



Pride Soccer Club Player/Parent Agreement

Introduction

Over the years, we have learned for a club to be successful there needs to be clear communication between the club, the coaches, and the players and parents. This agreement is one way of explaining our expectations of you as a member of Pride Soccer Club.

The Player, Team and Club

Once you commit to join PSC, you are part of the club, not just one team. Members of PSC agree to put the club ahead of the team. Although in most cases you will play on one team the entire season, you could be asked to play on another team during your membership. Club decisions will be made by the appropriate member of the Pride staff. Players are also expected to be committed to the club for the entire seasonal year (fall and spring) beginning July 1.

Expectations of the Individual Player

During the soccer season the team and its players will participate in training sessions, league play and tournaments. Players are expected to arrive on time with required equipment (shoes, proper uniforms, soccer ball, shin guards, etc.) and be ready to train or play. If players will not be able to attend an event or will be late, it is expected that they let the coach know. Players are also expected to give their best effort at each training and game and have a positive, team attitude.

Tryouts and Player Placement

Tryouts will occur at the end of each seasonal year according to MOSSL and OSYSA bylaws. During tryouts players will be evaluated by the Pride coaching staff and other qualified evaluators. Players will be evaluated on technical abilities, tactical abilities, physical abilities, and special qualities such as attitude, character and leadership. Players will be placed on teams according to their abilities and the needs of the team. If additional players are needed throughout the season, players can and will be added to teams after the tryout process. If players are selected to join PSC, registration materials and commitment deposit are due the Saturday after tryouts.

Coaching Staff

Pride staff coaches will be chosen based on playing experience, coaching experience, coaching license level, personality and other qualities. Coaches will be placed to teams by the PSC Director of Coaching according to the needs of the team. The coaching staff will work together to ensure all training sessions are covered by a qualified coach. In the event that a coach has another conflict and cannot make his or her team's training or game, another staff coach will cover the event. If no coaches are available, a qualified parent will be asked to cover. In most cases, coaches will be assigned to teams for the entire seasonal year.

Coaching Decisions

Coaches will make decisions on game line-ups, positions, playing time, etc. Players and parents are expected to respect those decisions and players should be positive in fulfilling the role they are asked to perform for the team at any moment. If parents have questions regarding decisions that were made during the game, they are to observe the 24 hour rule and wait at least until the next day to address the coach. Parents and coaches are always expected to address each other in an appropriate manner.

Playing Time

Playing time is decided by the coach. U10 and under players should play a minimum amount of half of the game. All other ages should never play less than one third of the game. Coaches will determine how players can increase their playing time and communicate that to parents and players.

League Play

Pride Soccer Club is a member of the Mid Ohio Select Soccer League (MOSSL) and in general all teams will play in MOSSL. If U11-U19 teams are qualified, they will also apply to play in Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League (BPYSL).

Tournaments

Tournaments will be selected by the PSC Director in cooperation with the coaching staff based on the level and needs of the team. Some tournaments that PSC teams have played in during past seasons and will continue to in the future are: MOSSL tournaments, Dublin Charity Cup, OP Invitational, Fall Ball Classic, Mid American Soccer Classic (MASC), Sidney Mayfest Classic, Creek Classic, Club X Xenia Tornado Memorial, Starburst Soccer Spectacular, KSA Turf Classic, Warrior Classic, Cincy Challenge, and Big Four Classic.

Team Travel

In many cases, teams will travel to tournaments which require an overnight stay. Hotel decisions and reservations will initially be made by the club or team administrators. It is the player/parent's responsibility to finalize and confirm the reservations before the set deadline.

Parents and Team Commitment

Parental support and involvement in the club are essential. If your son/daughter is selected and chooses to commit himself/herself to the Pride, your commitment is also necessary. If players are to make a commitment to the club and their team, parents must see to it that players attend all possible club and team functions. At times, conflicts cannot be avoided and other more important events will take precedence. The club requires your communication, planning, and understanding so we can minimize conflicts. When players are going to miss a training session or match, it is best to let the coach know at least a day in advance as all sessions are planned in advance.

Overall Behavior

We expect our players, parents and coaches to possess characteristics such as respect, responsibility, discipline, leadership, dedication, and integrity. Coaches will instruct players to ignore adverse conditions, such as poor calls made by referees, foul language, rough play, cheating, poor weather, and negative behavior by opponents and focus on what they can control, such as their effort and attitude. We expect our parents to have this same approach. Parents and players are to adhere to the PSC Code of Conduct. Decisions regarding disciplinary actions will be made by the PSC Director.

Sideline Behavior

Your vocal support and positive encouragement are very much welcome on the sideline. However, no matter how good your intentions are, giving instructions to players or coaching from the parent sideline is not allowed. We also insist that parents refrain from addressing the referees.

Uniform and Equipment Policy

All players are expected to wear the designated club Adidas uniform. Players will choose numbers from 1 to 24. If more than 24 players exist in an age group, then players will be given more numbers to choose from. Players on existing Pride teams retain priority in choosing uniform numbers. Uniforms will change every 2-3 years based on product availability.

Financial Commitment

Parents are expected to adhere to the payment schedule set at the beginning of the season for their team. If additional arrangements need to be made, parents are expected to contact the PSC Director or Administrator.

Optional Events and Programs

Throughout the year PSC will offer optional programs such as indoor soccer and winter training. These programs are provided in order to aid in player development and will usually incur an additional fee. PSC will also organize events, such as parties and clinics that are optional.

Volunteer Parent Administrators

Each team will have a volunteer parent administrator that will assist the coach in making sure all of the details of running the team, such as scheduling, referees, team communication, etc, are covered. It is the parent and player's responsibility to make sure your contact information is current so you can be reached for team and club communication. Pride Soccer Club is very appreciative of all the time and effort the parent administrators and all volunteers give to ensure a successful season.

No Smoking Policy

This is no smoking at the PSC training fields and PSC Game fields to ensure the safety of the players.

Summary

Our goal is to provide an environment in which players can develop to their fullest soccer potential as well as develop character traits that will impact them for life.