

# GREATER SUDBURY SOCCER CLUB – GRASSROOTS - AGES U4 to U12 PROGRAMMING

## General Information for Parents

### Contact Information:

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### Role of the Technical Director (Head Coach): GIUSEPPE POLITI – “A” License in Europe, Canada, USA

- ✓ To increase the development and skill level of players/coaches/teams by providing them with a higher standard of coaching
- ✓ To plan, oversee, and manage all matters of a technical nature – players, coaches, team, club leagues, referees

### General Guidelines:

- ✓ Learning, co-operation and fun are professed → but respectful and appropriate behaviour are expected of the players
- ✓ Parity (equally-balanced) teams is attempted, but cannot be guaranteed at all times (variables include attendance, vacations, familial and driving accommodations, general development over time, coaching, etc.)
- ✓ No published scores and/or standings as recommended by Canadian Soccer Association’s LTPD guidelines
- ✓ Parents u8 & older sit away from child/player; parents u6 can be close to child/player; parents u4 always with child/player
- ✓ Parents/guardians cheer, but do not provide technical/tactical information (nor interact with the referee, if applicable)

### Game Guidelines:

- ✓ Rotation of players in all positions, including goalkeeper (U8 & older) → Equitable playing time for all
- ✓ Primary focus is on skill development and fun (the process), not winning or the final score (the result is secondary)
- ✓ Substitutions are done at half-way centre line (u6 & u8 can be done on the fly); all other ages must be at stoppages in play
- ✓ Dress code: jersey/t-shirt, shorts, socks that cover mandatory shin pads, proper footwear, no jewelry, drink
- ✓ Show up at least 10 minutes prior to kickoff/start time

### Practice Guidelines:

- ✓ Dress code: **White t-shirt mandatory**, black shorts & socks, shin pads, footwear, no jewelry, drink
- ✓ Arrive at least 10 minutes early & value practices as much as games in terms of attendance

“Encourage your child to watch and play soccer on their own time – at home, at recess, with their friends, or at the playground!”  
-- G. Politi, TD

### Weekly schedule:

- ✓ 1 practice, 1 game per week (on average) [U4 activities only]

### Simplified LTPD (Long-Term Player Development [Ontario Soccer/Canada Soccer]) Matrix – Recreational & Developmental Stream:

Age Group	U4	U6	U8	U10	U12
Game Play	N/A	3 v 3 (no GK)	5 v 5 (with GK)	7 v 7 (with GK)	9 v 9 (with GK)
Substitutions	N/A	Unlimited (on the fly)	Unlimited (on the fly)	Unlimited (any stoppage)	Unlimited (any stoppage)
Game Duration	Activities only	2 x 15 minutes	2 x 20 minutes	2 x 25 minutes	2 x 35 minutes
Throw-ins	No	No (pass-ins)	No (pass-ins)	No (pass-ins)	Yes
Offside	No	No	No	No	Yes
Ball Size	3	3	4	4	4
Retreat Line (encourage children to play out from back)	N/A	Centre half-way line	Centre half-way line	1/3 (one-third) or Centre half-way line	1/3 (one-third) Marked by cones / circle

### Volunteer Coaches and Supervision:

- ✓ The vast majority of GSSC’s staff including coaches, assistants, managers, and Board members are volunteers
- ✓ Please remember this is a not-for-profit organization and the pandemic has strained many facets of the club’s operations
- ✓ Please thank those involved for giving their time and best effort to improve & enjoy the game of soccer in Sudbury

### Handling Concerns, Issues, Questions:

- ✓ Your first point of contact is the field/team coach, then the club administrator, then the Technical Director
- ✓ Ensure your respective field/team coach is aware of any medical issues/conditions for your child (injuries, allergies)
- ✓ Please contact the club if you would like to volunteer / coach
- ✓ Inclement weather? Stay tuned to: **1) EMAIL; 2) WEBSITE; 3) SOCIAL MEDIA**

### Other → beyond your email, please use:

- ✓ **WEBSITE** [www.gssc.ca](http://www.gssc.ca) - check the website often → most up-to-date source of information!
- ✓ **SOCIAL MEDIA** [Facebook](#), [@GSSCImpact \(Twitter\)](#), [@gssc\\_impact \(Instagram\)](#)
- ✓ **ONLINE STORE** Extra GSSC Apparel (accessible via website) – wear our brand logo/colours proudly!
- ✓ **FUNDRAISING** Please contribute to the club’s initiatives!

