



PBG PREDATORS

COMPETITIVE SOCCER

PARENTS INFORMATION

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This document is an introduction to competitive travel soccer and will give you an idea of what to expect in the PBG Predators soccer experience for 2019-2020 season.

✓ Competitive soccer develops a player for future years by establishing fundamental skills and training habits at an early age. This requires patience with progress and understanding that the club may have multiple levels of teams within the same age group. This system enables the club to develop players with the skill and experience to compete at the highest level possible, and allows the club to cultivate teams for the U12 and higher age-groups when each team requires 16+ rostered players.

✓ Training season dates:

Start Date: August 5th thru May 26th (Memorial Day weekend, latest).

We will have a Winter break (Dec 20-Jan 6) and also spring break (March 18-22) with no training*. Games are scheduled through the course of the program, but not every week and we build in rest weekends with no games, especially as we get to the close of the season.

*State Cup teams will train during Spring Break March 16-20, 2020

✓ Professional trainers. All our teams have full-time trainers that work with the players for every training session and every game. We have no parent-coaches. This allows our trainers to fully manage all coaching aspects to the team without any personal conflict. Every trainer has professional soccer coaching credentials and licenses and also follows instruction and direction from our Director of Coaching (DOC).

✓ Travel is often within Palm Beach County, except when competitive play requires that a team join a league spanning multiple counties. Tournaments are mostly outside of Palm Beach County, and on average teams compete in 4 or 5 tournaments per year. All leagues & tournaments are decided by DOC.

- ✓ Practices and competitive events - games, tournaments - are mandatory. While we all understand there can be extenuating circumstances causing a player to miss a rare practice or event, this is a competitive/travel sport and player absence reduces the quality of the experience, and development, for the entire team. Families unable or unwilling to ensure player attendance at all practices and events should consider lower levels of play.
- ✓ Playing time is based on skill set and team need, and determined solely by the coaching staff and team's Coach. Paying club fees does not entitle a player to any particular quantity of playing time.
- ✓ Parents should not communicate with players during training sessions. Parents must avoid coaching from the sideline during games. Coaching staff are requested to address such issues promptly that can result in parent suspensions.
- ✓ Fundraising and Volunteer opportunities are available to help offset costs. Example: Honda Classic Concessions. Teams are welcomed and encouraged to explore additional fundraising avenues.
- ✓ All registrations for PBG Predators activities will be online via Demosphere.
- ✓ Competitive soccer pricing is outlined below as is all inclusive to tournaments, league and referee fees.
- ✓ Additional Costs:
 - Nike Uniforms - \$250 (Home and Away jerseys, 2 pairs game shorts, Home and Away socks). Your uniform package will include your player number on reverse of both game jerseys and on both shorts.
 - Additionally, each player will receive 2 Nike training jerseys and 2 more practice Nike jerseys the following year.
 - All uniform costs are individual purchase from Authentic Soccer.

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The following information is to help players and parents understand the process regarding try-outs, assessment and selection for the Predators competitive soccer organization.

✔ TALENT & SOCCER INTELLIGENCE

Talent with and without the ball. A player must possess individual skills and the potential and desire to improve. Talent is one factor that contributes to the success of an individual player and players must show hard work, energy and effort to gain placement in the Club. All players must possess intelligence for the game and an interest to listen and learn.

✔ ATTENDANCE, RESPONSIBILITY & COMMITMENT

The player and family is committing to the long-term success of the player for the whole year. This commitment represents both player and parent with full-time attendance to all training sessions, games and travel. With this commitment, you will see a significant growth in the player's ability.

✔ ATTITUDE & COACHABLE PLAYERS

Players must be willing to work with our professional trainers within a team and an individual setting. This willingness will help the player improve and realize long-term success for the player and the team. A willingness to learn, adapt and grow in multiple roles on and off the field will allow for the player to achieve their soccer potential. Players must respect the club, the coach and fellow teammates in order to succeed.

✔ PARENTS ROLE & COMMITMENT

Parents are an essential and important part of the success of the Predators soccer club. The parents are asked to not only ensure their sons/daughters meet the commitment, conduct and attendance standards set out above, but to also help foster a positive and supportive competitive environment. The Predator program is fortunate to have highly skilled and experienced trainers, therefore it is requested that parents refrain from sideline coaching during practices or games, but of course, the program depends upon sideline encouragement for our Predator teams. A highlight of the Predators soccer club is the active involvement, participation and camaraderie of our parents and supporters. To that end, feedback on the Predators soccer club is always welcomed through our Board or competitive committee leaders.