

BOYERTOWN SOCCER CLUB

GENERAL RULES/PROCEDURES for Pre-School - 4th Grade

All players/participants in BSC Pre-School through 4th Grade programs must follow the guidelines/rules below.

Player Equipment

- Every player must wear shin guards **UNDER** their socks at all times. No Exceptions!
- Molded plastic cleats or turf shoes are recommended, but sneakers will be permitted. **No metal cleats or baseball cleats (toe spike) allowed.**
- No jewelry/earrings may be worn at any time. The only exception is a Medical alert band which must be taped to the player's arm (don't cover ID).
- **No** plastic or metal headbands or barrettes may be worn.
- A goalkeeper (1st Grade – 3rd / 4th Grade) must wear a 'keeper' shirt of contrasting color to their team.

Referees

- Pre-School, Pre-K and Kindergarten programs will not have licensed referees. Referees will be parent or coach volunteers that shall remain on the touchline during active play. The Referee may not coach while on the field. Each team will supply a volunteer for half the game. Coaches are permitted on the field during stoppages to help "reset" players and must exit the field when play resumes.
- 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and 3rd / 4th Grade will have one licensed center referee; no assistant referees will be used. Referee may use parent volunteers as linesmen.
- All decisions of the referees are final. Please do not approach the referees.

Coaches

Coaches are **NOT** permitted to enter the field of play during a match at any age group, with the following exceptions:

- At **Kindergarten Group - ONE** coach only to provide instruction at a stop or restart of play. Coaches shall not be on the field during active play.
- The coach is helping attend to an injured player with the permission of the referee.
- Coaches at all age groups are not permitted within 10 feet of the goal line during active play.

Parents

Parents are **NOT** permitted to enter the field of play during a match at any age group, with the following exceptions:

- The parent is acting as a referee (**Pre-School, Pre-K & Kindergarten**).
- The parent is attending to their own injured child, with permission of the referee. They may attend only to their own child unless they can show EMT or other such credentials. However, common sense shall apply.
- Parents must also stay 10 feet or more from the goal line and only that close for photography purposes. There should be no parent "coaching" from the sidelines. This policy extends not only to natural parents or guardians but also to step-parents, grandparents, relatives, friends, etc.

Seating at Games

- Teams will set up on one side of the soccer field, the first team arriving may choose their half of the field on which to set up.
- All parents and other spectators must set up on the opposite side of the field for age groups Kindergarten through 4th Grade.
- Players are expected to stay with their coaches for the duration of the match to be ready to play unless an emergency occurs, please use best judgment and common sense.

Sportsmanship & Player Experiences

- Coaches, Parents and Spectators are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner and follow the BSC Code of Conduct as outlined on our website. All Coaches and Parents agreed to the BSC Code of Conduct at registration time.
- All players are to be given the same amount of playing time, and should be permitted to play all positions throughout the course of the season.
- At no time are any non-rostered/unregistered players allowed to play for your team, even if no substitutes are available.
- Goal differential of 3 - trailing team may add a player or leading team will remove a player.
- Goal differential of 4 - trailing team may add 2nd player.
- It is the responsibility of the coaches to try to keep the match even by encouraging extra passing before shooting, moving dominant players to other positions, encouraging shooting with non-dominant foot only.
- No **SLIDE TACKLING** is permitted at any age group.
- No **HEADERS (use of head to play the ball)** at any age group.
- Goalkeepers are not permitted to **PUNT** at any age group.