

**PALM BEACH GARDENS PREDATORS  
SOCCER CLUB**



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**POSITIVE COACHING**

**PLAYER & PARENT INFORMATION**

**2017-2018 SOCCER SEASON**

**PBG PREDATORS SOCCER CLUB  
2017 – 2018 CLUB POLICY SUMMARY**

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# **CLUB PROGRAM/REGISTRATION FEES**

Club program and registration fees consist of: training fees, coaching fees, player registration to FYSA and/or US Club Soccer, field & facility expenses, league registrations, insurances, league referee fees (unless otherwise noted), and other costs as determined by the Club. All fees remain the same throughout the season regardless of the number of days in the season.

In registering for one of our programs, you understand that you commit to play the entire season, pay the non-refundable registration fee, and pay the remaining fees due the Club per the payment schedule you choose.

You understand that failure to pay Program/Registration fees will put you in “Not in Good Standing” which will result in the player’s playing privileges being suspended until such obligation is fulfilled.

## **TEAM SPECIFIC FEES (specific and unique to your team)**

Team specific account fees are paid directly to team account and do not include club/program fees. The fees include, but are not limited to, team entry fees to individual tournaments, state and region cup referee fees, coaches per diem, travel and stay expenses for coaches (see per diem policy) and any other team related expense approved by the team.

See the Team expenses and club breakdown (page 7) for further detail.

## **UNIFORM FEES**

2017-2018 will be a new uniform year with Nike. The Uniform cost is \$195 per player and includes

- 2 Nike Game-Day Jerseys
- 2 Nike Game-Day Shorts
- 2 Nike Game-Day Socks
- 2 Nike Training Jerseys

## **VOLUNTEER OPT OUT**

As a non for profit organization, we look at creative ways to reduce cost. We rely on volunteerism to ensure the club and team operations run at the highest quality and as efficiently as possible. For this reason, we ask each member to donate 5 hours of their time. In lieu of this, a family can opt out with a \$50 donation. This is assessed at time of registration.

## **PER DIEM GUIDELINE**

For the purpose of tournament and events, we have established a guideline for Teams and Team Managers in reimbursement of costs incurred by coaches for tournaments and events that occur over 40 miles from Gardens Park, Burns Road.

- Anything within 40 miles there is no coach per diem expected
- Over 40 miles from the complex, the coach can be reimbursed for gas/tolls/food etc.
- Any club assistants that attend the game or tournament will be covered by the Club.

# **REQUESTING A RELEASE, REFUND OR DISMISSAL**

Release from a team and the club will be on a case-by-case basis. For a release to be granted, a player will need to have all financial (no balances) and club obligations met.

A refund may be granted if a family relocates more than 100 miles from club, injury to player keeping them from participating in all soccer activities for a period more than one month (Doctors note must be submitted with request) or extenuating circumstances (such as serious medical hardship in the family).

## ***What is the process for refund?***

1. Complete and submit the form to DOC &/or Board
2. Supply all supporting documentation (Medical documentation or proof of relocation)
3. The request is reviewed by the club board and DOC. Request for refund is approved or denied and given to Board to process the refund or issue a credit.

## ***When are refunds denied?***

No fee payment or parts thereof will be refunded or forgiven because of player absences, withdrawals, or release from a team. Refunds shall not be granted upon the basis of playing time; a change in coaching; opposing views with coaching decisions; discord between player, parent, or coach, a player quitting the sport. In the event a player is granted a release from the club prior to the season's end, pursuant to FYSA rules, we reserve the right to withdraw financial assistance funds.

The Club will consider, but not guarantee a refund of registration fees. If a player leaves the Club prior to the end of the season, a checkout procedure with the Team Coach and Coaching Director must be followed. A player is in good standing if he or she has met all financial obligations with the Club and their Team, and has also returned all Club uniforms and other Club items.

## ***Who reviews and determines refund request:***

Palm Beach Gardens Predators Board and Director of Coaching

## ***When can a family expect an answer regarding their refund?***

Our goal is to provide an answer to family within 4 weeks of request submission.

## **PLAYER DISMISSAL:**

A player may be dismissed from the team/Club for the any of the following, but not limited to:

- Abandoning the team
- Behavior on or off of the field
- Disrupting practices or matches
- Parental behavior unbecoming
- Failure to keep in good financial standing with the Club

## **PLAYER RELEASE:**

We understand that should a player wish to be released from the program and/or transfer to another club prior to the end of the seasonal year (May 31st) for any reason except for a move out of state or a long term injury, the player/parent would be required to pay a \$500.00 release/transfer fee to the Club in addition to fulfilling all financial obligations noted above before any "Change of Player Status" would be processed by the Club Registrar. All requests for withdrawal or release from the program must be made in writing and mailed or emailed to the Director of Coaching who will present the release to the Board of Directors for consideration.

## **OTHER CLUBS:**

Players from other clubs are not allowed to practice with Predators teams unless the player has submitted the authorization from the players' coach in writing or via e-mail communication and is approved by DOC.

Predators players may not practice with other clubs unless the player has been released or requested permission from the DOC with written authorization.

## **GUEST PLAY:**

Guest playing within the Club is permissible and at the discretion of the DOC.

Guest playing for other clubs is typically not permitted but is reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Board and/or DOC.

All guest play, regardless of FYSA or US Club Soccer must be approved by DOC.

## **PLAYING TIME FOR MATCHES:**

Any particular travel soccer players playing time is to be decided by the coach, who will base his/her decision upon various factors including but not limited to practice attendance, skill level development as the season progresses, attitude on and off the field and advice from the DOC.

There is no mandatory minimum playing time

# **COLLECTION & BILLING PROCEDURES**

## **(Program/Registration Fees)**

### **Normal monthly payments:**

All payments are due by invoice date.

### **Delinquent payments and accounts:**

If Club fees are **past due**, Club staff will follow and adhere to the procedures and steps below:

1. A \$25 late fee will be applied if payment is not received within 10 days of the invoice due date. If payment has still not been received then,
2. Notification will be sent to player's Coach, Team Manager, and Director of Coaching who will assist in the collection process. If payment still has not been received then,
3. On the **30th day** of delinquent payment, the player will be suspended and considered "**not in good standing**" (NGS) if financial obligation is not met in full with club.
  - a. A suspended player may not ask for, have access to, or utilize their player pass during suspension. A suspended player may not participate in any Club activities, including but not limited to games, trainings, tournaments, and scrimmages.
4. When a player's account is more than 2 months' delinquent, Club may take **legal action**<sup>1</sup>. The suspended player will not be able to register for any programs offered at the Club. The player will be placed in NGS with FYSA at the end of the seasonal year if the account is not resolved.

### **End of Season Collection & Delinquency Actions**

1. Players are not eligible to try out for the club, 2018-2019, unless they have paid the current year fees.
2. Player accounts submitted to FYSA for NGS incur a \$25 fee. The Club submits NGS accounts to FYSA in accordance to FYSA deadlines.
3. All players who do not pay all fees will be placed in NGS with FYSA, per their policy and procedure. FYSA will not allow the player to register at any club in Florida until the issue is resolved.

### **Late fee:**

A charge of \$25 will be applied after 10 days of delinquent payment. Should a player fall in arrears, 30 days or more past due, for Club registration fee payments or Team Account payments, the player may be suspended from play until all accounts are brought current. By enforcing "no pay, no play" Club policy, the player's ID card will be held by the registrar until past due payment are received. Players will be ineligible.

<sup>1</sup> Legal action is any action that may be taken to collect on a past due balance within the realm of State and Federal policies. Members will be responsible for any fee that is incurred by Palm Beach Gardens Predators Soccer Club when attempting to collect the debt.

# TEAM EXPENSES & CLUB EXPENSE BREAKDOWN

To help understand who is responsible for paying what expenses, the table below is for illustration purpose.

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Team</b>
FYSA or US Club Player registration & insurance	X	
Got soccer program registration fees	X	
Risk Management/ Background checks	X	
Coaching salary & uniforms	X	
Coaches Per Diem (when traveling to Events/Tournaments)		X
Player Game and Training Uniforms		X
<b>Leagues and Tournaments</b>		
Primary League Registration (Fall and Spring)		X
Primary League game officials and assignment fees		X
Additional league Registration and associated expenses (i.e. referees, travel costs, player pass fee if needed)		X
Tournaments (all expenses associated)		X
State Cup, Presidents or Commissioners Cup entry fee		X
State Cup, Presidents or Commissioners Cup referee fees		X
League, FYSA or US Club fines (i.e. forfeits, reschedule fees, coach, parents or player disciplinary fees)		X
Travel (all costs associated with team travel)		X
<b>Facilities</b>		
Facility Rental expenses (training & games)	X	
Team parties, off season practices or indoor league play		X
Facility and property insurance	X	
Facility Equipment (goals, nets, rebounders, training aids)	X	



# FYSA CODE OF ETHICS

(for your records)

All players, coaches and spectators will be bound by the following Code of Ethics while participating in FYSA sanctioned events.

## Players

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials & parents at all times.
- I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
- I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I will concentrate on playing soccer. Always giving my best effort.
- I will play by the rules at all times.
- I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation of retaliation.
- I will always exercise self control.
- My conduct during competition towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior and in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game," and in adherence to FYSA rules.
- While traveling, I shall conduct myself so as to bring credit to myself and my team.
- I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity.

## Coaches/Volunteers

- I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players.
- I will always show respect for players, other coaches, and game officials.
- I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship at all times.
- I will demonstrate knowledge of the rules of the game, and teach these rules to my players.
- I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity.
- I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of the situation.
- I will not allow the use of anabolic agents or stimulants, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol by any of my players.
- I will never knowingly jeopardize the eligibility and participation of a student-athlete.
- Youth have a greater need for example than criticism. I will be the primary soccer role model.
- I will at all times conduct myself in a positive manner.
- **Coaching is motivating players to produce their best effort, inspiring players to learn, and encouraging players to be winners.**
- **My actions on sidelines during games shall be in the spirit of "good sportsmanship" at all times. Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall require disciplinary action from the affiliate.**



- I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon FYSA, its members or its programs.
- I will accurately and completely complete the coach/volunteer application form and by application attest to the accuracy of the information submitted.

**Parents/Spectators**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators at all times.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
- I will always be positive.
- **I will always allow the coaches to be the only coaches and I will cheer and support the team from the sidelines. I will not coach the players from the sidelines.**
- I will not get into arguments with the opposing team’s parents, players, or coaches.
- **I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game, including injuries. If necessary, the coach will send for me to assist my/any player.**
- I will not criticize game officials.
- I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon FYSA, its members or its programs.

**Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned events, for the following periods:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense -- suspension for a minimum of thirty (30) days to a maximum of five (5) years.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense -- suspension for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of ten (10) years.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense -- suspension for a minimum of five (5) years to a maximum of fifty (50) years.**

**NOTE: Any individual charged with a violation of this Code of Ethics shall be afforded due process as defined in FYSA’s Rule Section 600 before the implementation of any suspension.**

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Player’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Informed Consent about Concussions or Head Injuries

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Effective July 1, 2012, Florida Statute 943.0438 requires the parent or guardian and the youth who is participating in athletic competition or who is a candidate for an athletic team to sign and return an informed consent that explains the nature and risk of concussion and head injury (including the risk of continuing to play after a concussion or head injury) each year before participating in athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated with the youth's candidacy for an athletic team.

#### The facts:

- ✓ A concussion is a brain injury
- ✓ All concussions are serious
- ✓ Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness
- ✓ Concussions can occur in any sport
- ✓ Recognition and proper management of concussion when they first occur can help prevent further injury or even death

What is a concussion? A concussion is an injury that changes how the cells in the brain normally work. A concussion is caused by a blow to the head or body that causes the brain to move rapidly inside the skull. Even a "ding", "getting your bell rung", or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious. Concussions can also result from a fall or from players colliding with each other or with obstacles, such as a goalpost, even if they do not directly hit their head.

To help recognize a concussion, you should watch for the following things among your athletes:

1. A forceful blow to the head or body that results in rapid movement of the head
2. Any change in the athlete's behavior, thinking, or physical functioning
3. Signs or symptoms of concussion that may be reported by a coach or other observer:
  - a. Appears dazed or stunned
  - b. Is confused about assignment or position
  - c. Forgets sports plays
  - d. Is unsure of game, score or opponent
  - e. Moves clumsily
  - f. Answers questions slowly
  - g. Loses consciousness (even briefly)
  - h. Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
4. Signs and symptoms that may be reported by the player:
  - a. Headache or pressure in the head
  - b. Nausea or vomiting
  - c. Balance problems or dizziness
  - d. Double or blurry vision
  - e. Sensitivity to light
  - f. Sensitivity to noise
  - g. Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
  - h. Concentration or memory problems
  - i. Confusion
  - j. Does not feel right

Both parents/guardians and players are advised to take the Center for Disease Control's free online concussion training at <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/Training/index.html>.

Under Florida law, this player who has suspected concussion or head injury must be removed from play or practice. Before the player may return to practice or competition a written medical clearance to return stating that the youth athlete no longer exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or other head injury must be received from an appropriate health care professional trained in the diagnosis, evaluation, and management of concussions. In Florida, an appropriate health-care professional (AHCP) is defined as either a licensed physician (MD, as per Chapter 458, Florida Statutes), a licensed osteopathic physician (DO, as per Chapter 459, Florida Statutes), a licensed physicians assistant under the supervision of a MD/DO (as per Chapters 458.347 and 459.022, Florida Statutes) or health care professional trained in the management on concussions.

# MEDICAL RELEASE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian's Name) hereby give permission for any and all medical attention to be administered to my child (Child's Name) \_\_\_\_\_ in the event of accident, injury, sickness, etc., under the direction of the person(s) listed below, until such a time as I may be contacted. I also assume the responsibility for the payment of any such treatment. This release is effective for the period of one year from the date given below.

<b>Player:</b>		
Street address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____
<b>Mother/Guardian Name:</b>		
Last _____	First _____	M.I. _____
Home Phone: _____	Mobile Phone: _____	
Work Phone: _____		
<b>Father/Guardian Name:</b>		
Last _____	First _____	M.I. _____
Home Phone: _____	Mobile Phone: _____	
Work Phone: _____		

Insurance Co.: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In case I cannot be reached, any of the following persons is designated to act on my behalf:

- Coach: \_\_\_\_\_
- Assistant Coach: \_\_\_\_\_
- Manager: \_\_\_\_\_
- Trainer: \_\_\_\_\_
- League representative where my child is playing:
  - Any tournament representative where my child is participating in a tournament.

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies/Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_