



## **PBGYAA Predators Recreation Soccer**

### **Spring 2024 Information Guide**

#### **Registration**

Registration is \$170 for Gardens' residents. Non-residents are charged a \$34 fee that is paid directly to the City of Palm Beach Gardens. Your third child is free when registered for a single sport. **There is a \$20 late fee assessed for all registrations completed after January 1st, 2024.**

All players receive a soccer ball and a uniform kit (jersey, shorts, and socks).

Please note that registration will automatically close when an age division is full.

Registration can be completed online: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](#)

We are looking at setting up a U14 Boys and U16 Boys division depending on registration

#### **Positive Coaching and Parenting**

This is a Recreation Soccer Program, the Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association expects all parents to behave in an appropriate and positive manner to all players, referees and other parents.

Inappropriate behavior or negative cheering is not tolerated, and can cause removal of a parent's right to attend training and/or games.

#### **Player Code of Conduct**

The Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association expects all participants to be respectful to all players, coaches, referees, and parents. All parents and coaches are expected to encourage good sportsmanship and inclusion.

Inappropriate behavior is not tolerated and can cause removal of a player's right to attend training and/or games.

As part of the registration for your child's participation you agreed that each participant, parent, and volunteer would abide by the PBGYAA Code of Conduct and the disciplinary guidelines related to it.

## **Coaches and other Volunteers**

The entire PBGYAA Predators Recreation Soccer program is run by volunteers, including the coaches. Coaches come in all forms, parents, family members, community members that love soccer, and previous players in our programs.

### **We take all of our children's health and safety as our first priority.**

Every volunteer is required to do a background check for the City of Palm Beach Gardens, and also for the Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA). In addition, each Coach is required to complete a concussion training video through FYSA as well as SafeSport training, that seeks to create a healthy, supportive environment for all participants.

Once these requirements are completed and validated, we are able to provide each coach their "badge" that you will see them wearing during games while they are on the fields. A temporary badge from the concession stand will be available to those coaches who have completed all of the requirements but don't happen to have it that day. A driver's license is required to receive a temporary badge.

**Coaches/volunteers are not allowed on the player sideline without a badge.** Parents are not allowed on the player sideline, unless it is an emergency.

We are also always in need of other volunteers to help! Please email [soccer@pbgyaa.com](mailto:soccer@pbgyaa.com) to provide your contact information.

## **Coaches Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 31<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

*Zoom meeting.* All coaches are expected to attend.

This meeting will cover the following topics:

Background checks, Rules, Practice schedule, Sponsorships, Game schedules, Coaching expectations, Club update

## **Gardens District Park Soccer Fields**

All soccer practices, and games are schedule to be conducted at the

Gardens District Park, 5115 117<sup>th</sup> Ct North, PBG

## **Player Evaluations**

Evaluations will be held for all Boys and Girls age groups U8 and higher.

Evaluations give the Coaches the opportunity to see all players conduct some basic soccer skills and play in a short scrimmage. The evaluation provides the Coaches insight into each player's abilities and it helps to ensure that all teams are drafted with players at all skill levels.

During evaluations each player is provided a number that is pinned to their shirt. Evaluations last approximately 45 minutes.

**Evaluation Schedule:** Friday, February 2nd and Saturday, February 3rd

**Friday, Feb 2nd** – Gardens District Park

U8 Boys 5:30pm surname A-L

U8 Boys 6:30pm surname M-Z

U15 Girls 7.30pm

**Saturday, Feb 3rd** – Gardens District Park

U8 Girls 8:00am

U10 Boys surname A-L 9:00am

U10 Boys M-Z 9:45am

U10 Girls A-L 10:30am

U10 Girls M-Z 11:15am

U12 Girls 12:00 noon

U12 Boys A-L 1:00pm

U12 Boys M-Z 1:45pm

U14 Boys 2:30pm

U16 Boys 3.15pm

The High School will be held the following week with the date to be confirmed.

**Age Groups**

U5 are for children in Pre-K 4

U6 are for children in kindergarten

U8 are for children in 1<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

U10 are for children in 3<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade

U12 are for children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade

U14 Boys are for children in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade

U15 Girls for children in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade

U16 Boys are for children in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade

High School are for children in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Team Drafts**

**Week of February 4th-7th, 2021** - During the week directly following evaluations, the coaches from each gender and age group meet to draft the players onto teams. The player draft is facilitated by Soccer Board members to ensure there is an equitable distribution of all skill level players on each team.

Please note that for any coach that has a child playing in the Spring Recreation program, this player will automatically be added to their team. Also, for any siblings that play in the same age group, they will be drafted to the same team unless the parent requests otherwise.

After the completion of the drafts for each age group, teams will be allocated in Blue Sombrero and each parent will receive an email notification of the team their child(ren) will be playing on, along with the Coaches name and contact information.

### **Team Information**

After the notification of what team each child will be playing on, the Coach will be communicating with all parents to introduce themselves and provide additional information regarding the practice schedule and expectations for the season.

It is appreciated if there are one or two parents willing to help the coach and coordinate the other activities for the team such as picture day, snacks, etc.

### **Team Practice**

**Practice will start, Saturday Feb 10th** - The team practice schedule will start Sat, Feb 10th and will continue until Feb 26th. Each team is allocated field space for three practices a week, two weekday evenings practice and also a practice on Saturday.

Once games start, it will be at the discretion of the Coach if they choose to have additional practices or not for their team.

## **Team Uniforms and Soccer Balls**

Each player is provided a soccer ball at the first practice. Please be sure to put your child's name on it to ensure if it is left at the fields it can be returned to you.

Uniforms will be handed out before Opening day and will only be given to the coach.

The uniform kit consists of a jersey, shorts, and socks. A range of sizes are provided to help fit the players as best as possible. We do not take any number requests and please email us if you have uniform issues.

## **Team Sponsorship**

A team sponsorship donation of \$395.00 helps to offset the expense for the ball and uniform kit provided to each player! Local businesses, families, and individuals can sponsor teams.

### **\$395.00 Team Sponsorship**

- Your business name on the back of one team's jersey
- Your business listing on the PBGYAA Predators Website and sponsor banner at the Gardens District Park Soccer Fields
- A Thank You Plaque for your business to display showing the PBGYAA Recreational Soccer Program's gratitude for your community involvement and support.

## **Season Key Dates**

Coaches Meeting – Wed, Jan 31st

Evaluations – Feb 2nd and 3rd

Team Drafts – Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

Team Practice Schedule starts – Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

Artigras- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – No practice

Games begin - Monday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

Tournament Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> – no games

NO GAMES – Spring Break – Sat March 16th – Sat March 23rd

Play-off week for ages U10 and higher – Sat, April 27th – Friday, May 3rd

Closing Day and Championship Games – Saturday, May 4th (all teams play on closing day)

## **Games and Scheduling**

All age groups games will start the week of Monday Feb 26th. Each team will play two games a week, one weekday evening game and Saturday depending upon the age group.

The official game schedule will be emailed to each parent via Sports Connection prior to the first week of games. The scheduling process takes some time and review before the final schedule is posted.

**Age Group Game Schedule:** *Subject to change*

Monday – Tops Soccer program, U6 Coed, U8 Boys, U16 Boys, High School

Tuesday – U8 Boys, U10 Boys and U12 Boys

Wednesday – U5 and U6 Coed, U10 Boys, U14 Boys and U15 Girls

Thursday – U8 Girls, U10 Girls, U12 Girls, U16 Boys and High School

Friday – Free clinics

Saturday – U5 and U6 Coed, U8, U10, U12, U14 and U15 teams

**Team and Individual Pictures**

**Date to be determined – Coaches** will provide their team with the time schedule for pictures prior to the start of the team's game. A picture make-up date will be scheduled later in the season if necessary.

**Friday Night Clinics**

These are free clinics for all players and are run by our professional trainers. Dates are to be confirmed. Further information will be emailed to all parents once the season starts. This is great opportunity for players to build on their skills, especially for those players who have not played before and are still learning the game.

**Closing Day**

**Saturday, May 4th** – The Spring Season Closing Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. All teams will play on this day, including championship games for the U10 and older age groups. Other activities will be available and the Annual Team Basket Raffle to benefit our Soccer Division Academic Scholarship fund.

**Concession Stand**

The concession stand is open Tuesday – Thursday, and on Saturday all day. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

***All proceeds from the concession stand fund the Ryan Rogers Academic Scholarship fund.***

### **Season Updates and Communication**

All communication is through email or text message.

Please email us if you have any questions or concerns at: [soccer@pbgyaa.com](mailto:soccer@pbgyaa.com).

### **Weather Notifications and Make Up Games**

We will email parents if we have any rain outs, please note the City of Palm Beach Gardens makes the decisions on field closures. We usually do not make a decision until 5pm as we do our best to get the games played. If a game is rained out the Board will attempt to reschedule it to be played at a later date.

### **Soccer Sponsorships**

As a not for profit organization, we welcome financial support from our community. We have several sponsorship opportunities available. The generosity of our sponsors allows for a lower registration cost, provide financial assistance to kids who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate, and support our many other programs, including TOPSoccer.

#### **\$395.00 Team Sponsorship**

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#### **\$795 Feather Flag Sponsorship**

- One feather flag with your business name on it that will be put out for display at the Gardens District Park Soccer Fields during regular season play.
- Your business listing on the PBGYAA Predators Website and sponsor banner at the Gardens District Park Soccer Fields
- A Thank You Plaque for your business to display showing the PBGYAA Recreational Soccer Program's gratitude for your community involvement and support.

#### **\$995 Feather Flag and Team Sponsorship**

- One feather flag with your business name on it that will be put out for display at the Gardens District Park Soccer Fields during regular season play.

- Your business name on the back of one team's jersey.
- Your business listing on the PBGYAA Predators Website and sponsor banner at the Gardens District Park Soccer Fields
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### **\$1200 Predator Sponsorship**

- 2 Team Sponsorship's
- 1 Feather Flag Sponsorship

*Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association (PBGYAA) is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible.*

**[Click here to complete your Sponsorship Online!](#)**

Please enter the information on the form, and at the bottom click on the Send button, you will be directed to our payment page. You can pay by credit card here.

Please enter the donation amount you are making payment for.

In the Donation To field please select "PBGYAA Predator Soccer"

In the Description field, please list your Division, Coach and Team Name if known

**You may also pay by Check; it should be made out to:**

PBGYAA Youth Athletic Association – Soccer Division

Check should be mailed to: PBGYAA Recreation Soccer, 4029 Johnson Dairy Road, Palm Beach Gardens 33410

Please reference Sponsorship Donation.

If you have any questions, please email Sponsorship Coordinator at: [soccer@pbgyaa.com](mailto:soccer@pbgyaa.com)