



CELTIC FC FLORIDA CLUB GUIDELINES

Preparation, Respect & Responsibility for Practices, Games & Tournaments

The legacy of Celtic FC Florida (“Celtic”) is something we require all players, parents, coaches and board members within the Celtic Family to strive to uphold and continue to build upon. The Club Guidelines represent the expectations of conduct the Club has for every member within the Celtic Family.

The mission of Celtic FC Florida is to provide a challenging and exciting soccer experience to all players within the Celtic Family, to be a respected representative of our community, and to strive for excellence in everything we do. The Club Guidelines below are set forth to reinforce this mission.

The following Club Guidelines detail the strict policy Celtic has with respect to Celtic Family conduct at all practices, games, and tournaments both home and away.

Practices

Players must arrive at the field at least ten minutes prior to practice time. The Coach should be notified in advance of practice time if a player is expecting to arrive late, or if a player has to leave practice early. If a player is unable to attend a practice the Coach should be notified in advance of the scheduled practice time.

Recreational players must practice in appropriate soccer attire, while Competitive and Academy players must practice in the official Celtic practice uniform. In cold weather any Celtic winter apparel will be acceptable.

Players must come to practices with plenty of water and their soccer ball properly inflated. Players must wear the proper equipment such as shin-guards, and have any additional equipment such as goalie gloves, ankle/knee braces, etc with them at each practice.

Home Games & Local Tournaments

Players must arrive at the game field at least 30 minutes prior to the game’s scheduled start time. The Coach should be notified in advance of game time if a player is expecting to arrive late, or if a player has to leave the game early. If a player is unable to attend a game the Coach should be notified in advance with as much notice as possible.

Players must arrive dressed properly and in full uniform. Players should also have all necessary equipment such as extra game uniforms, plenty of water, warm-up attire & soccer balls, etc.

Players must only warm-up with their teammates and coaches unless otherwise directed



by the Coach.

Every coach, players, and parents must behave according to the Florida Youth Soccer and Celtic FC Florida codes of conduct, league and tournament rules. The referees and linesmen should always be dealt with in a sportsmanlike and courteous manner. Before, during, and after the games, coaches, players, and parents must refrain from making any comments or speaking negatively to the game officials.

Players should treat their teammates and opponents with respect and should conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and courteous manner.

Any involvement of parents with players during the game has to be designated and approved by the coach (water breaks, injuries etc.). Players should only be instructed by the Coach during the game. The parents' role should be limited to encouragement only – no instruction or coaching is permitted.

Parents are not permitted to approach the Coach after the game for discussions about playing time, playing position, complaints, etc. Meetings should be scheduled for another time outside of scheduled team events when the Coach is available.

Travel Games & Tournaments

A Tournament itinerary should be prepared by the Coach or Team Manager and given to all the players by the Team Manager before departure to any out-of-town Tournament.

Players must follow the itinerary precisely. Players are required to meet at designated areas on time, uniformly dressed as specified by the Coach or Team Manager in order to participate in all team related activities.

To promote a cohesive team environment we strongly encourage players to travel together as a team, when possible. All players that are traveling together should be dressed the same in either one of the practice uniforms or warm-up kits, as pre-determined and communicated by the Team Manager.

When possible, teams should also travel together to and from the hotel and fields during the duration of the Tournament.

Players must be dressed properly and uniformly when departing to the games, and the must have packed all necessary equipment (shin guards, extra game uniforms, warm-up, soccer balls, water etc.).

Prior to departure for the Tournament, the Team Manager (if traveling together) or the players and parents (if traveling separately) should ensure that all players have all necessary equipment such as extra game uniforms, plenty of water, warm-up attire & soccer balls, etc.

The Coach must know the whereabouts of all players at all times. Players must never leave the hotel without permission of the Coach, even if leaving with their parents.



Every person associated with Celtic FC Florida must follow the rules of the hotel in which they are staying. Players are not allowed to run around in the hotel or play soccer in the hotel hallways. Using the swimming pool, hot tub, exercise equipment, or other hotel facilities must only be done after obtaining permission from the Coach or Team Manager.

If the Tournament has both male and female teams, interaction during free time will be allowed in public areas, but absolutely no player will enter the rooms of players of the opposite sex.

If a meeting is necessary between the Coach and an individual player, it must be done in a common area of the hotel or if a more private area is required, then it needs to be done in the presence of the Team Manager or the parent/guardian of the player.

Celtic FC Florida is known for its pristine reputation and tradition of excellence. The Club Guidelines are outlined above to preserve the legacy of Celtic FC Florida while providing a professional, safe, and enjoyable Club environment. Any violation of these policies will be dealt with in an appropriate manner as outlined in the Player and Parent Discipline Policies and Procedures forms.

If you have any concerns or questions with any of the Club's policies, please follow the procedures set forth in the Player and Parent Discipline Policies and Procedures forms.

We believe in our club and we hope you'll join us as we strive to live soccer the Celtic Way!