

*Bryans Road Soccer
Association (BRSA)*



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Where Everyone Has Fun
Policies and Guidelines

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Purpose:

BRSA stresses participation for all players, teaching of skills, good sportsmanship, and having fun through sports. Coaches will provide one half total match playing time for each player in a match, provided the player has participated in sufficient practice to warrant game play.

Administration:

- BRSA does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex or country of origin.
- BRSA Officers shall be President, Board members, and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected seasonally by the membership. The Treasurer shall sign all checks for expenditures by BRSA. No member (including coaches) may incur any expenditure of the Association without prior approval of the President.
- All coaches and assistant coaches must be County certified and approved by the President in cooperation with the Board.
- All checks payable to the Association shall be made to Bryans Road Soccer Association.
- No member (including coaches) of the Association may incur an expense on behalf of the Association without prior approval from the President.
- Any interested persons interested in serving on the Board may contact the President.

Suggestions/Complaints:

- All suggestions/concerns are welcome. They should be addressed first with the coach before contacting any BRSA officer or the President.
- Unresolved complaints should be directed to the BRSA President either verbally or in writing. All complaints will be handled and investigated in an impartial manner by BRSA and its Board. Public facility involvement is requested only when an issue cannot be settled by BRSA.

Rules and Regulations:

- Rules and regulations set forth by Public Facilities will govern this Association. In situations not covered by Public Facilities, FIFA rules will apply. Coaches should read and understand to the best of their ability the rules set forth by FIFA laws and as modified by Charles County Public Facilities.
- No person shall appear in public under the influence of alcohol or drugs at any time while conducting the activities or duties of BRSA.
- No member, coach or assistant coach will use tobacco products during the game or practice.
- It is the duty of all members of the Association to protect BRSA against fraud, misrepresentation and unethical practice in the performance of BRSA activities.
- For insurance purposes, practice times assigned by the county must be adhered to with no changes or additions.
- No member shall publicly disparage the practices of another member.
- No member should seek unfair advantage over another member and should conduct his/her duties to avoid controversies with other members.
- In the event of a controversy between members and/or members associated with different organizations, the member shall submit the dispute in writing to the BRSA President and Board rather than litigate or take matters into their own hands.
- All members should be loyal to BRSA and make every effort to be active in its programs and fundraising.

Team Selection Policy:

- Players will be distributed evenly among teams according to age, sex and experience.
- First to register will be on the roster. If more than the roster limit sign up, formation of a second team and third team will become necessary as coaches are available.
- No special requests will be entertained, no exception.
- Board members and coaches will have guaranteed spots on the roster and receive a 1 player discount per family.
- No pets allowed at any practice or game for the safety of the children.

Sportsmanship:

- No coach or assistant coach should deliberately run up the score in a game. For example, if your team is ahead by 5 goals, the coach should make every effort to prevent them from scoring more goals. This can be done by giving players an opportunity to play positions they do not normally play, while still maintaining a strong defense.

The above standards of BRSA should help us all achieve our goals:

1. To have fun – coaches, players, parents, grandparents and guests.

2. To help young people develop physically, psychologically and socially.

Violation and Sanctions of Our Policies:

- A violation of the policies is an offense against BRSA and its membership and can result in the following:
 - 1st warning: parents contacted
 - 2nd warning: 1 game suspension with phone call to explain action to Public Facilities
 - 3rd warning: removal from team for remainder of season (no refunds).
- Discipline should be fair and responsible and should fit the offense. Illegal action will result in informing county authorities.
- A violation of our policies in cases determined by the BRSA Board members to be an emergency, the executive Board may remove coach, player, or member immediately by majority vote.

Inclement weather:

- Public Facilities will notify the BRSA President of game cancellations as soon as possible. President will inform coaches, who will in turn, notify players. The President, nor the coaches has any authority to cancel games.
- If weather conditions change while a match is in progress or the field is in unsafe playing condition, the game official will make the decision to cancel the game.
- Matches cancelled due to inclement weather will be scheduled according to field availability and time.
- Matches cancelled after the start of the 2nd half will be counted as a complete game.

Medical:

- All members must abide by a doctor's or parent's decision in all matters concerning a player's health or injury, as to his/her physical ability to play soccer.
- The coaches must not allow any child to enter or re-enter a game or practice if there is any doubt as to the seriousness of an injury.

Abuse:

- Members must not unduly criticize players in front of other players or members.
- No person connected with BRSA shall use physical or verbal abuse against spectators, parents, players, game officials, coaches or other members.
- No person connected with BRSA shall use profanity of any nature while conducting activities or duties of BRSA.
- All persons concerned should accept the decisions of the officials as being fair as called to the best of their abilities.
- Any disputes concerning a game should be directed to the coach. The coaches will then inform the Association President.

Refund Policy:

- No refunds will be given 7 days after the first practice.

Uniforms and Equipment:

- Shirts and socks will be furnished to each player. Jerseys must be returned at the end of the season.
- Shin guards are mandatory
- Glasses must be adequately secured around the head.
- No jewelry of any kind (hair clips, watches, earrings, etc.) is to be worn during the game.
- Cleats are the prescribed footwear for outdoor play (no metal spikes).
- Equipment will be furnished by the Association and purchased with BRSA funds.

Practice:

- Players are encouraged to participate in any and all practices.
- If a player is unable to attend a scheduled practice or game due to illness or unforeseen reasons, the parent or guardian is encouraged to contact the coach prior to the scheduled time.
- For players 12 and under, parents are required to stay for the entire practice/game.