



PBGYAA Predators Recreation Soccer

Spring 2021 Information Guide

Health and Safety

Health and safety are at the forefront of all our minds. The PBGYAA is working closely with the City of Palm Beach Gardens to put policies and procedures in place to make sure all players and families are as safe as possible. We appreciate your cooperation and support as we chart new ways of enjoying youth sports in Palm Beach Gardens!

All participant's Parents or Guardian are required to sign the PBGYAA Waiver and Release of Liability and the PBGYAA COVID-19 Acknowledgement and Waiver during the registration process.

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.

Registration

Registration opens November 23, 2020 and will remain open until the divisions are full.

Cost is only \$140 for Gardens' residents. Non-residents are charged a \$26 non-resident fee. This fee is a direct pass through to the City of Palm Beach Gardens. Your third child is free when registered for a single sport.

A late fee of \$20.00 will be charged for registrations after January 15, 2021.

All players receive a soccer ball, uniform kit (jersey, shorts, socks), and access to free clinics administered by trainers from the Predators Competitive teams.

Coaches and other Volunteers

The entire PBGYAA Predators Recreation Soccer program is run by volunteers, including the coaches. The heart of the program volunteers is the Soccer Board, but all our limbs are the 200+ Recreation Coaches that volunteer their time every season. 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 to provide your contact information.

Coaches Meeting

Wednesday, January 27th 7pm

This meeting will be held via 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

Saturday, February 6th 9:00am - 10:30am

****U6 Coaches** will need to attend an additional training meeting at Gardens District Park. Coaching tactics for the U6 program will be reviewed, along with game demonstrations and expectations. Feel free to bring your U5/U6 players along to participate.

Gardens District Park Soccer Fields

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

Gardens District Park, 5115 117th 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 5th and Saturday, February 6th

Friday, Feb 5th – Gardens District Park Soccer Fields – Field 5

U8 Boys 5:30pm surname A-L

U8 Boys 6:30pm surname M-Z

Saturday, Feb 6th - Gardens District Park Soccer Fields – Field 5

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 Girls 2:30pm

U14 Boys 3:15pm

The U16 and High School will be held the following week with the date to be confirmed.

Age Groups

U5 are for children going into Pre-K 4

U6 are for children going into Kindergarten

U8 are for children going into 1th and 2nd grade

U10 are for children going into 3th and 4th grade

U12 are for children going into 5th and 6th grade

U14 are for children going into 7th and 8th grade

U16 are for children going into 9th and 10th grade

High School are for children going into 11th and 12th grade

Team Drafts

Week of February 8-11, 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 13th - The team practice schedule will start Sat, Feb 13th and will continue until March 4th. 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 \$350.00 helps to offset the expense for the ball and uniform kit provided to each player! Local businesses, families, and individuals can sponsor teams.

\$350.00 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 27th

Evaluations – Feb 5th and 6th

Team Drafts – Feb 8th – 11th

Team Practice Schedule starts – Feb 13th – March 4th

Games begin - Tuesday, March 2nd

Opening Day – Saturday, March 13th

NO GAMES – Spring Break – Sun March 14th – Sat March 20th

Play-off week for ages U10 and higher – Mon, May 3 – Friday, May 7th

Closing Day and Championship Games – Saturday, May 7th (all teams play on closing day)

Games and Scheduling

All age groups games will start the week of TBD. 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, High School teams

Tuesday – U8 Boys, U10 Boys and U12 Boys

Wednesday – U5 and U6 Coed, U14/16 Boys and Girls (carry over of U8 Boys, U10 Boys and U12 Boys)

Thursday – U8 Girls, U10 Girls and U12 Girls

Friday – Free clinics

Saturday – U5 and U6 Coed, U8, U10, U12, U14 Boys and Girls

Opening Day

Saturday, March 13th - The season's official Opening Day, all teams play on this day.

We will also be running our annual Food Bank collection. Nonperishable items will be collected and donated to our local community food banks.

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 7th – The Spring Season Closing Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. 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 Soccer Division 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

Sign up for text message updates: **IMPORTANT** - In order for you to begin receiving text messages, you will need to first text: **2021SpringSOCCERCLUBS273** to **84483**.

You can also download the **Dick's Team Manager** app on your Apple or Android device. Use your Blue Sombrero login and password. This will give you mobile access to your child's team roster, game reminders, etc.

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.

\$350.00 Team Sponsorship

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\$750 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.
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\$800 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.
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\$1000 Predator Sponsorship

- 2 Team Sponsorship's

- 1 Feather Flag Sponsorship

For PBGYAA Executive Sponsorships please contact Laurie French, PBGYAA Executive Director. Email: lfrench@pbgyaa.com

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

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