



Fall Soccer 2011
Parent Manual
Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Fall Soccer at the Bartlett Park District. Whether you're new to soccer or a seasoned soccer mom or dad, we hope that this booklet provides some useful information and will answer some of your important questions. If you still have questions please don't hesitate to contact us. We hope your soccer player has fun this season. Good luck!

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MISSION STATEMENT

“The Bartlett Park District offers a recreational soccer program that exists to provide opportunities for all youth to develop a love for soccer and acquire soccer skills, teach good sportsmanship, promote a spirit of cooperation and friendship through equal participation for all players, in a positive environment”.

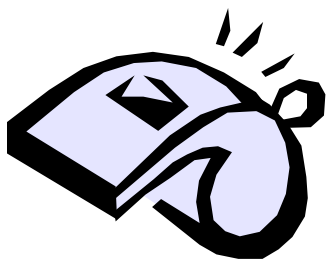
PARENT EXPECTATIONS

As a parent with a child in our soccer program we have high expectations. Don't be surprised if your coach asks you to read and sign a Code of Conduct outlining our expectations but in addition please note the following:

Parents are responsible for:

- Getting the kids to practice and games.
- Communicating with the coach if you can't attend practice or games.
- Respecting the coach, and allowing them to coach.
- Respecting the officials and allowing them to referee.
- Cheering, not coaching, from the sidelines and creating a positive environment for all the players.

COACHING AND TEAM FORMATION



With between 700-900 participants we rely on over 100-175 volunteer coaches each season. Coaches are primarily responsible for scheduling and holding practices and coaching on game days. Coaches select where and when practices will be held and typically practice once or twice a week for 1-1.5 hours depending on the age of the team. Additionally, they should communicate information throughout the season regarding the team's events and activities. A head coach can request an assistant and a team coordinator and the rest of the team is randomly assigned using computer software, balancing gender and age where possible.

New teams are always formed in the fall season and those players returning to play spring soccer are assigned to the same team with new players making up the remainder of the team.

Unfortunately, due to the size and nature of the program we **cannot** honor coach, carpool, practice day or location or friendship requests and we appreciate your understanding. Please do not ask!

REFEREES

All our referees are certified through the United States Soccer Federation and re-new their certification on an annual basis. Certification requires attending a two day class and passing a written exam. The majority of our referees are experienced players, (many who have played in our leagues) and they all know the game. We have a zero tolerance policy as far as referee abuse and ask that you respect the referees, let them do their job and not shout or criticize from the sidelines. Concerns should be reported to your coach who will forward them to the appropriate person. Remember, it might be your son or daughter out there reffing one day!



UNIFORM INFORMATION



Uniforms are purchased from "Challenger Teamwear", a soccer specific uniform company based in Kansas City. The uniform cost is included in your registration fee and I'm sure you'll agree they add a great, professional look to our leagues and the kids love them! K, 1st and 2nd Grade players are required to purchase a new uniform each season (fall and spring) due to the significant player changes to the teams in the spring season.

Each team coach receives a set of uniforms, sized grade appropriately and is instructed to hand out uniforms to players giving the smallest sizes to the smallest players and the biggest sizes to the biggest players. If for some reason you receive a uniform that does not fit and there's no-one to exchange with on your team please contact Lynsey immediately. Replacements can be ordered if necessary but it will take at least one week. Your coach is not responsible for resolving uniform issues. We need to try and resolve all uniforms issues prior to Picture Day.



PICTURE DAY

Wednesday, September 21st @ BCC Gymnasium

Your team coach will let you know when your teams scheduled time for pictures is and you can also check the schedule online. Your child should wear their full uniform and tennis shoes (no cleats are allowed in the gym and do not bring soccer balls). You will receive ordering information from your coach prior to the date but extra packets are available on the night of pictures. Pictures will be handed out at the end of the season along with participation trophies.

ONLINE GAME SCHEDULES

Game schedules are posted online for all divisions.

To view the schedules please visit www.bartlettparks.org

Click on “athletics” followed by “athletic league schedules and standings” and then “youth leagues”

Select the age division under fall soccer and view the division schedule.

Click on your team name and view only your team’s game schedule.



TELEPHONE HOTLINE AND ONLINE UPDATES

(630) 540-4892

<http://www.bartlettparks.org/VW-Systems/Leagues/league-field.asp>

Call the hotline or visit the web-site for updated information on field closures and canceled games. Your coach is responsible for canceling practices (unless the Park District closes fields) and the Park District is responsible for canceling games. Please contact your coach if you’re unsure.

We will always try to reschedule games cancelled due to the weather but depending on the severity of the rain throughout the season we cannot guarantee it.

When the Park District closes fields **ALL** community sports groups are made aware of the closure and we expect, but can’t guarantee, that everyone adheres. Official field closure means **ALL** practices, at all locations, regardless of whether it’s a Park District soccer field, are cancelled.

What is Thor-Guard?

Thor-Guard is a lightning prediction system. The system consists of sensors that measure electrostatic charges at ground level and in the atmosphere. These electrostatic charges, invisible to the naked eye, build up in the atmosphere prior to lightning occurrences. When conditions indicate that a lightning occurrence is probable, a signal is sent to two alarm horns and strobe lights located at the Apple Orchard Golf Course Clubhouse and the Bartlett Aquatic Center. Apple Orchard Community Park, both east and west sides, is included within the range.

A **Warning Signal** is one long 15-second horn blast. This means a potentially dangerous weather situation exists and all patrons must leave the park and take shelter. Patrons should avoid using trees as a shelter and should keep away from metal objects. The pavilions are recommended shelters.

The **All Clear Signal** is three short horn blasts. After the All Clear Signal sounds and strobe lights deactivate, park patrons may resume their activities.



DISCIPLINARY ACTION GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS/SPECTATORS

Bartlett Park District strives to instill sportsmanship in all of its players: it also expects good sportsmanship and appropriate conduct from the parents/spectators. Unfortunately, there are times when inappropriate behavior occurs. With this in mind, we have established the following guidelines for parents/spectators. For these guidelines, inappropriate behavior is defined as conduct that is contrary to the philosophy and goals of the program and the Bartlett Park District. If inappropriate behavior occurs, the following guidelines will be followed:

Reporting of Inappropriate Behavior:

The Park District may receive reports of inappropriate behavior in many ways. A few examples are as follows:

- 1) A full-time or designated part-time employee of the Bartlett Park District may personally observe actions taken by a parent and file a written complaint.
- 2) The Park District may receive a signed, written complaint from a parent describing inappropriate behavior by another parent.
- 3) A written complaint may be received from an official about a parents conduct during a game.
- 4) A coach involved in a program may file a written complaint about a parent's action.
- 5) A written complaint may be received from a member of a Park District Youth Sports Board regarding a parent's actions.

Informing the Parent of the Situation:

The following steps will be taken to inform the parent of any reports of inappropriate behavior:

- 1) The parent in question will be notified by phone and in writing about the situation and informed about the nature of the complaint regarding their behavior. This notice will include the alleged actions that occurred, the date and time of the actions and why the actions will not be tolerated.
- 2) The parent will further be informed that he/she will be given one week to respond to the complaint. If he/she chooses not to respond, he/she will receive the appropriate disciplinary action.
- 3) If the parent chooses to respond to the complaint, the parent will meet with the Recreation Supervisor responsible for the program and the Superintendent of Recreation.
- 4) Following the meeting it will be determined whether the parent should receive disciplinary action as well as determine which level of disciplinary action will be imposed.
- 5) The parent will then be notified in writing of the decision.

Levels of Discipline:

The Park District will follow a progressive form of discipline as outlined below, if deemed appropriate. However, the Park District is not required to do and may, in its sole discretion, forego lesser forms of discipline at any time and proceed immediately with the parent's removal.

Probation: The term “Probation” refers to a notice being given to the Parent that their behavior was inappropriate and that future breaches of the Parent’s Code of Conduct might result in suspension or dismissal. The grounds for the disciplinary action, “Probation”, may include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- 1) The use of profanity of vulgar language while attending practices or games.
- 2) Failure to treat coaches, players, fans and officials with respect.
- 3) Failure to adhere to the Parent Code of Conduct.
- 4) Causing a game to be forfeited by an official due to conduct.
- 5) Any other actions, which, in the professional opinion of the Bartlett Park District, should result in probation.

Suspension: The term “Suspension” refers to the temporary banning of a parent from a specific number of games or practices. The grounds for the disciplinary action, “Suspension”, may include, but shall not be limited to the following:

(The length of the suspension will be determined by the severity of the action.)

- 1) Continuing actions that originally led to the probation of parent.
- 2) Intentionally threatening a fan, player, coach or official.
- 3) Attending a practice or game under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 4) Any other actions, which, in the professional opinion of the Bartlett Park District, should result in suspension.

Dismissal: The term “Dismissal” refers to the banning of a parent from practices and games for the remainder of the season. The grounds for the disciplinary action, “Dismissal”, may include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- 1) Intentionally striking, pushing or laying hands on a fan, player, coach or official in a harmful manner.
- 2) Any other actions, which, in the professional opinion of the Bartlett Park District, should result in dismissal.

SOCCER LAWS

We encourage players, parents, and coaches to become familiar with soccer rules (called "laws") to enjoy the game better. This brief summary is no substitute for reading the laws of soccer to get a fuller explanation of what they all mean, but should help you get familiar with the laws most commonly applied.

Goal

A score occurs if the ball passes under the crossbar, between the goalposts, and all of the ball passes completely over the outside edge of the goal line.

Throw-in

If all of the ball passes completely over the outside edge of the touchline (sideline), the restart is a throw-in. The throw-in is taken by the team that did not last touch the ball. An improper throw-in or a throw-in taken from the wrong spot results in a throw-in for the opposing team.

Goal Kick

If all of the ball passes over the goal line, it was last touched by an attacking player, and a valid goal was not scored, the restart is a goal kick. The ball is placed in the goal area and kicked by a member of the defending team. All attacking players must remain outside the penalty area until the ball leaves the penalty area. A goal may be scored directly from a goal-kick.

Corner Kick

If all of the ball passes over the goal line, it was last touched by a defensive player, and a valid goal was not scored, the restart is a corner kick. The ball is placed in the corner arc and kicked by an attacking player. A goal may be scored directly from a corner-kick.

Drop Ball

When the game is stopped while the ball is in play, for a reason other than an infraction of the laws, the game is restarted with a drop ball.

Penal Foul (foul resulting in a direct or penalty kick)

A direct free kick is the sanction awarded at the point of infraction for any one of the ten penal fouls. For the complete wording and understanding of these infractions you must read the actual laws of the game. This is an overview of the infractions that result in a direct kick.

1. Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
2. Tripping or attempting to trip an opponent
3. Jumping at an opponent
4. Charging an opponent
5. Striking or attempting to strike an opponent
6. Pushing an opponent
7. Making contact with an opponent before contacting the ball when making a tackle

8. Holding an opponent
9. Spitting at an opponent
10. Deliberately handling the ball (except by goal-keeper in his or her

Penalty Kick

If one of the ten penal fouls is committed by the defense in its own penalty area, the sanction awarded to the attacking team is a penalty kick. The ball is placed on the penalty mark, the kicker is identified, the goal-keeper is positioned on the goal-line and may not move forward until the ball is kicked. All other players must remain outside the penalty area and penalty arc and not closer to the goal-line than the penalty mark until the ball has been kicked. Time is extended for a penalty kick taken at the end of half-time, full-time, or over-time.

Non-Penal Foul

An indirect free kick is the sanction awarded at the point of infraction for any non-penal foul. Again, this is an overview. The law book must be consulted for a complete wording and understanding.

1. Dangerous play
2. Charging fairly when the ball is not within playing distance
3. Impeding the progress of an opponent by interposing oneself between the opponent and the ball not within playing distance of the ball.
4. Goal-keeper taking more than four steps while in possession of the ball, double possession, or otherwise wasting time

Free Kicks

*** Direct Free Kick**

On a direct free kick, a valid goal is scored if the ball is kicked directly into the opponent's goal.

*** Indirect Free Kick**

On an indirect free kick, the ball must touch another player in addition to the kicker prior to a goal being scored. The referee signals an indirect free kick by holding an arm in the air until the ball is played or touched by another player or goes out of bounds.

Advantage

Advantage clause allows play to continue if it would be more advantageous to the fouled team to continue play than to be awarded a free kick. If the referee applies the advantage clause and the advantage that was anticipated does not develop within a few seconds, the referee shall penalize the original offense.

Misconduct Resulting in Caution/Showing of the Yellow Card

1. Dissent with the referee's decision
2. Unsporting behavior
3. Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game
4. Delaying the restart of play
5. Failing to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick.

6. Entering or leaving the field of play without the referee's permission

Misconduct Resulting in a Send-off/Showing of the Red Card

1. Violent conduct
2. Serious foul play
3. Spitting at an opponent or any other person
4. Denying the opponents a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by either deliberately handling the ball or committing a foul that would be punishable by a free kick or penalty kick.
3. Offensive, insulting, or abusive language
4. A player committing a second cautionable offense after having already received a caution

AGE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

	Kindy	1st Grade	2nd Grade
Number of Players	4v4 (no GK)	6v6 (5 + GK)	6v6 (5 + GK)
Suggested Formation	1-2-1	GK-2-2-1	GK-2-2-1
Duration of Game	4 x 10 min quarters	4 x 12 min quarters	4 x 12 min quarters
Ball Size	Size 3	Size 4	Size 4
Referee	No Official Referee	One	One