

Penn Legacy Tournaments - Safety Document

Safety and Conduct Guidelines

This form must be signed by coach and turned in at check-in.

Dear Coach,

It is the mission of the Hempfield Soccer Club and Penn Legacy to provide a healthy, safe, and fair competition for all teams participating in this tournament. It is our desire to allow everyone to participate in the activities, view the competitions, and experience the spirit of the tournament.

Please read and be aware of the following guidelines for everyone's safety. Sign the bottom of this document indicating you have read this and agree with the guidelines. A copy of these guidelines should be shared with your team parents. It is also available at tournament headquarters upon request.

SAFETY

Injuries to players:

1. Call a field marshal immediately if you need assistance for an injured player; e.g.: trainer, ambulance, or other aid. They will contact the venue headquarters to get the required aid.
2. If a player needs to go to the trainer or get first aid, please inform the field marshal. If they are able to walk or be transported safely, either you or another adult **MUST** accompany the player. Do not send an injured player alone to seek assistance. Bring the player's medical release with the player.
3. Before you begin playing, learn where the venue headquarters is located. The trainers are stationed at the venue headquarters when they are not attending a player on the field.
4. **If you have an emergency and need immediate assistance, do not hesitate to call 911 on your own. Please call a field marshal immediately if you call 911.**
5. See page 2 regarding concussion.

Roadways and Parking Areas

1. Use caution in all parking areas. Park only in designated areas. Please obey all parking signs. **DO NOT** park on private property. Violators may be ticketed or towed.
2. Please follow parking attendant and directional signs and/or instructions if available.
3. Be aware of pedestrians. Excited young children may dart between cars. Drive slowly in areas where pedestrians will be. Yield to **ALL** pedestrians.
4. Do not walk on the road from parking areas to fields, but only in designated walkways. Use caution when crossing streets. Players should be accompanied by adults when crossing streets.
5. Be aware of heavy traffic around tournament venues. Use caution and courtesy.

Conduct

1. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the law as well as the letter of the law. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area. Repeated violations may result in a game forfeit or suspension of the team from the tournament as decided by the Tournament Committee.
2. Players, coaches, and team officials ejected from a game by the referee shall be ineligible for the next scheduled game.
3. In accordance with USYSA Tournament Hosting Agreement, all red and yellow cards and other matters involving team conduct will be reported to the home club and state association of the team involved.
4. Alcoholic beverages and other illegal substances are not permitted at game sites or on any parking areas.

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Concussion

A player who, as determined by a game official, coach from the player's team, or tournament certified athletic trainer, exhibits signs or symptoms of a concussion or head trauma while participating in a game shall be removed from participation immediately. The player will not be permitted to participate in any further game in the tournament until the player is evaluated by a licensed medical professional and submits a signed, written release to return to play to the Tournament Headquarters. Violations of this rule will result in disqualification of the player's team with no registration refunds.

Tournament Lightning/Inclement Weather Procedures

Please continuously check our website home page for updates. This will be used to communicate weather related issues.

Monitor weather for adverse conditions like lightning.

- Use the *Flash to Bang Method*: for each 5 second count from flash to bang, lightning is one mile away (ex: F-B of ten = 2 miles)

Anytime lightning is visible, **play will be suspended**. All players, coaches, fans, and referees should take shelter immediately in the following:

- Fully enclosed metal vehicles with windows up.
- Enclosed buildings. (available only at Landisville Middle School and East Petersburg Elementary School) Use extra caution at sites where no enclosed building is available.
- The low ground – seek cover in clumps of bushes.
- AVOID metallic objects, trees, water, open fields, or using telephones.
- Wait at least 30 minutes after last lightning flash before resuming activities. The referees will determine if it is safe to resume play.
- If anyone is struck by lightning, call 911 immediately. Notify a field marshal immediately if you call 911.

Tournament Detected Lightning/Inclement Weather Procedures

In the event lightning or dangerous weather is detected, Referees will issue a command for everyone to depart to your vehicles. This will be initiated through the sound of an air horn blast to inform referees, teams and patrons to immediately abandon their match and go to their vehicles. HSC/Penn Legacy requires that all fields be cleared; teams DO NOT have an option to remain on the field – everyone MUST immediately go to and remain in their vehicles and wait for the signal to return to their match. Tents will also be cleared and all tournament staff is to move to vehicles.

Teams will be notified by air horn and through the visible return of referees to the fields that it is okay to return to the fields and resume play.

The following air horn blasts will be used to notify referees, teams and guests to either (a) clear the fields and wait in their vehicles or (b) return to the fields and resume play.

One long blast from the air horns means to clear the field.

Two or Three short blasts from the air horns mean that players and parents can return to the fields and resume play.

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Missing Parent and Missing Child Procedures

MISSING PARENT – Where a child finds a Tournament Representative and lets them know their parents/legal guardian(s) are missing or an adult, and on behalf of such child notifies a Tournament Representative that they have a lost child missing their parents. In such case, the child will be kept at venue headquarters until they are claimed by their parent/legal guardian.

MISSING CHILD – Where a parent or legal guardian notifies a Tournament Representative that they have a child missing. The following procedures are to be followed:

Continuous short blasts from the air horn means a child is missing and the venue is on lockdown. Lockdown means that no one can enter or leave the field complex. Field Marshals, referees and/or Club on-site Field Marshals and staff will block and/or lock all roadway entrance/exits so that people can NOT enter or leave the complex and 911 will be immediately notified.

One extremely long blast from the air horn means the child has been found and allowed entry and exit to the venue will be allowed.

Threat of Harm Policy

In the event it is formally reported to Tournament Staff that there is any imminent threat of actual abuse to oneself or to any others (*which includes physical, verbal or psychological and threats to perpetrate any of these types of acts*), Tournament Staff may at a minimum ask such person to be removed or to remove themselves from the team and premises (if applicable) until and if it is determined that the person is not a harm to themselves or others. The staff reserves the right to require a medical and/or law enforcement assessment and/or medical or law enforcement written statement be provided to Tournament Staff stating that such person is not a threat to harm themselves or anyone else. This applies to players as well as adults. Actions taken will be in the best interests of safety for all others involved in or supporting Tournament Staff and its players and administrators.

THANK YOU for YOUR SUPPORT and COOPERATION with these IMPORTANT POLICIES!!

I have read and understand the tournament safety and conduct guidelines and will inform my players, parents and coaches of the contents of this document.

Your electronic signature or signature below (after the "s/" below) indicates that you have read this release and waiver, fully understand its terms, and consent to be bound. Please enter your First and Last Name S/:

Signed by

Coach S/: _____ Date _____

Team _____ Age _____

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