



Rep Player Commitment Policy

Barrie Soccer Club (BSC) Rep Player Commitment Agreement

This document is one way of explaining, in detail, club expectations for you as a member of the Barrie Soccer Club (BSC) and what you can expect from the Club. It will help you identify some potential problem areas and at the same time answer questions about the Club's decision making process. As you have committed to become a member of BSC, please take the time to read the following information carefully. To ensure the commitment to BSC policies, we are asking you, the Player and the Parent/Guardian, to read, sign and return the following document to your team manager prior to any playing or training with your respective team.

Club Mission

The Barrie Soccer Club is a non-profit organization whose mission is to create successful soccer players who can compete at the highest levels. All club members receive:

- **Professional Training with Professional Staff** that addresses all areas of soccer training and development and challenges children to grow and mature as players and as individuals.
- **A Comprehensive Training Program geared to each developmental level of play.** A program that deals with all aspects of soccer development including preparations for student athletes to reach success at the high school level and ultimately, college soccer.
- **A Quality Training Facility** with quality fields that creates an environment that promotes soccer learning and development for players of all ages.
- **A Club atmosphere that creates a sense of family, community, loyalty and promotes a love for the game of soccer.** An atmosphere that provides opportunities for players and their families to have a soccer experience that supersedes the playing field to include interaction between the various teams through training, travel, and social events.

Club Expectations/Player Commitment

The BSC is a competitive soccer club geared toward the serious player who loves the game and is committed to improving. We recognize and appreciate the amount of time and resources that families commit to playing club soccer. We believe families should expect an environment that encourages player growth and development as well as a level of success on the field. In addition, families should expect that players will not only display positive development in a family-oriented atmosphere but also become prepared to compete successfully at a high level of competition.

Players are expected to make their commitment to the BSC a priority activity. We encourage players (especially our younger players) to participate in a variety of activities and sports with the understanding that the Club is their priority activity. Players will ultimately make their own personal choices in regard to sports. Club expectations for our players' include:

- Regular attendance at training, games and tournaments

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Commitment to the Club and all soccer related activities should be treated as a priority. In addition, players are expected to take schoolwork seriously. To meet the demands of school and outside activities players are expected to budget their time appropriately. Attendance at team activities is expected. A lack of participation impacts on player development and the team as a whole. Communication between players and parents and player, parents and coach are essential for a successful a competitive atmosphere to take place. Players must prioritize time and activities effectively in regard to club commitment. Commitment is year-round. While activity varies by month, players should view team soccer activities as a full year process. Development at highly competitive levels do not permit long lay-offs. Training during the winter and summer months are important. We expect families to honor their commitment to the club when offered a spot on one of our teams. We also expect honesty and loyalty to the team. Please consider this carefully when joining one of the Barrie Soccer Club teams.

Player Responsibilities

Player responsibilities include:

- Attendance at all games and training. Practices are mandatory and should only be missed on account of illness or very special circumstance. Please inform your coach in advance if you can't make a practice.
- Players are expected to be punctual. Arrival for training and games is determined by the coach.
- Players should bring ALL uniforms and gear to all games.
- Players must wear club approved training gear to all training sessions.
- Players must treat coaches, teammates, referees, and opponents with respect. Poor or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. Players represent their team and the club.
- Positive communication with the coaching staff is essential for successful development. Players are expected to ask questions and should be dialoging with their coach regularly.
- Players are expected to work on soccer skills year-round either on a formal or informal basis. Players need touches on the ball as much as possible throughout the year in order to develop.
- Players are encouraged to participate in soccer schools, futsal, and camps organized by the club in order to get more touches on the ball

Parental Expectations

The club appreciates the effort and sacrifice that parents make for their children. This makes it possible for players achieve their goals and dreams. Please be aware of club expectations for parents:

- Effective communication is essential for success. This is true at the player level, team level and club level. Each team has a coach and a team manager. All team related questions should go through the team manager – schedules, finance, paperwork, etc. All soccer related questions in regard to your particular child should go through the coach – playing time, assessments, concerns etc. Deal with the Team Manager and Coach first before going to the Club with any concerns.
- Managers and coaches both have open-door policies. See them with questions. Please do not see coaches before training or at games. They have to concentrate on their job. Coaches are always available after training for an informal conversation or quick clarification. For something more formal make an appointment through the team manager.

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- Please encourage your children to speak to their coach directly with questions or concerns. Learning to ask questions and discuss concerns effectively is a life skill that children need to develop. At the younger ages this can be uncomfortable for youngsters, certainly, accompany your child when meeting a coach to give them a comfort level. They are more than happy to meet.
- Parents must be aware of team information and schedules. Each season every team will hold a team meeting prior to the start of league play. Managers will facilitate and provide families with information for the season. A parent from each family is expected to attend.
- Be aware there is **absolutely no coaching from the sidelines** by parents at games. This confuses players and sometimes even undermines what a coach is trying to do.
- The club has a code of conduct for everyone. It is posted on the club website. Please read it. There is no criticizing of players (even if they are your own), referees, or other adults. Poor sideline behavior sends the wrong message to others about our club and especially to your own children. It will not be tolerated.

Club Fees

It is important to remember that any serious or consistent violation of the expectations and commitments above (including attendance, punctuality, and code of conduct) by player, parent, or both, can result in removal of the player from a team, **with no fee reimbursement**. The team management will endeavour to work with the player/parents through any concerns. Board of Directors will make final decisions regarding player removal, when presented with the request from a team.

Fees must be paid on time and as set out by the BSC. The BSC has a strict "No Pay, No Play" policy.

If after a warning a fee is not paid within 7 days, the player will be de-registered with the HDSA and therefore not covered by insurance and no longer eligible to participate until they pay outstanding fees. Any outstanding fees and all de-registration and re-registration fees will then be due.

Team Fees are separate from Club fees and determined by the Coach and team at the beginning of the season and include tournament costs, exhibition games, etc. (fundraising can assist with team fees).

When a Barrie Soccer Club player and parent signs the Club registration form they agree to this commitment letter (3 pages) and accept and agree that they understand all the information conveyed above.

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