

Inappropriate Behavior/ Zero Tolerance Policy: At all Tonawanda Soccer Club events, including games, practices, or other official outings, inappropriate behavior or comments from players, spectators, coaches, or referees towards other players, coaches, spectators, or referees will not be tolerated. Referees may award cards for anything they deem to be inappropriate behavior, and coaches and spectators may submit a formal complaint to the Board of the Tonawanda Soccer Club via email. All claims of inappropriate behavior made at TSC events will be investigated by the Board. For minor offenses, a warning may be issued and the offending party may be placed on probation for the remainder of the season, the conditions of which shall be determined by the Board, and wherein any additional act of inappropriate behavior will result in their immediate suspension from the season. For major offenses, such as violence, harassment, or threats of any kind, offending parties will be immediately removed from the season. Certain offenses may prevent individuals from being allowed to return in future seasons, and designation of offenses as major or minor will be determined by the Board upon investigation.

Reporting Instances of Misconduct: For any instances of alleged misconduct by a spectator, coach, referee, or player at a TSC event, a formal complaint must be submitted to the Board via the club email. An investigation will be conducted on all forms submitted. Submission of a complaint does not guarantee any action will be taken.

Player Termination Policy: In the event that a player is removed from a season, they will be prohibited from attending any future practices with their former team, and are not allowed to approach player benches at any games. The full payment for the season will still be owed and will not be refunded.

Smoking Policy: Smoking, vaping, and the use of any tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, and vape devices are not permitted within 25 feet of the soccer fields when occupied by a team. Soccer fields and the areas surrounding them are to be smoke free zones when occupied by players, including for practices and games. Any individual who violates this rule may be removed under the authority of a Coach, Ref, or Club Administrator.

Equipment Policy (Players): Players must wear shin guards for the entirety of all practices and games in order to participate. Players are not permitted to wear any jewelry, including watches, necklaces, bracelets, ear rings, etc. for practices or games, with the exception of medical alert accessories. Stud earrings may be taped over with band-aids or medical tape if necessary. Hats, sunglasses, and hair clips are also not permitted for player safety. Players must wear closed toed sneakers or cleats to participate. No open toed shoes, crocs, boots, or cleats with metal spikes are allowed.

Coach/ Player Request Policy: Registrants may request a specific coach, or to be placed on a team with a specific player when filling out their registration, but no request is guaranteed to be accepted. Prior number of seasons spent with a specific coach or player will not be considered when making teams, and teams will be created to be as balanced and as fair as possible based on age and experience of the team.

Team Transfer Policy: Coaches are expected to contact their teams within 1 week of receiving their roster. Following this, players may have 1 week to submit a request to the League Coordinator to switch teams. Requests are not guaranteed to be accepted, and players that are transferred may not receive their uniform in time for the first game, or a uniform in the size they requested. No players will be permitted to transfer teams after the first game.

Payment Policy: Registrants are to submit a \$25 nonrefundable deposit along with their registration (\$50 for Competitive/Travel). Registrants' accounts may be charged via the payment information they input for the deposit if their full registration fee has not been paid by the end of the season. Players with an outstanding balance from previous seasons will not be permitted to participate in future seasons, until their debt is paid. Cash, Check, or other online payment methods may be available upon request. Full payment is expected by the end of the season unless otherwise discussed, and cards on file may be charged if the full payment is not made by the season's end.

Registration Deposits/ Tryout Acceptance Registration Policy: For certain programs where tryouts occur or where participation in the program is not guaranteed for registrations made within the open registration window, players may be required to complete a secondary registration form upon being officially offered a spot within the program. This secondary registration form may be necessary for uniforms to be ordered and for the deposit for the season to be made, and must be completed before the first game. Players will not be permitted to play until the Tryout Acceptance registrations and registration deposits are completed.

Late Registration Policy: Registrations submitted after the posted registration deadline for the season are not guaranteed to be accepted. If positions open up, players may be accepted on a first come first serve basis, with possible exceptions for siblings of existing players or family members of a coach. Accepted late registered players are not guaranteed to be placed on a team with a requested coach or teammate, and are not guaranteed to receive a uniform before the first game or a uniform that is in their requested size. A late fee will be added on to the registration cost of any accepted late registered payer. Late registrations for competitive programs received after tryouts have occurred may be considered at the coaches discretion following player assessment. Invitation to or participation in a makeup tryout does not guarantee a player a spot on the team.

Playing Time Policy: All players participating in House Programs should receive approximately equal playing time regardless of skill level or attendance, unless injured, sick, they ask to sit out, or for disciplinary reasons. For House Tournaments, all players should still receive approximately equal playing time, with no player receiving less than 33% playing time. For Competitive winter and travel programs, all players at levels U12 and below should receive no less than 33% playing time regardless of skill level or attendance, unless injured, sick, they ask to sit out, or for disciplinary reasons. For competitive tournaments at levels U12 and under, players should receive at least 20% playing time each game. Players at levels U13 and above should all play for at least 20% of each game, or 20% of a tournament.

Competitive Attendance Policy: Players participating in a competitive winter or summer program are expected to attend every practice and every game. If a player is unable to attend a practice or game, they must give their coach at least 24 hours notice of their absence when possible. Players who miss practices or games without proper notice or a valid reason may lose out on starting positions or see their playing time diminished below the thresholds outlined in the playing time policy, however no player should be sat out for an entire game unless for disciplinary reasons.

Non-Team Subs Policy: Teams are not permitted to use substitute players not rostered to their team, unless agreed upon by the opposing team coach and referee prior to the game. Players not rostered on to a team that were not approved by the opposing coach and referee may be removed from the game at any time. Players must be registered with the league in order to act as a substitute player. For House Tournaments, teams are not permitted to use substitute players not rostered to their team unless given prior authorization from a Board Member. Travel/Winter teams are not allowed outside subs unless they are rostered to the team.

Appropriate Spectating Locations Policy: Spectators for Upper House and Premier games, as well as all Competitive/Travel games, are to sit on the opposite side of the field as the player benches. Spectators may not view the game from either endline, or from the sideline containing the team benches. Coaches and referees shall have the authority to move spectators and/or withhold game play from individuals with offending spectators.

Board Meetings: Board Meetings will be held monthly, and the date, time, and location of the meetings will be announced via email and on the website within 2 weeks of the date of the meeting. Board Meetings are open to all members to attend. A club member is any person who coaches, referees, or volunteers for the Tonawanda Soccer Club, or the parent or legal guardian of a player who participated in a Tonawanda Soccer Club in the past year.

Board Elections: Board Elections for the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President will be conducted at the December General Board Meeting. Officers will serve a two year term, with the elections for President and Secretary being offset from the elections for Vice President and Treasurer by one year. Nominations for officer positions will be due by the November General Board Meeting. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of the club members present at the December General Board Meeting. A club member is any person who coaches, referees, or volunteers for the Tonawanda Soccer Club, or the parent or legal guardian of a player who participated in a Tonawanda Soccer Club in the past year.

Early Departure Policy: Any players who drop from the season after the first game of the season will be required to pay half of the registration fee for their player, to cover the cost of the uniform and insurance. Players who drop from the season after the 4th game will still have to pay the full season amount. Players who are removed from the season for behavioral issues will still owe the full amount.

Tryouts Policy: Tryouts may be conducted for competitive winter or travel teams if there are more registrations than 1.5x the amount of players on the field at a time per team for that age group, rounded down. Tryouts may be conducted at the discretion of the coaches. Coaches should give reasonable accommodation and consideration to players who are unable to attend tryouts, provided they inform the coaches of their conflicts within 24 hours of the tryout schedule being announced. Makeup tryout sessions are not guaranteed, and players who miss tryouts may still be offered a position on the team at a coach's discretion. Tryouts may also be conducted if multiple teams may be formed for the same gender and age group, to determine which team a player may be placed with. Players not selected to participate in the season may be included as reserved players or practice players at the coaches discretion. Players not selected to participate will see a full refund of any registration fees paid thus far.

Injury Policy: Players may receive a partial refund if they sustain an injury during the season that prevents them from participating in practices, games, or finishing the remainder of the season, provided that the injury was sustained at a soccer event such as a practice or game. Players will not receive any refund for games missed due to injuries sustained outside of soccer events.

Travel Fine Repayment Policy: Any fines given to the league as a result of the behavior of a particular player or spectator will be added to the registration total for the associated offending player. Fines must be paid in full before the player is permitted to participate in a TSC program again.

AQI Policy: For all AQI levels above 100, all Lower House events (Practices and games) will be canceled. Upper House and Premier events can still take place at parent's/ player's discretion, with added water breaks. For all AQI levels above 150, all TSC House events are cancelled. Travel teams are also required to cancel practices for AQI levels above 150, but the determination of game cancellations due to air quality will come from the BWNYSJSL