



Welcome to Boerne Soccer Club

We are excited to have you as part of the Boerne Soccer Club Family! This guide provides information to help you throughout the 2023 spring season in the Boerne Soccer Club Competitive Program.

WHO WE ARE

Boerne Soccer Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is in its 44th year as a soccer club! It is a privilege to have served the community since 1979, with our commitment to continual learning and development with each season that passes.

OUR MISSION
BOERNE SOCCER CLUB IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING ABILITY AND CHARACTER THROUGH SOCCER, IN A FUN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

OUR VISION
BOERNE SOCCER CLUB IS COMMITTED TO PLAYERS REACHING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL BY FOCUSING ON THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT, QUALITY COACHING AND LEADERSHIP, TO CREATE A LIFELONG LOVE OF THE GAME.

OUR CORE VALUES
OUR CORE VALUES OF POSITIVITY, LOYALTY, RESPECT AND HONESTY IMPACT UPON EVERY DECISION AT THE CLUB, WITH OUR COMMITMENT TO EVERY PLAYER, FAMILY AND TO OUR COMMUNITY.



BOERNE SOCCER CLUB POLICY

Zero Tolerance

Boerne Soccer Club enforces a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding behaviors, comments, and actions that endanger or threaten the environment of good sportsmanship and safe play for all soccer participants. These include, but are not limited to, the following: Use of foul language, criticism, abusive or derogatory comments toward referees, coaches, team managers, directors, volunteers, commissioners, parents, board members, or any other individuals, or interference with referees, coaches, team managers, or opposing teams.

Important: Boerne Soccer Club actively enforces this policy. All complaints about the above actions will be assessed and dealt with immediately. Individuals violating any aspect of the policy will face an inquiry to determine the facts of any incident, which the relevant Program Directors and BSC Board of Directors will review. Inquiries may lead to disciplinary action, be immediately dismissed from BSC soccer facilities, may be permanently banned for the remainder of the season, and/or from the league. BSC will notify law enforcement officials regarding circumstances involving physical altercations and/or assault or battery of any players, referees, coaches, or parents, regardless of the claimed purpose or age of the offender(s).

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES OVERVIEW

Boerne Soccer Club follows the disciplinary guidance of our governing body of STYSA (South Texas Youth Soccer Association) regarding disciplinary procedures for coaches, players, and parents in addition to our club standards. Click [HERE](#) for the STYSA Constitution.

Misconduct by Coaches / Players - Penalty Points Awarded. Penalty points shall be awarded to all individual players and coaches only as follows:

- a. Recorded cautions: 3 points per caution to the individual
 - b. Recorded ejections: 9 points per ejection to the individual.
- 9 points = 1-game suspension.
18 points = 2-game suspension

Misconduct by Fan / Supporter / Parent - If a parent is ejected from a game, they will automatically serve an immediate 2-weekend sideline suspension. This includes all games played during that time. If that parent is ejected from a further game after serving a 2-weekend suspension, they will be suspended from the sideline for the remainder of the season.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

COACH

Every Select and Academy team will have a professionally certified coach, whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:



On the field

Leadership: Developing and implementing leadership characteristics in all aspects of coaching and personal development in order to develop the team and players

Coaching Games: Coaching the team during soccer games focused on achieving predefined objectives

Coaching Training Sessions: Preparing the team systematically during training

Leading the Team: Leading a team of players in order to drive and improve the team development

Leading the Player: Leading and guiding individual players

Managing the Performance Environment: Creating and developing a performance environment

Off the field

Host team meetings during the seasonal year.

Serve as the PRIMARY point of contact for parents regarding the communication of a potential grievance, developmental questions pertaining to a player, practice exercises, and assistance.

Communicate with the team and Team Manager regarding practice & game schedules, tournaments, and other team-related activities.

Coaches will observe the 24-hour rule/Next morning rule - Coaches will observe the 24-hour rule after a game or practice has ended before speaking to a parent regarding an issue. This serves as a cool-down period if any issues arise due to a game or practice. If this is not possible for any reason, please understand the need to allow time to pass for a constructive discussion and prevent a potentially emotionally charged conversation.

Coaches will respond to emails within 24 hours.

*Please note that some Boerne Soccer Club coaches coach more than one team. If this leads to conflicting game schedules causing a coach to be late to a game warm-up, this will be communicated as soon as possible to the Team Manager so players can be warmed up appropriately. (All teams are taught the responsibility of organizing their own warm-up in the event this happens.) If for any reason a coach cannot attend a game (e.g. illness, conflict), Boerne Soccer Club will ensure another professional coach is available to coach the team.

*All coaches are led by the respective Program Directors and Executive Director. This includes feedback, assessments, individual and group coaches meetings, coach education courses, and



club training. Every coach at the club has a developmental plan in terms of qualifications and education as we continually seek to develop our ability as a coaching staff.

PARENTS

Assist your player(s) development! - Support players by encouraging them through trial and error and independence.

Be the best parents at every game! - Support your child, the team, the coach, and the club. Added positive reinforcement and encouragement from parents make a player's learning environment even greater.

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Please do NOT coach during games or practices (to prevent player confusion or potentially contradict the players' role on the field). Be a parent and leave the coaching to the coaches and the officiating to the officials.

Attendance - Please ensure that players are at all practices and games. If, for any reason, a player cannot make a team event, please notify the coach as soon as possible. Attendance is a factor when it comes to team selection on the weekend for coaches.

Respect - Respect the game, the opposition, and the officials at all times.

Club spirit - Help create the family club culture by engaging with club events and wearing spirit wear.

Do not consume alcohol or use tobacco at soccer facilities, including parking lots, where practices and games occur.

Give encouragement and support to children regardless of their degree of success, level of skill, or time on the field.

Stress the importance of respect for coaches through discussions with children and highlight the critical nature of contributing to the team and the life lessons to be learned from doing so.

Avoid placing pressure on children about playing time and performance.

Assist players in attending and arriving at practice sessions/games at designated times.



Properly equip players with shin guards, soccer shoes, shorts or warm-ups during the colder months, sunscreen, and water.

Remove all player's jewelry (e.g., earrings, rings, necklaces, watches, bracelets, hard hair bands/clips). (We recommend sports glasses, if needed, for medical prescriptions.)

Take photos and videos to share on social media and tag the club! Please share photos with your team on Teamsnap, on social media, and with our Media Manager, Elizabeth Guajardo, at eguajardo@boernesoccer.org. We love to see the players and families having fun and doing well!

PLAYERS

Respect parents, coaches, referees, opponents, and fellow players.

Remain 'coachable'; be open to constructive feedback.

Give your best at every practice and game. We cannot control how well we will play, but we can control how much effort we put in.

Work with a ball at home every day. Juggle with both feet. Set targets and beat your records!

Do not use profanity, tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.

Play the game fairly, minimizing behavior that warrants yellow and red cards.

Be a great teammate. The very best soccer players make everyone around them better!

Attend all practice sessions and games; inform the coach (or designee) if you will be late or absent for a practice session or game.

Be prepared by wearing/bringing the proper uniform & equipment, which means the Boerne Soccer Club uniform. (Practice Shirt (practice sessions), both jerseys (games), shorts, and socks, shin guards, soccer shoes (turf or cleats as specified), warm-ups (as applicable), inflated soccer ball, sunscreen, and water.)

Remove all jewelry (e.g., earrings, rings, necklaces, watches, bracelets, hard hair bands/clips). (We recommend using sports glasses, if needed, for medical prescriptions.)

Represent Boerne Soccer Club with pride at all times.

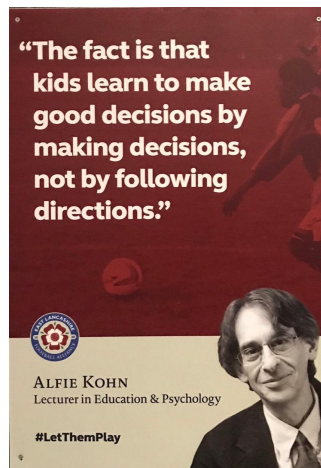


PLAYER/PARENT RESOURCE. SOCCER PARENTING ASSOCIATION

Boerne Soccer Club is proud to have partnered with the Soccer Parenting Association to empower and support players, parents, and coaches in creating the best environment for players to play and grow through soccer. All information, including best practices on the sideline, is available on the Parent Resource page on our club website [HERE](#).

Thank you for your commitment to the game, for the players!

- Boerne Soccer Club



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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. - Boerne Soccer Club

