

***DE PERE RAPIDES  
YOUTH SOCCER CLUB  
INFORMATION  
BOOKLET***



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## **SOCCER PHILOSOPHY**

S.A.Y., our national Soccer Association for Youth, was formed to provide an organization for which our children could learn and play soccer.

The primary function of the De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer Club is to provide guidance and instruction for all participants and to ensure safe, enjoyable and fair competition. The overall objective of S.A.Y. is:

### **MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION WITH EVEN COMPETITION**

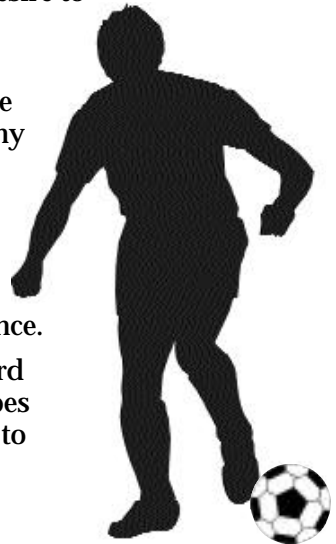
The De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer Club is dedicated to having fun while learning the game of soccer. Through family involvement, the Club wants to foster fair play, team spirit, social development and a positive self-image. This philosophy has allowed players of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to have an equal opportunity to participate and enjoy the game of soccer.

This booklet has been created for all those involved with soccer (*parents and coaches alike*). The booklet is intended to help each one of us to become informed in most aspects of soccer. Please review the contents, we hope that you will find the descriptions of the basic rules, game outline, and other items, valuable.

The Board encourages your patronage of the many sponsors that have helped make this a successful program. Their continued support of this program is a tribute to their desire to provide a positive experience for our youths.

The organization and delivery of this soccer program is strictly a VOLUNTEER effort. The City of De Pere does not handle or assist in any aspect surrounding the operation of this program. The De Pere soccer program has grown 65% over the last four years. Our young participants appreciate all that has been provided. Please feel free to contact a Board member if you wish to provide assistance.

Lastly, the De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer Board applauds all of you for your support and hopes this and future seasons bring growth and joy to your family.



## COACHES AND COACHING

The De Pere and Wrightstown communities register approximately 1,400 children to establish approximately 95 teams annually. Volunteering to coach is a vital component in order to ensure that this program is successful. We can't run this program without your support!

The Board offers ALL coaches (*FREE OF CHARGE*) a variety of coaching clinics that provide the necessary training needed to be a confident coach. The purpose of these clinics is to increase our children's enjoyment of recreational soccer by improving the quality and consistency of our coaching.

These clinics range from the Basics to the Advanced level. The Basic Level Course focuses on introducing and making soccer fun for our youths, along with tips on handling young players. Advanced level courses focus on teaching technical and tactical concepts which can be applied to player development.

Along with this training, these clinics stress the child-centered coaching philosophy. This philosophy emphasizes the importance of helping young children develop a positive overall self-image through athletic activities. The heart of this philosophy is that winning any athletic contest is not as important as trying one's best, having fun, and feeling good about being a part of a team.

## ROSTERS

At the end of each season, all coaches submit evaluations of their team players. The players are evaluated on physical and personal factors along with soccer and team skills. These evaluations are important for our process of determining soccer teams.

Teams are carefully determined through a process that reviews the rating of the players from the previous year. The object of this process is to develop equally talented teams for the upcoming soccer season. For any player that has not been rated will be randomly placed on a team.

Once the team roster has been established, there will be NO allowed trades between teams and additions of players to a team WITHOUT the consent of the Board. Where appropriate, a Waiting List of late registrants will be used to distribute players to teams that are short of players. The coach should ALWAYS contact the Board if his/her team has a player who cannot play. The Board will provide to the team a new player from the Waiting List, if available.

## PLAYER EQUIPMENT & TEAM EQUIPMENT BAG

Each coach will check out an equipment bag that includes five appropriately sized soccer balls, a goalkeeper shirt, team shirts, and ten practice disks (*note that of the five soccer balls, coaches should keep one new ball set aside for use during home soccer games*). All coaches will be notified about equipment pick-up. There will be a short mandatory meeting prior to distribution of equipment bags. This meeting provides the Board the opportunity to discuss any changes for the upcoming season. If you are unable to make the first meeting, please try to find someone to pick up your equipment and contact a Board member for the information missed. At the end of the season, please make an effort to return all equipment on the appointed night. Every year we have to track down equipment bags. Once the soccer balls are exposed to freezing temperatures, they become damaged. Should any coach encounter any problems with equipment during the season, then please contact the Equipment Coordinator.

Besides the provided team shirt, coaches and parents will need to ensure that their children are wearing shin guards and either soccer or tennis shoes.

Shin guards may be the one-piece sock/shin guard combination or a strapped-on shin guard with socks pulled completely over the guards. The Board prohibits baseball or football shoes/cleats. These shoes include a single cleat in the front of the shoe which is illegal for the game of soccer.

The S.A.Y. (*National Rules*) DOES NOT permit jewelry of ANY kind. This includes watches, rings, earrings (*even if newly pierced*), bracelets (any type), and necklaces. Lastly, for the safety of the participating athletes, no player may practice or play soccer while in any hard cast.

## PICTURES

Each coach will receive information (*date and time*) for team photos. Please be aware that approximately 40 teams will be photographed on the same day. Parents and coaches are requested to have the appropriate photography form completed and all money collected before the photo shoot. The coach (*or designee*) will gather all team members 15 minutes prior to the photo shoot. Pictures will be delivered for distribution to the players within two weeks.

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION

During the soccer season, all participants are asked to use good judgement in their actions with players, parents, referees, and coaches. If a problem arises that cannot be resolved on the field, contact either the League Commissioner for all county league play or a representative of the De Pere Rapides Recreational Youth Soccer Club. Remember, coaches are not allowed on the field for any age group except during practice sessions. Additionally, all of the referees are trained to do their job, so the Board asks that all respect their decisions on the field, but please feel free to contact the Referee Coordinator for any problems that have occurred.

## TEAM SHIRTS

Each team will receive a goalkeeper shirt and enough team shirts (*various sizes*) for the team. At the first practice, the coach should line up the players according to height. Distribute the smaller sizes to smaller players. Then distribute the rest of the shirts to the remaining members of the team.

Each coach will be provided an Order Form with the shirts. This form is to be used for ordering names for the team shirts. Coaches should complete the Order Form, paying special attention to the correct spelling of the names and matching that name to the correct jersey number. The shirts are then brought to the Cerebral Palsy Building at 2801 S. Webster Ave., where the names are attached to the shirt backs. Allow up to two weeks for the printing to be completed. The cost of the names is included in your registration fee.

## MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS

Each coach will receive the medical questionnaire/release forms when they check out their equipment bags. A form **MUST** be completed and signed by the parent for each child before that child can practice or play. Due to insurance reasons, a child may not practice or play until the coach has received **BOTH** copies of the form. Once all forms have been signed and returned to the coach, the coach will need to forward a copy of each form to the De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer Club at P.O. Box 323, De Pere, WI 54115. The remaining copies are to be maintained by the coach or designate and be on-hand at all practices and games.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### Coaches:

1. The head coach will have a copy of the team roster and medical forms at each game, which may be examined by the opposing coach or referees.
2. Each player must play one-half of each game. All players will have equal playing time.
3. When an opposing team is playing short, our coaches are encouraged to play the same number of players on the field. Remember this is RECREATIONAL soccer.
4. If your team is five goals ahead, rotate your players to AVOID running up a score.
5. Treat the players, parents, referees, and opponents with respect and courtesy.
6. Accept the decisions of the referees with grace and respect.
7. Hold your players accountable for their actions; help them to be the best they can be.
8. Teach and inspire your players to love the game and to compete fairly within the rules and spirit of the game.
9. Be a role model.
10. Have control and maintain a positive discipline at ALL TIMES.
11. The coach shall be responsible for his actions, control of team members, and control of the team's fans, including parents.
12. All coaches shall read the S.A.Y. rule book.
13. Do not use profane language on the field or sidelines. You will be removed from the game.



## CODE OF CONDUCT

### Parents:

1. Let the coaches do the coaching. Yelling instructions from the sidelines, though well intended, usually confuses your child.
2. Be supportive of the coaches. The coaches are volunteers giving up personal time and effort to provide a recreational activity for your child.
3. Children need positive role models. They are very much aware of how we behave in different situations, so please maintain self-control at all times.
4. Honestly and wholeheartedly applaud the efforts of your players and their opponents.
5. Understand that it takes honest effort and a positive attitude to grow and develop in soccer, as in life.
6. Be fair always, no matter what the cost.
7. Do not use profane language on the field or sidelines. Use of it will result in the removal of your player's coach, and if the referee determines the offense severe enough, even a sideline offense may remove your coach or end the game.
8. Accept the results of each game. Be generous when your team wins and gracious when your team loses.
9. DO NOT openly question an official's judgement and honesty. Officials represent symbols of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship. Hostile criticism of referees is not tolerated.
10. Remember your players' coach is held responsible for the behavior of the team and the fans.

*Parents:* We ask that you read the Code of Conduct for your Child and Coaches. If at any time you feel any of the game rules or conduct codes are being broken or abused, please speak to the coach first, and if further action is necessary please contact a Board Member. WE WANT TO KNOW!

### Players:

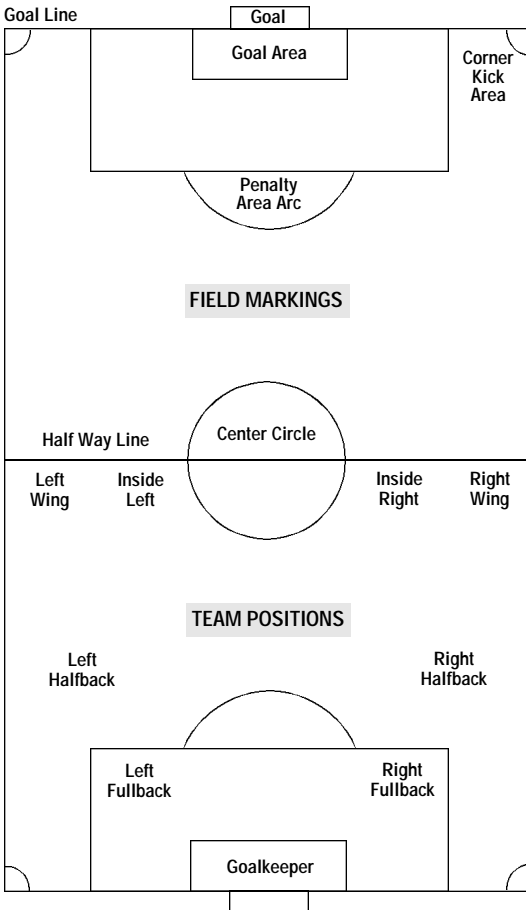
1. Treat your coaches, referees, and opponents with respect and courtesy.
2. Be a team player. Help others become better players, thus making your team better.
3. Give 100%, but play within the rules and spirit of the game.
4. Be fair always, no matter what the cost.
5. Accept the referee's decisions.

6. Do not use profane language on the field or sidelines. Use of it on the field will result in the coach or the referee removing you from the game.
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## ***Soccer In Brief***

Essentially soccer is a game that is played primarily with the skills using the feet, thighs, chest, and head. The goalkeeper is the only person on the field who can use his hands, providing it is done inside the penalty area. Outside of the penalty area, the goalkeeper is like any other player.

## ***Position of Players***



Teams sizes will depend on age. For short-sided soccer, teams will generally consist of six players. Short-sided soccer will generally have positions known as forwards (3), backs (2), and a goalkeeper. For teams playing with eleven players (full-sided), there generally exist forwards (4), halfbacks (3), fullbacks (3), and a goalkeeper. While there are numerous modifications to team arrangements, a team with a fluid style of play will use initiative in adapting to each new developing situation, yet have a basic structure with numerous options from which to operate and function.

## **DURATION OF GAME**

The duration of each game will vary with the age level of competition, and perhaps by local league rule.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics allows unlimited substitutions. The referee must be notified before a substitution can occur. Both teams may substitute under the following conditions: on goal or corner kicks, after a goal, during any extended time out (*as for an injury*), and changes of periods. The team in possession of the ball on a throw-in may substitute players. A substitution is complete as soon as the substitute enters the field and the substituted teammate has left the field.

## **BALL OUT OF PLAY**

In order for the ball to be considered out of play, the ball must completely cross the touch (*sideline*) or goal line either on the ground or in the air. The position of the player's feet has no bearing on whether the ball is considered out of bounds. Any ball striking a referee, goal post, corner post and remaining in the proper field is still in play.

## **SCORING A GOAL**

A goal is scored when the ball completely crosses the goal line, between the goal posts and under the cross bar. The team with the most goals scored wins the game.

## **BASIC SKILLS**

1. Kicking and Passing: Instep, Inside of foot, and Outside of foot.
2. Trapping: Stopping the flight of the ball with the use of the instep, inside of foot, outside of foot, chest, head, and thigh.
3. Heading: Use of the forehead with a flick of the neck. Added power can be given with a drawback of the waist combined with a thrust forward in timing the heading of the ball.
4. Dribbling: Short taps with the use of the inside and outside of the feet.
5. Charging: Legal contact between two players who are trying to nudge an opponent off or away from the ball with the use of the tip of the shoulder, usually from the side. A fair charge must be shoulder to shoulder.

## CORNER KICK

A corner kick is awarded when the ball crosses the goal line and is last touched by a defensive player, and doesn't result in a goal. One member of the attacking team takes the kick from the corner arc. A goal may be scored from this kick. Also remember the opposing team must remain 10 yards from the ball as it is kicked and the kicker may not kick the ball a second time until touched by another player.

## GOAL KICK

A goal kick is awarded when the ball (*after being kicked by the offense*) crosses the goal line but not within the goal scoring area.

## PENALTY KICK

A penalty kick is awarded after a serious rule infraction takes place in the penalty area. It is a direct free kick. All players except the goalkeeper and kicker must stay outside of the penalty area. The goalkeeper must stand on the goal line and may not move until the ball is kicked.

## DIRECT FREE KICK

There are nine prohibited acts for which a referee can award a direct kick to the offending team. They are as follows:

1. Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent.
2. Tripping or attempting to trip an opponent.
3. Holding an opponent.
4. Striking or attempting to strike an opponent.
5. Pushing an opponent.
6. Handling the ball, i.e., carries, strikes, or propels with his hands or arms.
7. Charges an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner.
8. Charging an opponent from behind.
9. Jumping at an opponent.

The kick is taken from the point where the infraction occurred, except in the case of a Penalty Kick. The Direct Free Kick which is often referred to as a One Kick foul means that a goal can be scored directly from the kick without touching another player.

## INDIRECT FREE KICK

An Indirect Free Kick is awarded when a player intentionally commits one of the following fouls:

1. A player who takes a free kick and plays the ball a second time before another player touches the ball.
2. A goalkeeper takes more than four steps.
3. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
4. Charging at improper time.
5. Offsides violation (*see description below*).
6. Obstruction. Obstructing an opponent and not playing the ball.

On an indirect free kick a goal can not be scored directly from the kick. The ball must touch another player besides the kicker before a goal can be scored.

## OFFSIDES

Offsides is perhaps the most misunderstood rule in soccer. While going toward an opponent's goal, the offensive team may not have a player ahead of the ball unless there are two defending players present. The exceptions to this statement are:

1. When the player is in his own half of the field of play,
2. If the ball was last touched by an opponent, or
3. The downfield player is not involved in the play.

The referee has the right to call or not call the offsides infraction depending upon whether the offending player is seeking an unfair advantage. We ask that before reacting to an Offsides Call or Non-Call, parents and coaches are advised to clarify the situation.

## SCHEDULES

Due to scheduling difficulties, the De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer Club will schedule recreational games when there exists six or more teams within the De Pere league and age group. If a particular age group does not support six teams, then the Club will work with adjacent city leagues to schedule additional games.

For those age groups that are eligible for county league play at the end of the season, a representative will contact the coach to discuss format, dates, and locations.

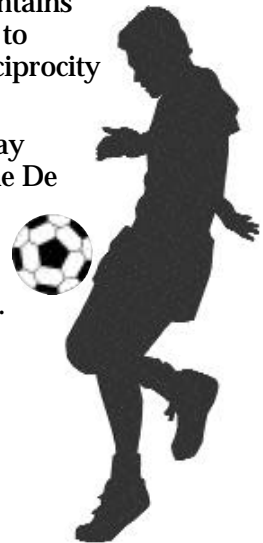
## FIELD LOCATIONS

There presently exist over 50 soccer fields in Green Bay and surrounding areas. Depending on the age group, games may or may not be played on De Pere or Wrightstown fields. Locations of soccer fields throughout Green Bay can be found in the Bay Lakes Soccer Association pamphlet that were handed out by your coach. Please take the opportunity to review the area map and locate the appropriate soccer fields.

## CITY OF DE PERE PARTICIPATION

Presently, all games played within the city limits of De Pere are played on city fields. Therefore, for those participants who are not residents of De Pere are required to pay a non-resident fee of \$10. The policy is enforced by the De Pere Park and Recreation Board which subsidizes the Club's referee fees and maintains the fields. The non-residency fee does not apply to those in the Wrightstown program because of reciprocity agreements between organizations.

At times throughout the year, field conditions may begin to deteriorate. Please feel free to contact the De Pere Park and Recreation Board (339-4065 or 4066) if you feel that any of the De Pere fields present a hazard to our youths. It is the responsibility of the City to maintain those fields.



## SPONSORSHIP

More than 95 De Pere and Wrightstown teams are sponsored by local businesses and organizations each year. The success of this soccer program is a direct result of their assistance as well as the time committed by the many volunteers. To show our appreciation, we ask that you show your appreciation to the various sponsors of our soccer program. If you wish to receive information surrounding sponsorship, please contact the Sponsor Coordinator at P.O. Box 323 De Pere, WI 54115.

## INSURANCE

The Soccer Club is offering supplemental insurance for all participants, referees, coaches, and Board Members involved in this soccer program. This insurance will cover all those on the Club's rosters to and from and at any S.A.Y. and De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer sanctioned event. The cost of this insurance is included in the enrollment fee. More information will be forthcoming from your coach.

## WEATHER POLICY

Due to the extreme weather conditions (*heat and rain*) in Brown and the surrounding counties these past few years, and numerous parent concerns about these conditions, the Bay-Lakes S.A.Y. adopted the following guidelines:

1. **Extreme Heat:** When the temperature is above 90 and the heat index is at a danger level, the early match should be postponed until another time. Later matches should incorporate longer breaks or more frequent breaks (*i.e., halves should have quarters or play two shortened halves*). Plenty of fluids should also be available.
2. **Extreme Cold:** When the temperature drops below 30 and the wind chill index indicates a temperature below 0, then the match will rescheduled.



3. **Severe Wet Weather:** Due to poor field conditions from extended wet weather, the President may cancel matches for the day(s) or week(s), depending upon those conditions and the weather forecast. The President will consult with the local Presidents (*or designees*), area representatives and/or other board members to make this decision.
4. **Electricity/Storms:** S.A.Y. Rule Book, Law I, Note 9 states: In the event of an electrical storm, play **MUST** be stopped until the danger has passed. In most cases, the game will need to be rescheduled if that game does not meet the requirement of a completed game (*S.A.Y. Rule Book, Law I, Note 10*).

If a parent requests their child to leave the field because they are uncomfortable with the weather or field conditions, the coach should honor the parents request to remove the child.

The De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer Club will maintain an answering line that will be updated during threatening weather patterns. **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL 995-2699 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS AS GIVEN ON THE VOICEMAIL. THIS NUMBER WILL BE USED FOR ALL WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING THE SEASON.**

Please note that teams are still reminded that they must show up at the fields if no call is received by the coach or if no notification exists at the above answering line.

Lastly, the referee has the authority to call any game at the sight due to unsafe conditions.

### **WHO TO CALL (IMPORTANT NUMBERS)**

Field Problems . . . . .	339-4065 or 4066 <i>(De Pere Park and Rec. Dept.)</i>
Weather Notices . . . . .	995-2699
Participation Concerns . . . . .	995-2699
Referee Issues . . . . .	995-2699
Equipment Concerns . . . . .	995-2699
Soccer Board . . . . .	995-2699
Shirt Problems . . . . .	435-2223



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