

PENNCREST AREA SOCCER CLUB

(Not affiliated with Penncrest School District)

Guidelines for Participants

Resolution

To provide a wholesome, competitive atmosphere and informed instruction for Penncrest Area youths whose interest and dedication to the game of soccer has exceeded the recreational level.

Philosophy

The PASC philosophy is to promote in our players a sense of pride, confidence, self-respect, and respect for others while teaching the fundamental rules of team sport: *Good sportsmanship, fair play, and teamwork.*

Code of Conduct

Purpose: To provide the players, coaches, parents, and team managers with guidelines to ensure that the resolution is realized and the philosophy upheld. It also defines the rules, responsibilities, and expectations for all involved.

Players Responsibilities:

- ✓ To participate as a member of the Penncrest Area Soccer Club and honor and uphold the laws and philosophy of the club
- ✓ To make a commitment to the Penncrest Area Soccer Club and to the game of soccer by attending all scheduled practices and games, and by dedicating yourself mentally and physically.
- ✓ To be punctual and organized – arrive at practices and games on time and ready to play, having all equipment and being mentally prepared.
- ✓ To respect the capabilities of the coaching staff and follow their instructions.
- ✓ To be aware of the behavior that will not be tolerated by PASC:
 - Disrespectful behavior toward Staff, Players, Officials, or the property belonging to them.
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the field.
 - Abusive or profane language.
 - Alcohol, Tobacco, or Drug Use.

Parents Responsibilities:

- ✓ To participate as a parent member of the Penncrest Area Soccer Club and honor and uphold the laws and philosophy of this organization.
- ✓ To ensure that players are on time and ready to participate in scheduled events.
- ✓ To arrange for the fee to be paid for your child's participation and registration materials to be completed by the deadline. Once the registration process has started the registration fee is non-refundable.
- ✓ To act as a positive influence for your child and other players. Support the efforts of the coaches and the team as a whole. Discourage negative criticism of teammates, coaches, officials and members of the opposing team.
- ✓ To recognize and support the efforts of your child as a player and as part of a team.
- ✓ To reinforce the principles of good sportsmanship at all times.

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Coaches Responsibilities:

- ✓ To participate as a staff member of the Penncrest Area Soccer Club and honor and uphold the laws and philosophy of this organization.
- ✓ To teach skills, strategies and rules of the game of soccer.
- ✓ To provide an environment and a program which are safe.
- ✓ To provide a program that is challenging, educational and fun.
- ✓ To meet and involve the parents immediately after selection of the team to relay his/her personal coaching philosophy and expectations.
- ✓ To reinforce the principles of good sportsmanship and fair play at all times.
- ✓ To respect the rights of the players as individuals.
- ✓ To display and demand respect for other players, staff, and officials.
- ✓ To maintain discipline and motivation among players.
- ✓ To provide an organized program that will benefit the players.
- ✓ To immediately address any problems brought to your attention by a parent, manager or official as to the welfare of a player.

Managers Responsibilities:

- ✓ To participate as a managing member of the Penncrest Area Soccer Club and honor and uphold the laws and philosophy of this organization.
- ✓ To act as liaison between parents and coaches.
- ✓ To oversee the registration process, including waivers, tournament forms, player cards, etc.
- ✓ To oversee “check-in” at each game. (This involves player passes, rosters, and line up cards that are given to the officials before the game.)
- ✓ To contact players/parents about changes or events when necessary.
- ✓ To be aware of morale and motivational problems and bring them to the attention of the coaches.
- ✓ To reinforce the principles of fair play and sportsmanship at all times.

PASC Board Members Responsibilities:

- ✓ To participate as a director of the Penncrest Area Soccer Club and honor and uphold the laws and philosophy of this organization.
- ✓ To keep in constant communication with coaches and managers.
- ✓ To oversee all administrative aspects to insure that the program offered is safe, educational and fun.
- ✓ To address any written complaint or comment brought forth by a participant during a scheduled board meeting, or if the situation is urgent, to call an emergency meeting to address the issue.
- ✓ To act as representatives for PA West Soccer in disciplinary matters and uphold the laws as passed down from the governing bodies. Those bodies are: FIFA, USYSA, PA West, and PASC.
- ✓ To only pass policy that is in agreement with the philosophy of PASC and to uphold the ideas that philosophy is based on.

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All participants must sign below as acknowledgement of the Code of Conduct for the Penncrest Area Soccer Club. If you are involved on different levels of participation (parent, coach, manager, etc.) you only need to sign one Acknowledgement.

Special note to Parents, Coaches and Managers: It is important to remember that although this is a highly competitive level of soccer... it is still just a game. The true importance lies in the lessons learned on the field that will enrich the lives of these children far into the future. Those lessons are ours to teach.

I have read and understood the PASC Code of Conduct as it stands this day ____/____/____, and I agree to abide by the rules of this organization and to fulfill my responsibilities as described.

Player Name: _____ Signature _____

Parent Name: _____ Signature _____

Coach, Manager or
Board Member Name: _____ Signature _____

Both Player AND Parent MUST read and sign

Return page 3 with appropriate signatures at time of registration with other required documentation.

Retain pages 1 and 2 of "Guidelines for Participants" for your reference.