



BARCELONA PREMIER SOCCER CLUB – San Antonio

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CLUB’S POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Welcome to Barcelona Premier Soccer Club.

Barcelona Premier Soccer Club (BPSC) is a privately owned soccer club that offers a year-round training program to San Antonio and surrounding areas, to include, Helotes, Boerne, Alamo Ranch and Bandera. Our training program includes ages 3 to 15, which is U4 through U16, and are organized year-round in order to accommodate new players entering mid-season. When applicable, BPSC will be a member of the local Youth Soccer League in San Antonio for age groups U11 and above.

BPSC has no selection process or “tryouts” to determine if your child will be allowed to participate. All children will be given the same opportunity to train and learn from our core values.

BPSC has skilled and licensed coaches for every training session. This program does not use parent volunteers.

UNIFORMS AND APPAREL

Barcelona Premier Soccer Club has created a partnership with soccer.com for uniform and apparel purchases. Once your child is registered with BPSC, you will receive an email with a direct link to purchase your practice and game day uniforms and apparel. Upon registration, your child will receive his/her number, which is chosen at random, and the link provided for soccer.com will show your child’s uniforms with that number. We are unable to accommodate specific number selection as this will create issues with other children that already have these numbers assigned. Parents, family and friends are also encouraged to purchase BPSC apparel through soccer.com to help promote and support your child on the field. There is nothing more encouraging than a sideline of parents and spectators sporting the BPSC logo and colors.



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Uniforms, which are purchased through our partnership with soccer.com, are on a discontinuation cycle, which is selected by the brand company. If your child is asked to purchase a uniform during a cycle, which is already ongoing, it is up to the parents to repurchase uniform when older uniforms are discontinued and a new uniform is released. BPSC does not select when uniforms are discontinued and is not responsible for uniform discontinuation. New uniforms are usually on a two to three year cycle, when purchased at the beginning of its discontinuation cycle. BPSC will make every attempt possible to maintain parts of the uniform that are not required to change; however a child that has a mismatched uniform will not be allowed to participate in training or on game days. This is to maintain team integrity and cohesion.

It is the responsibility of the parents and the child to maintain the uniform clean and in good working order. If able to, simple repairs may be made to practice and game day uniforms, as long as the integrity of the uniform is maintained. Changes to the BPSC Logo, the player number and the brand of the uniform will not be made and will not be allowed on the field.

The BPSC uniform, and any item sporting the BPSC Logo, should be worn with pride and in a way that supports the BPSC core values.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the BPSC President, Director of Operations or coaches.

LOST AND FOUND

Barcelona Premier Soccer Club is not responsible for items left or lost during practice or on game days. We will make every attempt possible to return items that are found by one of our staff or parents; however, it is not our responsibility. If any child or parent finds an item, they may give it to one of our staff members and we will attempt to return it to its rightful owner.



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If you have lost an item, please ask one of our staff members. We will post items on this site when possible.

WEATHER

BPSC will make every attempt to have practice and allow children to participate on game days; however, the safety of the children is our number one concern. When inclement weather is forecasted or present, or when the BPSC staff sees it necessary, practice and game days will be cancelled or postponed. If still within the allotted time for practice we are able to resume, we will continue with our normally schedule times. BPSC will make every attempt possible to inform parents ahead of time. Children and parents should be aware of these dangers and understand that some notifications will not be made. Since our practice is in a location that is governed by a different organization, we must follow the rules set by this organization as well.

1. Lightning

a. Recognizing the threat

-Apply the 30-30 rule: When you see lightning, count the time until you hear thunder. If this time is 30 seconds or less, seek proper shelter. If you can't see the lightning, just hearing the thunder is a good back-up rule. Wait 30 minutes or more after hearing the last thunder before leaving shelter.

-Know and heed warning systems and community rules. Many communities or park systems have lightning detection and warning systems. Use this information and obey the rules established by the community or park system.

-Know and apply the rules or procedures established by the competition authority.



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-Minimize the risk of being struck. Protect the safety of all participants by stopping game activities quickly, so that participants and spectators may retire to a safer place before the lightning threat becomes significant. Remember, if you can hear the thunder, you are within reach of lightning.

b. Seeking proper shelter

-No place outside is safe near thunderstorms.

-The best shelter is a large, fully enclosed, substantially constructed building. A vehicle with a solid metal roof and metal sides is a reasonable second choice.

c. If there is no proper shelter

- Avoid the most dangerous locations: Higher elevations; wide open areas, including fields; tall isolated objects, such as trees, poles, or light posts; unprotected open buildings; rain shelters; bus stops; metal fences and metal bleachers.

d. If you cannot avoid these locations

- Crouch down on the balls of your feet, with your head tucked into your chest and your hands over your ears. If someone is hit, remember that all deaths from lightning result from cardiac arrest and stopped breathing. CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, respectively, are the recommended first aid. Referees and coaches should become involved in such assistance only if they have proper training.



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e. Remain calm

- A calm official will often be able to prevent panic by young players.

2. Other types of severe weather

For all other types of severe storms, such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and hail, obey local rules and heed warnings. Clear the field and seek proper shelter immediately - see above. Remember, according to standard weather warning terminology a "warning" represents a more immediately likely occurrence than a "watch."

NO SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL GIVE 100% GUARANTEED TOTAL SAFETY, BUT THESE STEPS WILL HELP YOU AVOID THE VAST MAJORITY OF CASUALTIES. If there is a possibility of severe weather, the staff, coaches and referees should discuss these guidelines in their pregame meeting and ensure that all officials have a clear understanding of their respective duties. Referees in particular should clearly identify what assistance they expect in detecting and bringing to their immediate attention any dangerous weather conditions which may not be directly visible to them. If such conditions develop only after a match has begun, the referee should take the first stoppage opportunity to quickly review these matters with the assistant referees and coaches. A brief word to the coaches regarding steps the referee will take to ensure player safety in threatening weather conditions would be useful.



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ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

All players and parents must sign a Zero Tolerance Policy agreement before players are allowed on the field for the first time.

Purpose

In order to help prevent physical assault and verbal abuse during sanctioned events, to include practices and game days, the BPSC has adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. This policy applies to all coaches, players, parents, spectators and other supporters and referees effective immediately.

Abusive and obscene language, violent play/conduct, fighting and other behavior (including, but not limited to sarcasm, taunting, etc.) deemed detrimental to the practice or the game will not be tolerated. The ultimate responsibility for the actions of coaches, players and spectators resides with all BPSC staff. It is the responsibility of the coaches to provide referee support and spectator control, and it is the responsibility of the BPSC to provide instructions to their coaches on how to implement sportsmanlike behavior.

This policy applies before, during and after the sanctioned event at the soccer field and its immediate surrounding areas.

Remember: the referee does not have to show a yellow card before showing a red card.

Parents & Spectators

No parent or spectator shall persistently address the referee or assistant referees at any time.



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This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Parents and spectators shall not dispute calls during or after the game.
- b. Parents and spectators shall not make remarks to the referees or advise the referees to watch certain players or attend to rough play.
- c. Parents and spectators shall never yell at the referees, including criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation or feedback of any kind before, during or after the game.

Additionally, parents and spectators shall not make derogatory comments to players, spectators or coaches of either team.

Penalties (Parents & Spectators)

In the opinion of the referee, depending on the severity of the offense, the referee may take any of the following actions:

- a. The referee may issue a verbal warning to the coach of offending party's team.
- b. The referee may stop the game and instruct the coaches to direct the parent /spectator to leave the field.
- c. The referee may abandon the game if the parent/spectator does not leave the field which will result in the offending team forfeiting the game and being assessed the appropriate fees and/or fines.

The ultimate responsibility for the actions of the spectators resides with BPSC. BPSC will be held accountable for the actions of their parents/spectators and may be subject to penalties and/or fines for grievous actions. A club taking NO action with a parent/spectator after being issued a warning may be put in bad standing with the league. Additionally a team, player or coach may be suspended from all future competitions until such time appropriate action has been taken with the parent/spectator to the satisfaction of the league and the BPSC.



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Players

The conduct of the players is governed by the Laws of the Game as stated by FIFA and USSF. The Laws themselves describe penalties associated with violating the Laws of the Game. Additional penalties for players who engage in misconduct may be established by the BPSC or league but may, in no case, be less severe than penalties established by FIFA, USSF. In severe cases of unsporting behavior and violent conduct players will be called into a hearing with his/her coach and/or parents for further disciplinary action. BPSC may also be fined for such matters. A player called to a hearing that does not appear, will be suspended from play until such time of appearance.

Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Trainers

It is the responsibility of all coaches to maintain the highest standards of conduct for themselves, their players and supporters in all matches. Failure to do so undermines the referee's authority and the integrity of the game resulting in a hostile environment for players, the referees, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers and parents/spectators.

As role models for all of the participants and spectators, coaches participating in a BPSC or league sanctioned event are expected to be supportive of, and to acknowledge the effort, good play and sportsmanship on the part of ALL players from either team in a game. By example, coaches, assistant coaches and trainers are expected to show that, although they are competing in a game, they have respect for their opponent, referees and spectators at all times.

The BPSC will not tolerate negative behavior exhibited either by demonstrative actions and gestures, or by ill-intentioned remarks, including those addressed toward the referees or members of an opposing team. Coaches exhibiting hostile, negative, sarcastic or otherwise ill-intended behavior toward referees, opposing players or coaches will be subject to disciplinary action by the BPSC or league, and additional sanctions may be imposed by the BPSC.

- Coaches shall not interact directly or indirectly with the coaches or players of the opposing team during the game in any manner that may be construed as negative, hostile or sarcastic either by way of demonstrative actions and gestures or by ill-intentioned remarks.



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- Coaches shall not offer dissent to any call made by the referees at any time.
- Coaches are not to address the Referees during the game except to:
 - a. Respond to a referee who has initiated a conversation.
 - b. Point out emergency or safety issues.
 - c. Make substitutions.
- Absolutely no sarcasm, harassment or intimidation is allowed.

NOTE: It is recommended that coaches or other team members do not engage in any conversation with the referees once the game has concluded.

Penalties (Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Trainers)

In the opinion of the referee, depending on the severity of the offense, the referee may take any of the following actions:

- a. The referee may issue a verbal warning to the offending coach, assistant coach or trainer.
- b. The referee may eject the offending coach, assistant coach or trainer. Once ejected, the individual will be required to leave the field immediately.
- c. The referee should abandon the game, if the coach, assistant coach or trainer does not leave the field or any immediate adjoining area after having been instructed to do so.

Additional penalties associated with the ejection of a coach, assistant coach or trainer may be assessed by the BPSC in accordance with their documented policy. These penalties may be no less stringent than sanctions and/or fines as may be imposed by the league following a review of the incident.

All cases of alleged assault of a referee shall be reported to the league office and State Referee Administrator within 48 hours of the match. The league will also conduct a



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verification of the complaint and subsequent actions and may at their discretion impose additional penalties to the coach, assistant coach, trainer and or club.

BPSC is responsible for the behavior of their coaches, assistant coaches, and trainers at all times.

Games Disbanded Prior to the Conclusion by the Referee:

When a game is disbanded by the referee prior to its conclusion, due to unsporting behavior on the part of one or both teams, the league will conduct an investigation and will issue a forfeit to either one or both teams and possibly from further competitions. The offending club(s) will also be assessed a fine which must be paid prior to the next team registration or the club will be put in bad standing with the league. In cases of extreme unsportsmanlike behavior, in the opinion of the BPSC, a team, player, coach, assistant coach, trainer, parent or spectator may be banned from any further BPSC or league sanctioned events and competitions.

Suspension, Banning of Players, Parents/Spectators, Coaches, Assistant Coaches or Trainers

If a player, parent/spectator, coach, assistant coach or trainer is suspended/banned by BPSC or the league, he/she is not be allowed to participate or have any interaction with their team until they are reinstated. If a player, parent/spectator, coach, assistant coach or trainer is suspended they are suspended from all BPSC or league sanctioned events.

If a player, parent/spectator, coach, assistant coach or trainer wishes to attend a tournament they may request a temporary pass in writing from either the player or coach arbitration committee. The arbitration committees reserve the right to refuse to issue a temporary pass for a tournament if the suspension has resulted from a grievous action or the issuance of a temporary pass could endanger the health, welfare and safety of those attending the tournament. Tournament games missed will not be considered as part of the suspension.



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Barcelona Premier Soccer Club reserves the right to suspend/ban any participant that endangers the health, welfare and safety of its coaches, staff, children or membership.