



## **PBGYAA Predators Recreation Soccer**

### **Spring 2022 Information Guide**

#### **Health and Safety**

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.

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.

To ensure everyone understands the rules, please see attached to this email a copy of the PBGYAA Code of Conduct.

#### **Registration**

Registration opens November 11, 2021 and will remain open until the divisions are full.

Cost is only \$160 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. 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 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

*Location to be determined.* 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 activities, including evaluations, 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 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

**Friday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>** – Gardens District Park Soccer Fields – Field 5

U8 Boys 5:30pm surname A-L

U8 Boys 6:30pm surname M-Z

**Saturday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>** - 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 1<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

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

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

U14 are for children going into 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade

U16 are for children going into 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade

High School are for children going into 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Team Drafts**

**Week of February 7-10, 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.

#### **\$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 26th

Evaluations – Feb 4th and 5th

Team Drafts – Feb 8th – 11th

Team Practice Schedule starts – Feb 12th – March 4th

Games begin - Tuesday, March 1st

Opening Day – Saturday, March 12th

NO GAMES – Spring Break – Sun March 13th – Sat March 21st

Play-off week for ages U10 and higher – Mon, May 2 – Friday, May 6th

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 5th** - 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](mailto: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: **2022SpringSOCCERCLUBS273 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.

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

- Your business name on the back of one team's jersey
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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
- A Thank You Plaque for your business to display showing the PBGYAA Recreational Soccer Program's gratitude for your community involvement and support.

### **\$1200 Predator Sponsorship**

- 2 Team Sponsorship's
- 1 Feather Flag Sponsorship

For PBGYAA Executive Sponsorships please contact Laurie French, PBGYAA Executive Director. Email: [lfrench@pbgvaa.com](mailto:lfrench@pbgvaa.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](mailto:soccer@pbgyaa.com)

### **2022 Soccer Board of Directors**

Email: [Soccer@pbgyaa.com](mailto:Soccer@pbgyaa.com) Website: [www.PBGYAA.com/Soccer](http://www.PBGYAA.com/Soccer)

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### **PBGYAA Staff**

*Damien Murray – General Manager – Soccer*

*Laurie French – Executive Director – Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association*

*Debbie Marchesani – Accountant*

*Sarah Saunders - Accountant*



## **PALM BEACH GARDENS** YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

### Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

#### CODE OF CONDUCT

##### 1. Coaches, managers, players and spectators SHALL NOT:

A. Use foul, abusive, derogatory, or offensive language. \*No exact standard exists nor will the association attempt to list every word or phrase that would be considered a violation of this provision. The PBGYAA Board of Directors and the Division Boards reserve complete discretion in determining a violation of this provision as the elective Boards of the membership. The Boards will consider the context and circumstances the violative words or phrase are used relative to any disciplinary action, if any.

B. Taunt, verbally harass, threaten, or degrade any other player, coach, manager, spectator, or any official, umpire or referee. \*The Division Boards and the PBGYAA Board reserve complete discretion in determining a violation of this provision.

C. Hit, strike, kick, assault, or offensively touch any other player, coach, manager, spectator, official, umpire or referee regardless of the intent to injure. Players would be considered violative of this provision if the contact were considered outside the normal contact of the game. \*Due to unforeseen circumstances and the context of the contact, the PBGYAA Board and the Division Boards reserves complete discretion in determining if the contact is violative of this provision.

D. Engage in any conduct that would be considered unbecoming, unsportsmanship-like, or offensive including, but not limited to, spitting, throwing equipment or other objects, offensive and/or threatening gestures, kicking dirt, and "getting into the face" of another person. \* The PBGYAA Board and the Division Boards cannot contemplate every scenario or act that would be considered violative of this provision. Therefore, the Boards reserve complete discretion in determining any violations. .

E. The use or possession of alcohol, drugs, weapons, (guns, knives, or any other designed device that could cause bodily harm) or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any PBGYAA event or function by any member or person is strictly prohibited by the PBGYAA. The PBGYAA has adopted a "zero tolerance" policy toward any member or person who violates this provision which will result in an automatic suspension from the association.

2. The game umpire/official/ referee is given complete control of the game and the field or area of the game from the time the players and coaches enter the area of the game and until the players and coaches leave the area of the game following the end of the event.

A. The umpire/official/referee has complete control to eject any player, coach, manager or spectator from the area of the game and surrounding area in his/her discretion if the player, coach, manager, or spectator is in violation of 1 A, B, C, D or E of this Code with or without any prior warning.

B. If any coach, manager, player, or spectator of any given team refuses to leave the facilities after being ejected and told to leave the area of the game and surrounding area, then his/her team will forfeit the game and the official/umpire/referee will immediately leave the area of the game without further discussion.

C. The game umpire/official/referee shall upon completion of the game submit a written Code of Conduct Violation report to the respective Division Boards or representatives of the Boards of any violation of 1 A, B, C, D or E of the Code by any player, coach, manager, or spectator for further action, if any, by the Division Boards and/or the PBGYAA Board.

3. Any violation of this Code can be reported by anyone with information of any violation of this Code verbally or in writing to any Division Board, its representatives, or the PBGYAA Board. The respective Boards shall diligently investigate any complaints and determine if any action should be taken, if any, against the respective player, coach, manager, spectator or umpire/official/referee.

4. Each Division Board will be responsible for written notification to the YAA of a Code of Conduct Violation report submitted by any umpire, official, referee or member regarding the violation of the Code of Conduct. This report includes information describing the incident, any witnesses to the violation, any action taken, the date and time of the incident, and the nature of the violation. The Division shall forward this Report to the YAA Executive Board upon completion.

5. Any alleged violation of the Code of Conduct should be reported to the Division president along with any incident report for evaluation and further action, if necessary.

## II. PROCESS FOR CONSIDERING DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. The Division Boards shall consider all reports of any member's violation of the code of Conduct. A quorum of the Division Board shall meet as soon as reasonably possible to consider any reports and determine by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board whether disciplinary action may be warranted. All Board members shall be noticed for any meeting to consider any alleged violation.

2. If a majority vote of a quorum of the Board votes that disciplinary action may be warranted, then the member shall be contacted immediately by certified letter of the alleged violation which should include, but not be limited to, the specific alleged violation of the Code the member is accused of violating and informing the member of his election to request a fact finding hearing before the Division Board to dispute the allegations.

3. Any member who receives a letter describing a violation of the Code of Conduct shall have 72 hours to request a hearing upon receipt of the letter. The member's failure to respond will be deemed as an admission to the allegations and the Board shall then consider the appropriate disciplinary action under Section III of the guidelines.

4. A requested hearing by any member after receiving a violation letter shall be conducted by a quorum of the Division Board no later than 10 days after a requested hearing by a member. The hearing date and time shall be set with the coordination of the accused member. The hearing will be conducted by the president of the Division Board who will set time limits for witness testimony, the number of witnesses to be called, and any statement to be made by the member or his/her representative.

5. A quorum of the Board shall vote at the conclusion of the hearing to determine if disciplinary action warranted against the member pursuant to Section III. A majority vote of a quorum of the Board shall decide the outcome of any action, if any.

6. The member shall be given written notice (by certified mail) of the outcome of the hearing within 72 hours after the hearing. Minutes of the Division hearing shall be forwarded to the YAA secretary at this time.

7. No disciplinary action shall be taken against any member until the member is afforded the opportunity of a hearing. However, the Division president shall have discretion to temporarily suspend any member pending a

hearing depending on the nature of the violation, safety of other members and whether the member has violated the Code of Conduct in the past.

8. The Division Board may, by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board, elect to have the YAA Board conduct a hearing pursuant to these provisions for any reason including, but not limited to, conflicts of interest.

### III. DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

1. The Division Board has the sole discretion with these as minimum guidelines to discipline any member for a violation of the Code of Conduct as follows:

A. Use of foul, abusive, derogatory or offensive language. Warning, ejection from game/location or one (1) game suspension. \*Repeat violators are subject to season suspensions at the discretion of the Board. \*Three (3) violations shall be an automatic suspension for one (1) year.

B. Taunt, verbally harass, threaten or degrade any player, coach, manager, umpire, referee, official or member. Warning, ejection from game/location or one (1) game suspension. \*Repeat violators are subject to season suspensions at the discretion of the Board. \*Three (3) violations shall be an automatic suspension for one (1) year.

C. Hit, strike, kick, assault, or offensively touch any player, coach, manager, spectator, umpire, referee, official or member. One (1) game suspension up to season suspension. Depending on severity of incident, the Board may consider expulsion from association.

D. Unbecoming behavior, unsportsmanship-like, or offensive conduct. Warning, ejection from game/location or to one (1) game suspension. \*Repeat violators subject to season suspension or expulsion. E. Under the influence of/possession of alcohol, drugs, or weapons. Automatic suspension from the association for one (1) year or expulsion from the association.

Each Division Board may determine that a violation of the Code of Conduct may warrant additional or harsher penalties.