

Pittsgrove Soccer Club Code of Conduct

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE. The Pittsgrove Soccer Club recognizes that youth soccer can be an exciting and rewarding sport to participate in, whether as a player, spectator, parents, coach or refereeing official. In order to promote the experience of all participants in the Pittsgrove Soccer Club, all participants must abide by the following policy to maintain a courteous and professional atmosphere that reflects good sportsmanship at all times:

POLICY: Disruptive and/or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated by any of the participants of activities sponsored by the Pittsgrove Soccer Club. **Participant is defined as any player, parent, spectator, and coach that is present at a PSC event.**

Inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior includes, **but is not limited to:**

1. Spectators that coach or referee from the sidelines.
2. Taunting players, coaches, officials or spectators by means of ridiculing, baiting, threatening physical violence.
3. Using obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
4. Throwing any object into games or viewing areas that could create a distraction or create a safety hazard.
5. Harassment or intimidation of players, coaches, officials or spectators by means of hostile, threatening and/or abusive verbal or written comments.
6. The possession, consumption or use of any alcoholic beverage, drug of abuse or controlled substance or the possession or use of any firearm at the field area by any player, coach, referee, team official or spectator prior to, during or after the playing of any PSC activity is prohibited.

PROCEDURE. Activities, including games, practices, meetings, and any other Club-related functions may be stopped when disruptive and/or inappropriate behavior is displayed that has the potential to interfere with spectators or participants. During game or practice events, violators displaying inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior will be identified to coaches for the purpose of removing violators from the game/practice and viewing area, and this behavior will be reported to the Club's Board of Trustees in writing. During meetings or other Club-related functions, violators displaying inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior will be identified to the Club's Board of Trustees.

The Club's Board of Trustees will maintain a permanent record of violators and violations. With respect to each violation, the violator will be subject to action as determined by the Board of Trustees, which shall include any one or more of the following actions, depending on the severity of and the number of the violation(s).

1. Written warning;
2. Suspension from one or more Club matches, practices and/ or sponsored events;
3. Repayment of any league fines levied against PSC as a result of infraction (e.g., yellow or red card from referee);
4. Removal from the team and/or expulsion from the Club;
5. Prohibition from all future Club events; and
6. In the event the violator is a parent, legal guardian or relative of a player, the player, as well, shall be subject to any action(s) listed above.

COMPLAINT RESOLUTION. All Club members are expected to follow a reasonable chain-of-Command within Pittsgrove Soccer Club in resolving issues. The concerned parties should discuss grievances in a timely manner to help address concerns while details are fresh in everyone's mind.

1. Take the time to make sure the complaint is valid.
2. Discuss the complaint with the coach at the appropriate time.
3. If necessary, the complainant or coach may then take the complaint to the designated Club Officer.
4. If the complaint is not resolved, a formal complaint in writing may be made and addressed to the Pittsgrove Soccer Club's Board of Trustees.
5. The executive will not hear complaints unless they are in writing and have gone through the proper chain of command.

All complaints in writing can be sent to: Pittsgrove Soccer Club, PO Box 412 Elmer, NJ 08318

It is the responsibility of the Head Coach and the Assistant coach to insure that all club members and spectators associated with their team uphold this policy. I understand and agree to the Pittsgrove Soccer Club Conduct Policy.

Players Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____