



Oceanside Youth Soccer Society

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Parent and Player Advisory Letter – Please read this!

Hello players and parents/guardians. Welcome to another exciting season of soccer! It is the objective of Oceanside Youth Soccer Society to:

- Foster, develop, promote and govern the game of soccer among youth within the Oceanside (School District 69) area.
- Encourage sportsmanship and emphasize fair play at all times
- Teach respect for officials, coaches and players at all time

Parents/guardians should set a positive example for the players at games, practices, and home by reaffirming these objectives.

Parents/guardians who register children under the age of 18 become members of OYSS by paying the registration fee for spring or fall seasons.

Within OYSS, coaching and Executive Board positions are filled by VOLUNTEERS. The society requires considerable volunteer commitment and respect for those volunteers from all members. The only paid positions within OYSS are for the Registrar and the OYSS Academy Head Coach (and his crew).

Every player should be given an equal opportunity to participate. It is the expectation that each player will lay at least 50% of each game, provided they are physically and emotionally capable to do so. For more competitive teams playing within the Upper Island Soccer Association (Tier 3 and Tier 2), a minimum playing time is not guaranteed.

Complaints and Concern Procedure

If you are a parent/guardian and have a complaint or concern you would like to have addressed by the Society, follow these guidelines in order:

- Discuss the issue with your child's coach in private and in a friendly manner
- If the issue remains unresolved, write a letter to the Secretary and email to them or to the Registrar. Once received the letter will become official business and will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Harassment

The OYSS follows harassment policies as set out by both the Canadian Soccer Association and BC Soccer Association. Copies of these policies are available online at www.bcsoccer.net. We will not tolerate any forms of harassment towards players, coaches, referees or Society volunteers.

Parent Participation

Most teams need parent volunteers with jobs such as:

- Coaching
- Team manager
- Setting up and returning nets before/after games
- Cleaning up after practices and games
- Oranges/refreshments for players during games
- Helping the coaches as requested during games

Officiating

Our games are often refereed by Oceanside youth who are at various stages of learning to referee. The referee's call is final. No abuse of referees will be tolerated. Please encourage the young referees! If there is an issue with referees please contact the OYSS Referee Coordinator.

Games and Practices

Ensure players arrive when requested by coaches, prior to games and practices, either ready to go or in time to warm up. Inform the coach if a child cannot attend a game or practice. Players are responsible to bring their own water bottles to games and practices. Advise the coach if a player has an injury or ailment.

Equipment Fees

Each player is either loaned a jersey (House League) or given a T-shirt shirt (Pony League). The cost of the jerseys is significant so please care well for it during the season and it must e returned at season's end. Players are required to provide their own soccer cleats, soccer socks, shorts and shinpads.

Registration fees go to the following:

- BC Soccer fees and insurance
- Jerseys, soccer equipment (balls, ball bags, coaches bags, nets, flags, cones, first aid kits, etc)
- Wages for referees and the Academy coaches
- Field lining
- Miscellaneous fees for meetings, office supplies, tournament expense

Current fees only pay a portion of the total annual expenses of the Society. Our Sponsors are an important component of the success of the Society. If you would like to sponsor the Society please contact any Board member.

Only players registered AND paid are covered by insurance under BC Soccer insurance. Non-registered AND non-paid players are NOT allowed to participate in practices or games.

Questions

If you have questions that remain to be answered and that cannot be handled by your team's coach, please forward the issue to the OYSS Secretary, who will then forward to the appropriate Board member.

Have a wonderful, fun and safe season!