



BAC TRAVEL PLAYER & PARENT INFORMATION & CODE OF CONDUCT

Welcome to BAC Travel Soccer! Whether you are new to our program or returning for another season, we are thrilled to have you. This packet is designed to provide essential logistical and procedural information to ensure a successful and enjoyable season for players and families. It also includes the BAC Player & Parent Code of Conduct, which outlines behavior and commitment expectations. Please review carefully.

Questions? Contact BAC Leadership at travelprogram@bedfordac.com.

GENERAL SEASON INFORMATION

PLAYER & PARENT COMMITMENT

- BAC welcomes multi-sport athletes and understands that players have outside commitments. However, when a player joins a BAC Travel team, they are making a commitment to their coaches, teammates, and the club. Players are expected to attend scheduled practices and games to ensure team cohesion and development. If a player is unable to meet this expectation due to other commitments, families should discuss this with the coaching staff and BAC Leadership before the season starts. We recognize that occasional conflicts arise, but consistent or last-minute absences without communication may impact playing time, future team placement, and the team's ability to field a full team on game days.

COMMUNICATION

- Notify your coach in advance if your child will miss a practice or game.
- Coaches should be the primary contact for parents and players. If a situation arises where further information is needed, or if issues remain unresolved, contact BAC Leadership at travelprogram@bedfordac.com.

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

- Players must wear matching uniforms (jersey, shorts, socks) for all games.
- Home jerseys are RED; Away jerseys are WHITE — players should always bring both jerseys to every game.
- Shin guards and soccer cleats are mandatory. No jewelry/watches are permitted.
- Bring a soccer ball to all practices and games. All players U8 to U12 will use a size 4 soccer ball. All players U13+ will use a size 5 soccer ball.



WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

- For the most part, we play soccer rain or shine. Practices and games are typically only cancelled when the fields are closed by the town or if there is a safety issue (torrential downpours, standing water on the field, thunderstorms etc.). In the event of a weather-related cancellation, BAC will communicate with coaches and parents as soon as a decision is made. If weather is questionable, consider staying in the vicinity should games/practices be suspended.

PARKING & FIELD RULES

- Pick up trash and respect our fields.
- No dogs allowed per town rules.
- Parking:
 - Greenfield Farms: Use designated lot or park on side streets nearby if additional parking is necessary. NO parking allowed on Greenfield Parkway or grass.
 - Sportsman Field: Use designated lot. The lower High School lot across the street is available for additional parking.

FUN & SPORTSMANSHIP

- Soccer is meant to be fun. Competition is important, but our focus is on player development, teamwork, and fostering a love for the sport.
- Applaud effort and skill from all players. Good sportsmanship is essential to creating a positive environment.



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To ensure a positive experience for everyone, we require all players and parents to adhere to the following standards of behavior and commitment.

PLAYER & PARENT BEHAVIOR

- Represent BAC and the Town of Bedford with pride and good sportsmanship.
- Players:
 - Must respect referees, teammates, opponents, equipment, and coaches.
 - During practices, players are expected to listen attentively to instructions, put in their best effort, and follow drills as directed. While we encourage a fun and positive atmosphere, horseplay that disrupts the session is discouraged. If a player repeatedly disregards instructions or disrupts practice, parents may be asked to step in and support the coach to ensure a productive environment for all. If a player continues this behavior, despite parental involvement, they may be asked to leave.
 - Do not use foul or discriminatory language or obscene gestures.
- Parents:
 - Must respect coaches, players, referees, parents, opponents, and equipment.
 - Do not enter the field of play or coach sideline unless you are asked to.
 - Do not coach from the sidelines. Let the coaches coach.
 - Do not use foul or discriminatory language or obscene gestures.
- Players & Parents:
 - Comply with the Referee Abuse Policy. BAC fully supports U.S. Soccer's "Respect and Protect" (RAP) initiative. Any threats, intimidation, or abuse (in-person or online) directed at referees may result in immediate removal from BAC and possible legal action. For more information, visit <https://www.ussoccer.com/rap>.
- Social Media:
 - Negative social media posts about referees, coaches, players, or the club are prohibited. Concerns should be addressed privately and respectfully.
- Maintain a substance-free environment during all BAC player-involved activities.

FINES & DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- BAC has a Zero Tolerance Policy related to disrespectful and inappropriate behavior towards coaches, players, referees, parents, and opponents.
- All offenses will be reviewed. BAC Leadership reserves the right to impose fines and/or suspensions. Depending on the circumstances and severity, BAC Leadership also reserves the right to ban parents/players from BAC events including games and practices.

By participating in BAC Travel Soccer, players and parents agree to uphold this Code of Conduct. Thank you for your cooperation and support.