



Barrie Cardinals Soccer Club De Futbol INC. Policy on Enjoyment and Long-Term Participation

1. Purpose

The Barrie Cardinals Soccer Club De Futbol INC. is committed to fostering an environment where the joy of soccer is celebrated and prioritized. This policy ensures that all participants—players, coaches, families, and community members—experience memorable, positive moments while promoting long-term engagement in the sport.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- Players of all ages and skill levels.
- Coaches, staff, and volunteers.
- Parents, guardians, and spectators involved in club activities.

3. Core Principles of Enjoyment

1. Positive Experiences:

- Every training session, match, or club event will be designed to be engaging, fun, and inclusive for all participants.
- Emphasis will be placed on building friendships, celebrating individual and team achievements, and creating a welcoming community.

2. Balanced Focus:

- While skill development is important, equal priority will be given to ensuring enjoyment and emotional well-being.
- Players will be encouraged to explore their potential without the pressure of performance or results.



3. Inclusion and Accessibility:

- The club is dedicated to providing an environment where everyone, regardless of ability or background, feels valued and included.

4. Long-Term Participation

1. Focus on Lifelong Engagement:

- The club will promote soccer as a lifelong activity by encouraging players to stay connected with the sport through coaching, refereeing, or recreational play as they grow older.

2. Growth Beyond Competition:

- Activities will include non-competitive options, such as community events and recreational programs, to cater to participants who seek enjoyment without the pressures of high-level competition.

3. Development of Life Skills:

- Soccer will be used as a platform to teach life skills such as teamwork, perseverance, and communication, contributing to participants' holistic development.

5. Implementation Strategies

1. Training and Coaching Philosophy:

- Coaches will be trained to create engaging and enjoyable sessions that balance skill development with fun.
- A positive reinforcement approach will be employed, focusing on encouragement rather than criticism.

2. Event Organization:

- Club events, such as tournaments, camps, and team-building activities, will emphasize camaraderie and celebration over competition.



3. **Feedback and Adaptation:**

- Regular feedback from players and families will be sought to ensure programs remain enjoyable and relevant to participants' needs.

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4. **Recognition of Participation:**

- Players and teams will be celebrated for their efforts, creativity, and improvement, regardless of results.
- The club will host events such as year-end celebrations to honor contributions and achievements.

6. **Parental and Spectator Engagement**

1. **Positive Sideline Culture:**

- Parents and spectators are encouraged to support players in a positive, respectful manner that aligns with the club's values.
- The club will provide guidance on how to cheer for effort and sportsmanship over winning.

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2. **Family Participation:**

- Family-friendly events and opportunities for parents to get involved will be offered to build stronger community connections.

7. **Alignment with Organizational Standards**

This policy reflects the values of the Barrie Cardinals Soccer Club De Futbol INC. and aligns with:

- Canada Soccer's **Wellness to World Cup Long-Term Player Development Model**.
- Ontario Soccer's commitment to fostering enjoyable soccer experiences for all participants.



8. Commitment Statement

The Barrie Cardinals Soccer Club De Futbol INC. is dedicated to creating an environment where every participant finds joy in the game, builds lasting memories, and develops a lifelong love for soccer. By prioritizing fun and inclusivity, we aim to keep players engaged in the sport well into the future.