

Town of Pleasant Garden Recreation Soccer Program

Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

The mission of the PG Recreation Soccer Program (hereafter The Program) is to promote fun, good sportsmanship, teamwork, achievement, health through activity and self-confidence for all players through the game of soccer. The conduct of coaches, family members and spectators is critical to this process. Civility, decency and respect are concepts that all should understand and display. Displays of poor conduct will not be tolerated. Each person attending a game sponsored by The Program should be aware of the following rules of conduct that will be enforced:

1. Each parent and spectator is expected to be a **positive** role model of good behavior.
2. Neither coaches, parents, nor other team supporters may make critical, abusive or offensive comments to the players, coaches or supporters of an opposing team.
3. Each coach is responsible for the conduct of the team's parents and supporters. The coach may require a parent or other supporter to leave the game-site, Volunteer Park or Idol Field.
4. 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 to dispute calls. Making critical, abusive or offensive comments towards the referees will not be tolerated and authorized officials will take disciplinary action. There is a process and a time for coaches to protest calls. Voice your opinion to your coach, not the game officials.
5. Team supporters 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.
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. Any coach, parent, spectator, or player who is dismissed from a game by a referee or other authorized official **must leave the complex immediately**. The individual may not return to the complex, including practice, until the appropriate suspension has been served.
 - a. Anyone dismissed from a game for fighting is **suspended from attending the next 2 games, and practices, of that team**. The individual may not attend any other game as a spectator, involving the team until that two game suspension has ended. Any individual who violates these rules will be suspended for an additional practice and game. Violations of these standards may result in the ejection of the violator from The Program games facilities temporarily or permanently.
 - b. Individuals ejected for reasons other than fighting will be suspended from the the complex until one hour after the scheduled completion of the next game of that team (i.e. sit out the next complete game and practice). Any individual who violates these rules will be suspended for an additional practice and game.
 - c. The Parks & Recreation Director and Recreation Board reserve the right to amend the above mentioned suspension protocols as they deem necessary, based on the review of the Match Report and interviewing witnesses and those parties involved.

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.

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!