

# Olympiacos Soccer Club Kitchener

## USE OF FIELDS

The Olympiacos Soccer Club Kitchener has the privilege to use fields from Kitchener Parks and Recreation, the Kitchener District School Board and the Kitchener Separate School Board. The proper use and care of the fields will dictate our ability to ensure our access to these fields in the future. The Club needs our members to act as responsible citizens to preserve and enhance our fields in our community and to demonstrate respect regarding its neighbours. It is the coaches, managers, referees and parent's responsibility to educate our children in the proper use of the fields. Let our children care about the environment they are given and leave it in better condition than when they arrived.

### **Field Policy**

We once again face numerous challenges with respect to field availability. The limits placed on the Club are great. Given the growth of the Club, we ask coaches to be creative with regard to practice time and field, however, please respect our fields and restrictions posted. Our mandate is to provide space for the children to PLAY GAMES. Coaches wishing to find space to practice should come to the Office and check on availability.

### **RAIN POLICY**

If you are in doubt, please consult the Club Website. Any field closures will be noted as they become available. If there is no message on the website by 5 pm, then the game has not yet been cancelled – go to the field. In all matters concerning safety however, THE REFEREE HAS THE FINAL DECISION.

### **PARKING**

Parking can be a problem at many of the fields. Please do not park on the grass, "no parking" areas or reserved spots. Do not block driveways, fire routes or other vehicles. Please drive slowly around sites and instruct children to watch out for traffic. Please be reminded that the East York Soccer Club is NOT RESPONSIBLE for any parking tickets that may be issued by the parking authorities.

### **GARBAGE**

It is the responsibility of every team to ensure the fields are left free of trash and/or debris at the end of the game. Please use the waste and recycling receptacles located at the fields. Please do not place recyclable items in the waste bins. If recycle bins are not available please take items home with you and deposit in your home recycle bins. Every player in the club is provided with a refillable water bottle. Please use these or similar items. The club does not endorse the use of disposable water bottles and some of our permits restrict the use of these at the fields. If trash bins are overflowing please contact the club and we will inform the appropriate sources. If teams are found to be leaving garbage and debris at the fields they will be subject to warning and eventually disciplinary action by the Club. The Toronto Parks and Recreation and School Board can and have levied charges against the Club where clean up was required to pick up excessive waste and litter.

### **FIELD INSPECTION**

Before every game or practice please inspect the field from end to end to ensure all debris and safety hazards are removed from the area. Any damages to fields, goal posts, team benches and bleachers should be reported to the Club for further action and follow up.

### **ALCOHOL, SMOKING**

Alcohol is NOT permitted on any city or school board field or surrounding area, including parking lots. Smoking is NOT permitted on any field or surrounding area. This includes the sidelines and areas adjacent to the fields. Please refer to the City of Toronto's smoking by-law for further areas where smoking is prohibited. The Club's will endeavor to maintain an environment for our children that is in keeping with the values of health and fitness.