. –Travel Registration: A \$50 Non-refundable fee is due at the first 'Team Parent Meeting'. The Fall balance is to be paid on or before August 15. Spring fees are due on or before April 15. There may be additional fees for items such as socks, warm-ups, bags, tournament fees, trainer fees, and hotel and food expenses, and others involved in Travel soccer that are not covered by the GSC's registration fees. The parents are responsible to see that these costs are paid.

Section 3. – Parents need to ensure that the players arrive at practices and games on time and prepared to play.

Section 4. – Parents and guests are expected to give positive encouragement to all players.

Section 5. – Parents and guests are to refrain from making any coaching comments or negative statements of any kind during a game. Comments and concerns should be addressed to the coach either by phone or at a non-competitive, such as practice, situation.

Section 6. – Physical or Verbal abuse of referees, coaches, players or the opposing team's fans, players and coaches will not be tolerated. The offending parent or guest may be asked to leave the field. Repeated offenses may result in barring the parent from the soccer field during all games and practices.

Section 7. – Parents are expected to volunteer to assist the team operation as able.

ARTICLE IV- Amendments

ARTICLE IV. Section 1.1 Amendments.

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the club provided notice of the proposed amendment vote shall have been submitted at the previous meeting or mailed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the voting. The amendment cannot be in conflict with the regulations prescribed to us by the MMYSL, MYSL, MSPSP and USSF.

ARTICLE V- Travel Teams Coordinator

ARTICLE V. Section 1.1 GSC Travel Director

It is in the sole judgment of the GSC Travel Director to oversee the By-laws of the Goodrich Soccer Club Travel Teams as he or she see's fit as long as it's within the best interest of the club. The GSC Travel Director shall have responsibility and authority to enforce the **Code of Conduct for Coaches & Volunteers** for any Travel Volunteer, which may include the removal of any volunteer, coach or club member who is detracting from the overall mission of the soccer program. Such enforcement should be immediately reported to the Goodrich Board of Directors. The GSC Travel Director will also have the responsibility to see that the duties of that removed person are fulfilled in their absence until they appoint someone else to take over that role.

It is the responsibility of the individual team coach to appoint and or fire the position of individual team manager and it is at the discretion of the individual team coach to make sure the team manager is doing the job of team manager appropriately.

ARTICLE VI - Special Situations

ARTICLE VI. Section 1.1 Special Situations

If occasions or situations arise that are not fully covered by these By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall have full power to decide such.