



PPSC Club Coaching Philosophy

At PPSC, we recognize that our main objective is to build quality character in the club players. We use soccer as a tool for teaching life skills. Because of the competitive nature of sports, we commit to constantly reminding ourselves of this goal. The members of the club are people first and players next.

Winning a game is NEVER the most critical decision factor. Our coaches will apply diligence to act with respect for the game, the officials, the opponents, the parents, and the member players. Through demonstrations of this respect and the self-control that accompanies it, we will model positive character and behavior to those that we are coaching.

There is no such thing as MY Team or MY players. The players and teams are people and groups that we serve as coaches. They do not belong to us. They do not act on our behalf.

The game is the best teacher. As coaches, we allow our players to encounter soccer problems and resolve them on their own. We allow them to make mistakes - we allow them to succeed. We will endeavor to show the players situations during training and the possible solutions. The player takes this to the game and learns to trust their instincts and their training. This is where brilliant soccer comes from. This is why the game is called the beautiful game. We will refrain from directing all the actions of the players on the field - we will not joystick them.

We will build within the players a love for the game and a joy that comes from performing it well. In turn, our joy will come from seeing a player respond well to situations - both on the field and off.

Our primary consideration is the total safety of the players. This safety applies not only to physical, but also emotional and psychological, as well.

We will build the confidence in the players through diligent instruction in the areas of technical, tactical, physical, psychological, and social. We will teach the players that soccer is played with the feet, the head, and the heart and we will demonstrate this attitude at all times.

Regardless of the level of competition, all players are treated as equal elements of the team. At the recreational level, both league and tournament games, all players should play at least 50% of the game even if this policy will lead to not winning the game. Playing time does not need to be equal - but each player should play at least half the game. At classic and premier levels, this requirement is less critical, but should still be strived for.

We coach as part of a club and will follow the club philosophies and procedures. We are not running our own teams. We are serving the club and the members of the club. Our coaches will conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times, this includes before, during and after games, practices, or tournaments. All coaches are aware of the Rules, Guidelines, and policies that the club provides.



PPSC Club Pass Policy

PPSC is a strong supporter of the Club Pass policies of WYSA and MAYSA. We believe that it is in the best interest of players and teams to allow for the frequent changes of environment that are created by the proper use of Club Passing. Club passing occurs when a club player plays for a team to which that player is not typically assigned.

For the sake of ease of understanding - in this policy, we will refer to the team to which the player is rostered as the primary team and the team for which the player will play as the playing team. Also, we will refer to the coach assigned to the primary team as the primary coach and the coach assigned to the playing team as the playing coach.

Sequence:

1. Either the playing coach or the primary coach sees an opportunity for a player or a need for a team that could be remedied by a club pass.
2. The initiating coach contacts the DOC and proposes the club pass.
3. The DOC checks the player's schedule of games during the timeframe of the required pass to ensure that the player is not being overplayed and that the pass is appropriate for the playing team.
4. The DOC approves the pass and responds to both the primary coach and the playing coach with the information.
5. The primary coach checks with the player's parents to ensure that they are ok with the pass.
6. Assuming parental approval, the two coaches work out the details and the communications with the player's family.

While the PPSC strongly encourages its coaches to seek opportunities for players to play on other teams in the club, club passing without the prior approval of the DOC is not allowed and the DOC needs to approve the pass prior to the players or parents being contacted.

When a player does use the pass to play for another team - that player should be considered an equal member of the playing team.

