

## **Town of Pleasant Garden Soccer Program Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct**

Our purpose is to promote good sportsmanship, teamwork, achievement or excellence, self-confidence and fun for players and their families through the game of soccer. The conduct of coaches, family members and spectators is critical to this process. Considering the number of people involved with Pleasant Garden Soccer Program games, the instances of poor conduct each season are remarkably few. These few instances, however, will not be tolerated. Civility, decency and respect are concepts that all should understand.

**Each person attending a Town of Pleasant Garden Soccer Program game should be aware of the following standards:**

1. Each parent and spectator is expected to be a positive role model of good behavior.
2. No smoking or possession/consumption of alcohol is allowed on the soccer field premises.
3. The Town has the authority to prosecute or support the prosecution of anyone who violates any law or ordinance (*e.g. assault or possession of alcohol*). We will call law enforcement officials if necessary.
4. Neither coaches, parents, nor other team supporters may make critical, abusive or offensive comments to the players, coaches or supporters of an opposing team before, during, or after a game.
5. Games are officiated by referees and their assistants, not coaches, parents or spectators. Parents and other team supporters may not approach game officials at any time for the purpose of disputing calls, or making critical, abusive or offensive comments. There is a process and a time for coaches to disagree with calls. Voice your opinion to your coach, not the game officials.
6. Neither coaches, parents nor other team supporters may be present behind goals or on the first 18 yards of each sideline beginning at each corner. These "clear zones" protect keepers and players taking corner kicks.
7. Supporters of a team must sit on the same side of the field as their team. Parents or other team supporters may not enter the field during a game or post-game activities without the permission of the referee.

8. Each coach is responsible for the conduct of the team's parents and other supporters. The coach may require a parent or other supporter to leave the game-site (the field and surrounding area).
9. Parking is allowed in the designated parking spaces only. **NO PARKING IS ALLOWED IN THE DRIVEWAY AREAS OF THE SOCCER FIELDS.**
10. The referee, or any other personnel officially authorized by the town, may require any person present at a Town of Pleasant Garden Soccer Program game to leave the game-site.
11. Any coach, assistant coach, manager, parent, spectator, or player who is dismissed from a game by a referee or other authorized officials must leave the complex immediately.
  - a. The individual **may not** return to the complex or field **after** the game. The individual may not return to the complex until **one hour after the scheduled completion of the next game of that team (i.e. sit out the next complete game)**. Any individual who violates these rules will be suspended for an additional game.
  - b. Any coach, assistant coach, manager, parent, spectator or player who is dismissed from a game by a referee or other authorized persons for **fighting** must leave the complex immediately. The individual may not return to the complex or field after the game. The individual is immediately suspended from attending the next two games of that team. Furthermore, the individual may not attend any other game involving the Town of Pleasant Garden Soccer Program games teams until that two-game suspension has ended. Any individual who violates these rules will be suspended for an additional game.

**Violations of these standards will result in the ejection of the violator from the Town of Pleasant Garden Soccer Program games facilities temporarily or permanently.**

Soccer is a game. Youth soccer is for the enjoyment of young people and their families. The overwhelming majority of our community understands what these simple facts mean. The positive examples you provide for your children are valued. Thank you for your cooperation!