

# 30th Annual Gaylord Sheppard Memorial Soccer Tournament



Presented by the Rio Rapids Soccer Club  
WisePies Pizza and Salad  
& Duke City Soccer League



## COACH'S GUIDELINES FOR TOURNAMENT CONDUCT

The following are the guidelines for your team's tournament conduct. Please inform your players, team parents, and other spectators of these guidelines; then sign below to indicate that you have done so, and **bring the signed form with you to the Teams' Check-In**. Please be aware that these guidelines will be strictly enforced. Please contact us if you have any questions. Thanks!!!

We are interested in doing all that we can to see that you have a very positive experience at our tournament. In recent years, the amount and level of misconduct by players, coaches, and spectators at soccer matches has increased around the country. In an effort to curb this disturbing trend and improve your time at our event, we feel it is necessary to share with you our guidelines for conduct at our event. Often it is noted that spectators in particular are unaware of proper conduct.

1. NO coach, spectator, or bench personnel are to enter the field of play during a match, **PARTICULARLY** if an incident occurs on the field. Coaches and substitutes may enter the field **ONLY** when indicated to do so by the Referee.
2. **ONLY** the team captains or coaches of the team may address the Referee before, during, and after a match, and then only for the purpose of information, and not to question decisions. Remember, this applies from the time the Referee arrives at the site until he/she leaves, and not just during the match.
3. **UNDER NO** circumstance should anyone **EVER** touch a Referee. Please be aware that just touching a Referee can be judged as an assault on that Referee.
4. **WE** are interested in providing the best refereeing that we can, and a significant amount of effort goes into that process. As such, we welcome your feedback about the job that we have done. Please do not directly address referees with your comments. Instead, please put your comments down **in writing** and give them to one of the Field Marshalls or any of the Tournament Staff Members. We will forward these comments on to the Referee Administrators and we will also use the information to improve our referee scheduling in the future.

Violations of these guidelines may result in barring the offending person(s) from the fields, suspension or cancellation of matches, or ejection of person(s) or entire team(s) from the tournament. Also, ALL infractions will be reported to the respective state associations.

I have received copies of the official Tournament Match Schedules and Tournament Rules, and have notified my players, team parents, and other spectators of these Rules & Guidelines for proper tournament conduct.

**Team Name/Age Group/Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach's Cellphone Number: (            )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_