



## **Bend FC Parent & Spectator Sideline Expectations**

At Bend FC, we are committed to creating a positive, respectful, and development-focused environment for all players. Parents and spectators play a critical role in shaping the game-day experience. The following expectations are in place to ensure our sidelines reflect the values of our club.

*\*By registering for any Bend FC programs you are agreeing to abide by the sideline expectations.*

### **Support All Players**

- Cheer positively for effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship—not just outcomes.
- Avoid coaching from the sidelines. Allow players to make decisions and learn from the game.
- Encourage resilience and confidence in all athletes.

### **Respect Coaches & Referees**

- Coaches are responsible for player development and team decisions.
- Referees are essential to the game—treat them with respect at all times.
- Do not question, confront, or criticize referees during or after matches.
- If you want to talk with a coach, schedule a time. Do not approach coaches directly after a contest. Wait 24 hours and schedule a meeting.
- Spectators should never address referees while they are working Bend FC games, post game, pre-game, or via social media.

### **Model Sportsmanship**

- Be a role model for players by demonstrating composure and respect.
- Applaud good play from both teams.
- Refrain from negative comments, sarcasm, or confrontational behavior.

### **Let the Game Be the Teacher**

- Soccer is a player-centered experience. Mistakes are part of development.

- Avoid giving instructions such as “shoot,” “pass,” or “clear it.”
- Trust the process and the coaching staff.

## **Sideline Conduct**

- Remain in designated spectator areas.
- Keep sidelines free of distractions or disruptions.
- Maintain appropriate language—no profanity or inappropriate remarks.

## **Address Concerns the Right Way**

- Wait 24 hours before discussing concerns with coaches.
- Do not approach coaches immediately after games.
- Respect communication channels and club policies.

## **Put Players First**

- The experience belongs to the players—not the adults.
- Prioritize enjoyment, growth, and development over winning.
- Help create an environment where every player feels safe and supported.

## **Our Standard**

Bend FC is more than just a soccer club—we are a community built on respect, integrity, and development. Every parent and spectator is expected to uphold these standards and contribute to a positive culture on and off the field.

## **What happens when expectations are not met?**

Failure to meet these expectations may result in removal from the sideline. Further disciplinary action may be taken. At Bend FC, we believe in creating a positive, supportive sideline. If behavior falls short of that, we have a process to help reset expectations. It's never personal. It's a policy.

*\*Every league, tournament or event has a regulatory process. While these are the action steps Bend FC will take, other regulatory bodies may intervene, take control of, or operate in collaboration with Bend FC when an incident occurs..*

## **Step 1: Reminder or Sideline Warning**

- A coach, referee, or field marshal may issue a calm, verbal reminder regarding sideline expectations.
- This serves as an opportunity to self-correct without further action.
- Or, a clear and direct warning will be issued.
- The individual may be informed that continued behavior will result in removal from the sideline.

## **Step 2: Sideline Removal**

- The individual is asked to leave the field/sideline area for the remainder of the game.
- Play may be paused until the individual complies.
- Failure to leave may result in game abandonment. Law enforcement involvement, or other actions

## **Step 3: Post-Game Review**

- The incident will be documented by club staff, referee, law enforcement, or league officials.
- Bend FC leadership will follow up with the individual or players responsible party to review expectations, next steps, action steps, other.

## **Step 4: Disciplinary Action**

Depending on severity or repeated behavior, actions may include:

- Suspension from attending future games
- Temporary or season-long sideline bans
- Required meeting with club leadership before returning
- Additional actions aligned with league or club policies
- A trespass order may be put into place.

## **Step 5: Escalation (Severe Behavior)**

- Any abusive, threatening, or unsafe behavior may result in immediate removal without warning.
- Serious incidents may be referred to league authorities, law enforcement, and could result in extended suspension or permanent ban.

## **Our Priority**

The safety, development, and well-being of players always come first. Bend FC will consistently and fairly enforce these standards to ensure a positive environment for everyone involved.