



Travel Program Rules

Version 4.1

A. Commitment

It is never ok to be absent. Regardless of the excuse, it doesn't change the fact that the player missed instruction or an opportunity to improve.

1. Commitment is mandatory for all events.
2. Competitive travel soccer is a choice that is made at the expense of other activities.
3. An absence for medical, academic, and family emergency reasons constitutes an excusable absence only if it's not a regular occurrence.
4. Absences must be kept to a minimum.
5. Please notify the coach well in advance of any absence.
6. Players need to arrive at least 15 minutes BEFORE the start time of an event.
7. Schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. Players are still expected to attend a rescheduled event.
8. A player needs to "make up" missed practice as it shows a commitment towards improvement and wanting to learn.

B. Playing Time

Players are directly responsible for their playing time as this teaches the values of hard work, commitment, dedication, and earning things on merit.

1. Playing time is NOT guaranteed.
2. Playing time is NOT an entitlement.
3. Playing time is earned, not given.
4. Playing time will be reduced for missing events or tardiness unless excused.
5. Playing time is based effort, commitment, discipline, willingness to improve, and productivity.

C. Conduct and Expectations - Players

Appropriate conduct is important in maintaining a positive learning environment.

1. Treat coaches, teammates, and opponents with respect.
2. Players can be disciplined or dismissed from the program for any conduct that compromises the integrity of the program such as commitment or discipline issues.
3. All players must wear the proper equipment. This includes but is not limited to shin guards, cleats, practice uniform, and game uniform.

D. Conduct and Expectations – Parents

Parents must set a positive example at team events. This game is for the players, not the parents.

1. Do not instruct the players. The player maybe removed from the game if it's heard.
2. Parents cannot verbally abuse, utilize profanity, or engage in outward criticism of players, officials, or coaches.
3. Parents shall not discuss roster decisions, gameday decisions, practice decisions, or other coaching decisions with the coach.

4. 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.
5. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their child meets all requirements outlined in the Player Registration Checklist document.
6. Violating D1, D2, D3, D4, or D5 will jeopardize your child's future with the club.

E. Communication

1. Same-day schedule changes will be posted on our social media pages
2. Parents and players are responsible for checking our social media pages before heading out to events and also for knowing what's on the team calendar.
3. If there is an issue, please talk directly to the coach. Do not talk to the manager.
4. The coach will only discuss where your child needs improvement or any issue specific to your child.
5. The coach will NOT discuss any practice decisions or gameday decisions.
6. Parents are responsible for knowing all communications generated by the coach, manager, or club.

F. Other Issues

1. Parents are responsible for reading and understanding the Parent Handbook, Plan and Benefits document, and Player Registration Checklist.
2. In the event of a rules conflict or issues not addressed in this document, the coach will rely on our philosophy 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. This includes but is not limited to uniform money, club dues, fundraiser money, etc.
4. A player cannot participate in any activities if a membership payment deadline has been missed. This rule applies regardless if previous payments have been made. The exception is if the player is on an approved payment plan.
5. Uniform purchases are made thru a third party vendor. If there is an issue, you must address the issue with the third party vendor. It's important to try on the uniform before ordering.
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. Players 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.