



**Tiburon Peninsula Soccer Club
Kindergarten, 1st Grade & 2nd Grade
Saturday Festival Style Game Day**

The focus of the soccer program at TPSC is on developing soccer skills and building self-esteem. The weekend games provide the opportunity for players to put into practice their newly developed skills without the pressure of winning or losing games. Parents and coaches are urged to encourage the players, but let them further their development through exploration and experience without a lot of parental input during games.

What follows is an overview of what to expect on our festival-style game days at Granada School Field.

General

- The infield will serve as a meeting spot for teams at the beginning and end of their Saturday games.
- Flags will be planted in the infield with numbers/names that correspond to each team playing. This is where players can leave their personal gear and where they should meet pre-game and post-game.
- Each field will be numbered from 1 to 5. Each team will begin play on the same numbered field on Saturdays. Field assignments will be prominently posted near the field entry. The meeting flags and field numbers will be numbered the same for consistency so that teams that begin play on field 1 will meet and drop their gear at flag 1.
- Once the players are on the field, parents should leave their child alone and retreat to the infield.
- Parents should keep all children from playing on the swings in the fenced southeastern area of Granada.
- No dogs, no bicycles and no other sports are allowed on the field during practices or on game days.

Pregame

- Games sessions begin every hour at the half hour, beginning at 8:30. Teams should meet 10 minutes before game time to organize. Promptly at the half-hour, teams should take the field they have been assigned. The first 5- 10 minutes can be spent warming up or playing a scrimmage.
- Coaches shall divide their team into 2 teams: one travel and one home team. The travel teams wear a pinny. The coach and assistant coach will each take a team and stay with it throughout the hour. If there is no assistant, the coach **MUST** assign a parent to direct one of the teams.
- Each team will play 4-5 mini-games of 10 minutes each. The teams are 4 v. 4 and cannot be larger than 4 per side.

Gameplay

- At 40 minutes past the hour, a single long whistle blast starts the first game. After 10 minutes, 3 whistle blasts will indicate the end of the first mini-game at which point the “travel” team shall rotate in a clockwise direction to the next field and begin play. Only 2 minutes are allowed between games so travel teams must move quickly to their next field. One long whistle blast will indicate the start of each new game.
- A TPSC Field Official shall keep time and indicate the start and end of each mini-game with the appropriate whistle blasts.
- Substitutions are allowed as coaches direct. No score is kept and coaches/parents act as officials.

Rule Guidelines

- Each “home” team (the team that is not wearing pinnies) will supply the game ball.
- The ball size for K, 1st and 2nd is size 3.
- There are no corner kicks for kindergarten and 1st grade games.
- Heading the ball is not allowed.
- There are no penalty kicks.
- Opening kickoff shall be determined by a coin toss or call of “even or odd”.

Ball Out of Play on sideline

- Kindergarten and 1st Grade restart play with a kick in from the side.
- 2nd Grade will restart play with an overhead throw-in or corner kick.
- There are no goalkeepers at any level.

Spectators

- Parents and spectators are expected to remain on the infield during the games. NO EXCEPTIONS
- All end of game snacks should be consumed in the infield or away from the playing fields.

Tiburon Peninsula Soccer Club Codes of Conduct

All Parents are required to read and support the policies and philosophies detailed in the “Code of Conduct”. As a “Self -Policing” policy, every referee, coach and parent has a responsibility to demonstrate and encourage good sportsmanship in both players and each other.