



GROVE UNITED PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES POLICY

1. Provide transportation to and from all practices and games and ensure the player is prompt in arriving and departing. Notify coaches well in advance if the player is going to be late or absent, etc.
2. Be supportive of your player. Be a good listener. Make them feel important and let them know that they are contributing to a team effort.
3. Encourage your player to take responsibility for his game and to avoid making excuses when things do not go their way.
4. Respect the judgment of the referee and do not criticize the officials or players on either team. Parents should act in a manner consistent with league and IYSA rules and regulations.
5. Do not coach from the sidelines. We can't stress this enough. This can be confusing to the players and may conflict with the coaches' game plan. In addition to being a barrier to development for your child, it interferes in the development of other players and the team as a whole.

Because this item is so important, the club has implemented the following policy:

- A. When a person is found to be coaching from the parent sideline, he/she will be asked via email, phone call or personal discussion to please refrain from the behavior. At the time of this discussion, the parties involved should feel free to discuss what is appropriate and not appropriate.
- B. If there is second instance of coaching from the parent sideline, the person will be asked to refrain from attending the next game.
- C. Upon a third instance of coaching from the parent sideline, the person will be asked to refrain from attending the next 3 games.
- D. Should there be a subsequent violation of this policy, the offending party will be asked to refrain from attending any games for the remainder of the playing year.

- E. At each point where a violation of this policy occurs, the person in question will be asked to acknowledge in writing that they have advised that they have violated the policy. If the person does not agree to provide such acknowledgement, the club reserves the right to “pull” the players pass and suspend them from further Grove United activities until the written acknowledgement is provided.
6. Understand and respect the difference between the roles of the parent and the roles of the coach. **Do** be a rousing cheerleader. Use positive language such as “nice pass”, “good try”, “way to go” etc. Please do not direct the players with language such as “pass,” “shoot,” “dribble,” “clear the ball,” etc. Besides being confusing, it may be providing contrary advice to what the coach is working on with the kids.
 7. Attend the games when possible. Become a student of the game. Learn as much as you can about the game from coaches, players, television etc.
 8. Communicate with coaches. Ask questions and make suggestions. Avoid harboring bad feelings and misunderstandings by talking to coaches about anything that concerns you. Do so at the proper time and in the proper place. Addressing coaches’ right after games or practices may not always be the best time when emotions are running high. Inform coaches of any injuries as soon as possible.
 8. Supervise pre-game meals and use good nutrition principles to improve the player’s diet.
 9. Fees Payment.
 - a. Pay fees promptly, or inform the club of any delays. Avoid procrastination on payments that only result in more costs to the program.
 - b. Fees are to cover a pre-set budget and membership participation. As such, Grove United has a very strict refund policy that can be found on the club website and by request.

I have read, understand and agree to uphold these responsibilities.

Name

Date