

PENDLETON YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICIES

101 NAME: **PENDLETON YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

102 PURPOSE

SECTION 1: ATHLETIC PROGRAM

It is our mission to use the sport of **soccer** as a means to teach valuable life skills to the participants by emphasizing ideals such as, but not limited to, sportsmanship, problem solving, and taking on new challenges.

Player Program

Except for disciplinary reasons or injury, every player present and in **PYSA** uniform shall play a minimum of half of every game. Exception to this rule shall be for teams playing at the middle school, classic and **premier** levels of competitive play, where coach's **discretion** will apply.

Fair Play Policy:

At the recreational level, domination of one team over another with intent of creating a high-scoring game is not allowed. Although opposing teams are not bound by this policy, Pendleton coaches are.

- When there is a **5-point** lead, players must be moved around to even out the strength of the playing field.
- At a **6-point** lead, **several** options may take place. Game restrictions may be placed on the dominating team by the coach (players must make 5 complete passes before shooting on goal, ball must be played on each side of the field, shots on goal must be made with the weak foot only, players who have scored may not score again that game, etc.)
- At a **7-point** lead, players must be pulled out of the game.
- **Once** the opposing team has adjusted the point lead, adjustments may be made.

Coach Training:

Every coach who wishes to coach a **PYSA** team we suggest attend at least one PYSA-approved soccer clinic every two years. PYSA will also pay for or reimburse for the expense of that training.

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Board Education:

PYSA will budget funds to attend OYSA functions as well as US Youth Soccer functions and other training opportunities, which are within the scope of our commitment.

103 FOUNDRIES AND TERRITORIES

SECTION 1: PYSA will seek players within the Pendleton School District. PYSA will also accept players from any area within OYSA's boundaries and territories.

104 COLORS: U7—U11 will use reversible green and gold. U12—Uu14 will use coaches' choice.

105 AFFILIATIONS

SECTION 2: Pendleton Youth soccer is a member of the Eastern Oregon Soccer League for league play and for our U7 through U11 PYSA has an inter-city league.

106 AUTHORITIES

107 RESPONSIBILITIES

PYSA will pay fees, turf maintenance fees, referee fees and other invoices when presented.

108 ABUSES

“Research has shown that positive coaching can increase an athlete's self-esteem and self-confidence, which results in more enjoyment from participation, which causes a child to be more likely to continue playing. The key to preventing adult misbehavior in youth sports is a youth sports culture in which all involved – ‘Honor the game.’ Honoring the game gets to the roots of the matter and involves respect for the rules, opponents, officials, teammates and one's self. You don't bend the rules to win. You understand that a worthy opponent is a gift that forces you to play to your highest potential. You show respect for officials even when you disagree. You refuse to do anything that embarrasses your team. You live up to your own standards even if others don't.” (from Positive Coaching Alliance)

Actions that demean, menace, intimidate, or injure any youth involved with our program is strictly prohibited. Abuse includes verbal, physical, mental or emotional behavior. Disciplinary action may be taken by PYSA when such behavior is deemed in violation of this policy. PYSA shall determine the level of discipline taken appropriate with the behavior.

109 FINANCIAL YEARS:

Pendleton Youth Soccer financial year is from August 1 through July 31.

110 RULES OF ORDER

PYSA will use Roberts Rules of Order.

111 DISSOLUTION

PART II - MEMBERSHIP

201 MEMBERSHIPS

All players shall be required to furnish **proof** of age upon request in accordance with the rules and regulations of **OYSA**. All non-players that are to be registered with PYSA shall be required upon request to provide proof of identity in accordance with the rules and regulations of OYSA.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:

Players: Pendleton Youth Soccer will accept players for recreational soccer, which means the club accepts players based on their willingness to play and not based on playing ability.

Players with disabilities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the club, league coordinator, and possible coach. With each season after that evaluation, the player can be enrolled on a probationary basis for further evaluation purposes to determine suitability for that player and league. The safety of the player in question and of the other players shall be the criteria to determine enrollment and the probation period.

Four-year-old players are considered too young for organized sports even if the four-year-old is enrolled in kindergarten.

A player currently registered as a classic player will not be allowed to play on a recreational team.

Players registered with another **OYSA** club(s) may not co-enroll with **PYSA**.

U-15 players still in the eighth grade have an 8th grade waiver. **U-14** players who are enrolled in high school, but who are not playing on a high school team, may register to play on a U-14 recreational team.

Parents: When parents complete the registration form for their child and pay all fees, they may speak on behalf of their minor children/players of PYSA. Parents are encouraged to attend soccer meetings and become involved with the club. They can only vote at the **Annual General Meeting** when in good standing.

Coaches, assistant coaches and other adult participants: Coaches and assistant coaches and other adult participants are selected by the club after the **USSF** disclosure form and background check has been completed. Coach selection is based on completion of disclosure form, training for position, availability of teams, and discretion of the board. If selected, they will be registered with OYSA. They can only vote at the AGM.

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202 AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 3 MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

Code of Conduct For All

- No tobacco products are allowed on fields
- No alcohol is allowed on fields

Players Code of Conduct

- Treat teammates, opposing players, coaches and referees with respect.
- Demonstrate self control and good sportsmanship at all times.
- Honor your commitment to the team and attend all practices and games, unless illness or special circumstances prevent it.
- Report all injuries to your coach immediately.
- Strive for improvement.

PYSA members have the right to participate in an environment free of alcohol and or controlled substances. PYSA members are not to possess, distribute or be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances including but not limited to narcotics, inhalants, marijuana or other dangerous drugs. Police arrest, school suspension, possession, distribution or being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances will result in the member's immediate suspension from all PYSA-related activities until a hearing and resolution described in Part VII of the Bylaws and Policies have been concluded.

Coaches

- Understand that Pendleton Youth Soccer's goal is to provide soccer for the youth in the Pendleton area and to build valuable life skills for the player through the game of soccer.
- Will encourage safe, competitive, fair play and will reward improvement and effort, regardless of skill, and regardless of the outcome of any game.
- Agree to understand and abide by the bylaws, rules and policies of Pendleton Youth Soccer, EOSL League, OYSA, USSF, and FIFA.
- Will provide a fun learning environment for the players
- Will accept all players assigned to their team and will
- Not make contact with or cause contact to be made with any player of another team or club, for the expressed purpose of getting that player to leave one member team for another.
- Will try to attend coaching clinics offered by PYSA or OYSA at least once every other year.
- Agree not to leave practices or games until all players have been picked up by a parent, guardian, or other authorized adult and agree not to be left alone with players or transport players alone.
- Will let the players make the decisions on the field during games.

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- Understand that official decisions by the referees should be accepted without rancor or anger, no matter how unfair they may seem; further understand that the use of behavior, verbal or physical, which is intimidating toward the referee is grounds for immediate dismissal as a coach.
- Will instruct parents in proper behavior at games. The parent's ability to watch their children play soccer is dependent on proper adult behavior, if the referee takes steps to control the behavior of the spectators, will support the referee and inform the errant parent(s) to go sit in their cars until the end of the game.
- Will make sure that assistant coaches on your team have filled out a disclosure/background form and turned it in before having contact with the team and will be responsible for the adherence of the assistants conduct with PYSA.
- Will account for and return all club equipment issued to me for use with the team assigned as well as be responsible for forwarding PYSA's fees to the treasurer when given to the team by players or parents.
- Will set a good example regarding financial responsibility and pay fees or bills in a timely manner.
- Shall adhere to abuse policy.
- will attend coach's meetings and attend one board meeting during the year.
- Will not smoke or use alcohol or drugs while with the team and understand that Pendleton has a no smoking policy on school property and park property.

Parents Code of Conduct

The opportunity for parents to watch games depends on proper adult behavior. Remember, this program is for your child.

- Be knowledgeable of the game.
- Be supportive; i.e. be sure the player attends practices; pick him/her up on time.
- Attend games whenever possible.
- Be positive or quiet at games
- Be respectful; expect your own children to be respectful.
- Volunteer to help the coach.
- Consider becoming a referee.
- Be calm and have good manners.

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- Support the coach and referees' decisions. It is never appropriate to yell at a referee.
- Ask your own children to describe his/her role, what new skills have been learned.
- Concentrate on praising other people's children during games.
- Honor the no tobacco products or alcohol policy at soccer events.

Team Formation

Recreational teams will be set up for recreational soccer play. OYSA has set the criteria that "the use of tryouts, invitation, recruiting or any like process to roster players on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited." Coaches shall not permit a player to play in any game whatsoever unless that player is properly registered and assigned to his/her team roster. All players will be assigned to teams by the league coordinator, on the basis of age and size of teams in the particular age division. Classic players will be assigned to teams in accordance to classic league policy.

Fall season: The club accepts player registrations after competitive tryouts for Pendleton had been completed and places players on teams through league coordinators. The league coordinator/board has final decision for team formation.

In effort to assign players to teams as equitably as possible, PYSA will use the following criteria to assign players to teams as best they can:

- Each team will welcome all players from all playing skills, effort and discipline levels to their team.
- The league coordinator will place players from all levels on teams as evenly as possible. often the player's ability is unknown when teams are being assigned.
- The league coordinator will keep team roster numbers as even as possible.
- The league coordinator will place players on teams according to the school they are attending when possible unless it places that team at an unfair advantage as far as playing level. Depending on enrollment, not all schools may have teams for that age group.
- Players are to play in their own age bracket; a parent who wishes for their player to play up an age group must do so by request on the registration form. The board has the final decision.
- Requests to play on an opposite sex's team must be in writing on registration form. The criteria to honor the request shall be the safety of the player and the team and opposing teams as well as placing that team at an unfair advantage. The board has the final decision.
- Players requests are accepted on a first come, first served basis as long as it does not affect an unfair advantage for team formation

- Carpooling requests will be **considered** unless it places that team at an unfair **advantage** as far as playing level.
- The league coordinator may place an entire team into an older age bracket to offer a challenge for the majority of the players on that team.

Coaches are to accept team assignments as given by the league coordinator. Coaches are prohibited from directly or **indirectly** seeking players from other teams to move to their team. Coaches must direct players who express the **desire** to play to fill out a registration form and submit it to the club for team assignment. The coach must not promise placement on their team to that player because league coordinator has final say as to team placement.

If a coach, player or parent violates these principles players may be partially refunded their fees and be excluded from play.