



Travel Program Rules

Version 4.5

Our program focuses on individual growth thru soccer. FSCI wants each player to learn the values of hard work, commitment, resiliency, overcoming adversity, and meritocracy. The rules support these values.

A. Commitment

1. Commitment is mandatory for all events including rescheduled events.
 - a. Commitment applies to more than just attending events.
 - b. Commitment applies to effort, hard work, learning, self-training, and a positive attitude.
2. Please arrive at an event by the following times.
 - a. 45 minutes before the start time of a game.
 - b. 15 minutes before the start time of a practice or other FSCI event.
3. Absences are excusable if all the following criteria are met.
 - a. Absence is for a medical, academic, or family emergency reason.
 - b. Absence is not a regular occurrence.
 - c. Significant amounts of practice time have not been missed.
4. Please notify our staff on any absence in advance.
 - a. Let us know weeks or months ahead of time.
 - b. Realize that last second notification causes disruptions to one's teammates.
5. Absences that are not excused need to be made up by attending another team practice.
 - a. Makeup practices cannot be a regular occurrence.
 - b. If you miss many practices excused, it is in your best interest to makeup the practices.
 - c. Secure permission before attending the other team practice. Sometimes no space is available.
 - d. If you are unable to makeup an unexcused absence, there is a playing time reduction.

B. Playing Time

1. Playing time is determined by a child's commitment, discipline, effort, and productivity.
 - a. Playing time is not guaranteed
 - b. Playing time is not an entitlement.
 - c. Playing time is not linked to the payment of membership dues
 - d. Realize that a player has 100% control over their effort
2. Playing time will be reduced for reasons including but not limited to the following:
 - a. A single unexcused absence
 - b. Excessive tardiness
 - c. Lack of effort at practices
 - d. Discipline issues
 - e. Excessive last second notifications on absences
3. A playing time reduction for any of the items in #2 above will result in one of the following situations.
 - a. Sitting out half a game
 - b. Sitting out a full game
4. If you want more playing time, a player needs to take responsibility by performing the following tasks.
 - a. Self-train at home for a minimum of 1 hour a day over a sustained period.
 - b. Demonstrate to the coach a higher degree of commitment and effort than one's teammates
 - c. Demonstrate to the coach that your attitude is resilient and positive

C. Conduct - Players

1. To participate in events, a player must do the following.
 - a. Wear the proper uniform for practices or games.
 - b. Wear shin guards
 - c. Wear proper footwear - cleats (outdoor events) or indoor shoes (indoor events)
 - d. Bring water
 - e. Respectful and positive attitude towards everyone and everything
2. Each player must treat everyone with respect to participate.
 - a. Verbal abuse of teammates, coaches, or referees is not acceptable
 - b. Show teammates that you care by providing maximum effort and a positive attitude
3. A player can be dismissed from the program for the following reasons.
 - a. commitment issues
 - b. misconduct by player or parent

D. Conduct – Parents & Guardians

1. Do not instruct the players. It leads to confusion and unnecessary conflict between coach and parent.
2. Do not engage in verbal abuse, physical abuse, or outward public displays of criticism of players, referees, officials, or coaches.
3. Do not interfere with coaches, referees, or officials actively involved in games or practices.
4. Do not offer input into roster decisions, gameday decisions, practice decisions, or any coaching decisions.
5. If the league, state association, or club imposes a fine on a parent or player for misconduct, the parent is responsible for paying the fine.
6. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their child meets all requirements outlined in the Player Checklist.
7. FSCI reserves the right to remove a player from an activity or the program if there is parent misconduct.

E. Communication

1. FSCI posts same-day schedule changes on our social media pages.
2. All events are on the team calendar. If it is not on the calendar, it does not exist.
3. Parents and players are responsible for reviewing the team calendar and monitoring our social media pages prior to attending a practice, game or other FSCI event.
4. If there is an issue, please talk directly to the coach.
5. The coach will only discuss where your child needs improvement or any issue specific to your child.
6. Parents are responsible for knowing and seeking out all communications generated by the coach or club.

F. Other Issues

1. Parents are responsible for reading and understanding the Parent Handbook, Membership Plan, Coaching Disclaimer agreement, and Player Checklist.
2. In the event of issues not addressed in this document, the coach will rely on our philosophy and objectivity to make decisions in the best interest of the player development environment.
3. There will be no refunds on any money submitted to the club regardless of reason or circumstance.
4. A player cannot participate in any activities if a payment deadline has been missed. This rule applies regardless of previous payments.
5. Uniform purchases are made thru a third-party vendor.
6. No one may use the club logo or any of its intellectual property for merchandising, t-shirts, or other usage without the express written permission of the Executive Director.
7. A player will not guest play with teams at other clubs because it is a clear conflict of interest. Players are expected to observe break periods and attend all club events.
8. If required, a player will need to fill out the US Club Soccer medical release form prior to participating in US Club soccer sanctioned games.
9. All players and parents must comply with any FSCI health protocols that are in place.