

# OBGC House Soccer Philosophy & Behavioral Expectations

## Philosophy & Behavior Expectations for ALL Age Groups – Parents, Coaches and Players

### House soccer is about safety, learning and enjoyment

The goal of our league is to instill a life-long love of soccer in our players by providing them solid fundamentals in a fun environment.  
Advanced development and competition is available through the OBGC Travel Soccer program.

### Coaches Teach, Referees Enforce, Parents Support

Do your job; don't do anyone else's job  
Coaches will coach all players in a positive manner and without verbal abuse

### Coaches and Players only on the Player Sideline

All parents, relatives, friends and other spectators belong on the spectator side  
No one should be behind either goal

### Parents never engage with the Referee; Coaches and Players never challenge a Referee

Coaches: Respectfully interact with referees; you may ask for clarifications; disagreements after game

Parents: Don't engage with the referees at all; Please report specific issues to [housesoccer@obgc.com](mailto:housesoccer@obgc.com)  
When reporting issues, be factual and avoid emotion

Players: Only engage the referee to clarify a question or ruling and always in a respectful manner

\*Repeat offenders will be removed from the field and could be removed from the league\*

### Only constructive commentary allowed

Parents: Never criticize players; reinforce positive behaviors; be encouraging; don't coach

Coaches: Give general direction; avoid calling out specific players; don't use anger as a tool

Players: Always treat players from the other team with respect

### Everyone is responsible for good sportsmanship

Coaches: It's your responsibility to make sure games don't get out of hand;  
At large goal differentials, it is mandatory for both coaches to actively ensure better competitive balance

### Player Safety

The referee will stop the game to deal with any serious player injury. Players will often end up on the ground.  
If the injury is not serious, play will continue as long as play does not further endanger the injured player.

### Players are here to play and learn

While we want to teach healthy competition, all players in house soccer are expected to play;  
Every player should play at least half the game

### Soccer is meant to be fun

If everyone understands and respects these philosophies and expectations,  
then everyone will have a great time!