

Building a kid healthy community, one kick at a time.

**Travel Handbook** 

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### **WFI COMF**

The Kingston Area Soccer League (KASL) was established in 1998. It is a complete soccer club for boys and girls 18 years and younger. The KASL Travel club consists of teams playing in EHYSL and ENYYSA leagues.

Travel soccer is more competitive in nature. Travel teams offer competition and training for players who have the potential, drive and desire to compete at a higher level. The primary focus of the Travel Program is player development through quality coaching and high quality competition. Great emphasis is placed on teamwork and sportsmanship.

Travel season is a full year program starting in the fall and ending in the spring of the following year. Travel games are scheduled primarily on Sundays. The schedule traditionally consists of 8-10 league games, half of which are played at our home fields and the other half away. Away games are typically a 1 to 2 hour drive from the area depending on where you are located in the county. The fall season begins the weekend after Labor Day and extends through mid-November. Winter training starts in January and goes to March. The spring season begins in April and extends through June.

## REGISTRATION AND FEES

There are various fees associated with participation in a travel program. For the Fall 2018/Spring 2019 season each player will be required to pay a fee of \$325.00 per year (\$300.00 for U12 and younger) plus \$85.00 for a full Adidas brand uniform with shorts, socks and two shirts with your child's last name on the back. Travel fees include registration, insurance, field maintenance, and referee fees. Fees are non-refundable.

The fees for tournaments, use of indoor facilities and trainers are raised by each team through donations or fund raising efforts. Each team is responsible for maintaining its own financial records. Typically this is the responsibility of the Team Manager who works closely with the Travel Director.

## KASL RESPONSIBILITIES

KASL provides teams with as part of fees:

- 1. Player uniforms (2 jerseys, shorts, 1 pair of socks), which is the player's to keep after the season is completed (provided when the uniform is paid in full).
- 2. Team soccer balls for games (retained by the coach)
- 3. Practice and game equipment such as whistles, cones, coaching clip board
- 4. Team rosters (game schedules are provided by EHYSL)
- 5. Assignment/Upkeep of game and practice fields
- 6. Insurance coverage for players and coaches
- 7. First aid kit for each team
- 8. Corner flags for home games (kept in KASL Shed between games)

## **VOLUNTEER COACH RESPONSIBILITIES**

Volunteer Coaches make up one of the most important parts of the experience with KASL and are very important to the success of our league. KASL places high priority on hiring a highly qualified, licensed and knowledgeable coaching staff. All KASL coaches that volunteer to coach travel teams will have a minimum of a USSF "E" License.

The club provides support for the coaches by:

- Promoting and funding continuing education and other avenues for coaching development.
- Providing a professional, supportive environment.

#### Coaches and Assistant Coaches are expected to:

- 1. Understand the EHYSL and ENYYSA game operating procedures which can be found at ehysl.net.
- 2. Pass a risk assessment screening at ehysl.net.
- 3. Be prompt and on time to training sessions and matches.
- 4. Attend all matches and tournaments unless otherwise notified.
- 5. Be presentable and dressed in a soccer manner ideally wearing team shirt at all games.
- 6. Check the playing field to ensure it is safe both during practices and games and ensure goal cages are secured and anchored.
- 7. Keep team equipment organized.
- 8. Be passionate about the game.
- 9. Pre-plan your training sessions.
- 10. Provide an environment where learning, teamwork, and long-term goals are paramount.
- 11. Teach the Technical, Psychological, Tactical, and Physical aspects to the game.
- 12. Set a high standard for discipline and sportsmanship.
- 13. Motivate and challenge players to consistently give their best.
- 14. Give every encouragement to win games but don't become fixated on the result. (Specially developmental teams up-to U-15 age brackets)
- 15. Respect the referee and the other team and always shake hands at the end of the game.
- 16. Agree that any information pertaining to the club, its members, or operation is considered private and is not to be shared with anyone outside club membership.
- 17. Foster open lines of communication between the players, member/parents, and the club.
- 18. Work closely with the Travel Director to schedule qualified trainers to work with their teams. Each KASL travel team gets a total of six free training sessions for the year. It is up to the coach to arrange this with the Travel Director. No unapproved trainers may work with any team. Trainers need to be assigned through the club Travel Director and need to also be Risk Management cleared to be around players.
- 19. Work with the Travel Director to determine appropriate tournaments. These tournaments have to be USSF approved tournaments.
- 20. Not allow unapproved adults to participate in practices or scrimmages with players unless they are Risk Management approved. (Please note: the responsibility if a child was hurt would fall on the volunteer coach)

#### Additionally

- 21. The distribution of playing time is solely at the coach's discretion in Division 1 teams only. Developmental and lower division teams are bound by EHYSL by-laws that demand every player be given equal playing time. Playing time decisions need to be fair and unbiased.
- 22. If a player misses consecutive unexcused practices, the coach should contact the parent via e-mail and copy the travel director.
- 23. No training or games shall take place when thunder or lightning is in the immediate area. At the first hearing or sighting of thunder or lightning in the immediate area, the players and coaches are to leave the fields and seek safe shelter. Please read rules and safety issues about lightning and thunder under Weather.

## **VOLUNTEER TEAM MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Team managers are an integral part of the way the club operates as well as the way it is perceived. A team manager conducts the financial and administrative duties for the team and communicates various team activities to the players and parents. This person volunteers their time to keep the team's administrative matters organized and we ask that each player and parent give them their full cooperation.

Quite often, they are the most consistent voice to the players and family members and it is important that players and families are responsive to communications from team managers to keep things running smoothly.

#### Team managers are expected to:

- 1. Pass a risk assessment screening found at <a href="ehysl.net">ehysl.net</a>.
- 2. Establish a clear system of communicating with players and their parents on all matters. Unless otherwise delegated it is the administrator's responsibility to keep the team's communication system updated on a regular basis. Currently each team has a site through Sport Illustrated: <a href="http://www.siplay.com/teams">http://www.siplay.com/teams</a>.
- 3. Develop and keep updated the team contact list.
- 4. Work with the coach to assign team jersey numbers and maintain list.
- 5. Work with KASL Travel Director to ensure all team members have full uniforms and replacements as needed.
- 6. Work with the team and the club to ensure that the team stays in compliance with league, state, and tournament regulations.
- 7. Ensure medical release forms are in place for all players and have copies available for tournaments.
- 8. Ensure that all information and materials from the club distributed in a timely manner.
- 9. Remember, the team administrator's main job is one of facilitator. The administrator is not a coach, general administrator, or team owner. Direct all parent and player concerns that are individual in nature to your respective coach. Discussion of issues such as playing time, coach's decisions or club direction or policies should be referred directly to the coach. In the event, there is no resolution please take the matter up with the Travel Director.

#### 10. For each game:

- a. Print game sheets from ehysl.net site. You should have been provided with a login and password at the start of each season.
- b. Have team player passes with player pictures which are to given to the ref along with game sheets at start of game. Fill in players numbers on team info page so they are populated in each game sheet.
- c. Take a photo of final game sheets and email to both EHYSL (<u>debbie@ehysl.org</u>) and KASL Travel Director (iavlam@aol.com).
- d. Update ehysl.net following all game with scores.
- e. For home games:
  - i. pick up Referee checks from Travel Director in advance of the game. Travel Director will establish a set time for check distribution.
  - ii. pay referee with KASL check, take a picture of filled out check with referee name on it and email to KASL Travel Director (<a href="mailto:iavlam@aol.com">iavlam@aol.com</a>) and club treasurer (<a href="mailto:lvchichi@aol.com">lvchichi@aol.com</a>).
- f. All unused Ref checks should be returned to the club treasurer and team account credited.
- 11. Work with the Travel Director who works with the treasurer to keep the team budget.
- 12. Work with team and Travel Director to determine any outside team building activities and fundraising initiatives.
- 13. Facilitate attendance and fees for any club related events (like yearly banquet).
- 14. During games and practices, confine yourself to the sideline with players and the coaches.

## PLAYER/FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **Player expectations**

- 1. Attend all training sessions, matches, tournaments, and meetings unless previously excused by the coach. When conflicts arise, notify your coach or manager as soon as possible ahead of time. You have a responsibility to the club and your teammates to be sure to get the most of your time spent at club events.
- 2. Be punctual. It is suggested that players should arrive 5 minutes prior to scheduled practice time and 30 minutes prior to games to properly prepare. Show respect for your team members and coach's time, as theirs is as valuable as yours.
- 3. Be prepared and ready at all games and practices. This means:
  - a. Shin guards with soccer socks covering them.
  - b. Cleats.
  - c. Full Uniform and shirt tucked in on game days. (Always have both jerseys available on game day.)
  - d. No jewelry.
  - e. Prepared to use good sportsmanship on and off the field.
  - f. PROPERLY INFLATED and size soccer ball for practice.
  - g. Water bottle with water in it.
- 4. Remember you represent KASL and the community you live in at all times. We respect the game, our opponents, and all individuals in life. You have an obligation when you agree to be a member of this club to be respectful of others and to make your behavior an example for all members. You are expected to exemplify leadership and respect toward referees, fans, and opposing teams.
- 5. Cellphones not permitted to be used during games or practices unless need to contact parent/guardian.

Additionally KASL recommends the following equipment though none of it is a condition of playing in practices or games.

- 1. Mouth guard. Soccer is a contact sport and a mouth guard is recommended.
- 2. Sunscreen, best applied 30 minutes prior to the start of the game or practice.
- 3. Bug repellent

The following equipment is optional, but made available by the club as a convenience for our members and is not required to play or practice.

- 1. KASL Warmup jackets
- 2. Soccer bag or backpack

#### Family/Guardian expectations

- 1. Be a role model for all the kids and adults in the organization. Park in designated areas only.
- 2. Make only positive verbal comments.
- 3. Attempt to learn the game and gain knowledge which can be used to promote the sport of soccer.
- 4. Keep clear lines of communication with the coaching staff, team manager, and the players.
- 5. Inform club of child's relevant medical conditions.
- 6. Pay fees promptly when they are due.
- 7. Show respect for referees, staff, players (both our players and opponents).
- 8. Be responsible for your children being on time, properly equipped, and showing respectful behavior no matter what the circumstances or provocation.

9. Do NOT coach your child from the sidelines as your directions to your child could be contrary to the directions being given by the coaching staff. Applaud all good play both your own teams and the opponents.

## **TEAM LOGISTICS**

#### **Age Grouping**

Teams will be grouped according to player birth-date. There may be occasions where it is warranted to combine two age groups to ensure a sufficient number and caliber of players – typically in the older age groups. When this is done, the teams are defined by the older age group. Thus, a U17 and U18 combined team is considered to be a U18 team.

#### **Team Size**

Teams will only be formed if there is a sufficient number of players trying out to ensure adequate team depth. All teams U13 and older shall have a minimum of 15 players on their roster.

Age	Field Size	# of Players on Field	Recommended Team Size	Ball size
U9	3/4	7	12	4
U10	3/4	7	12	4
U11	3/4	9	13	4
U12	3/4	9	13	4
U13 and higher	Full-size	11	16	5

#### **Age Meaning Description**

U9 Under 9 Not more than 8 years old as of the start of the same year.

U10 Under 10 Not more than 9 years old as of the start of the same year.

U11 Under 11 Not more than 10 years old as of the start of the same year.

U12 Under 12 Not more than 11 years as of the start of the same year.

U13 Under 13 Not more than 12 years old as of the start of the same year.

#### Playing in a Higher Age Division

Players may be allowed to play in a higher age division "play up" if it is clearly in the best interest of the player involved and if the following conditions are met:

- 1. Approval of the Travel/Technical Director.
- 2. The player will be able to:
  - a. earn significant amount of playing time on the older age group team
  - b. maintain this level of play throughout the entire season without an adverse effect on the player's development and growth.
- 3. The only option for the player is to play on an older age team as there is no team in his/her own age group.

## TEAM/PLAYER TRYOUTS

The KASL open tryout process shall typically be held during May/June of each year to select players for the following playing year (Fall/Spring). The KASL tryout process shall be open to all players and shall give equal consideration to each player without regard to race, religion, ethnic or social background, or economic status. All current players have to try-out each year to keep their spot on the team. Players will be assessed by a committee of qualified USSF coaches. KASL encourages players to practice on their own outside of their team practices to increase their level of skill each year.

Players may be added to a team at any time during the seasonal year provided that there are open spots on the roster. A limited open tryout may be held at the discretion of the KASL Travel Director and team coaches at any time during the year.

Prospective players wishing to tryout after the team roster has been established may be considered if there are open position(s) on the roster and after being evaluated by, at a minimum, the team coach. All teams will take the maximum number of players allowed as per EHYSL. This will no longer be at the discretion of the coaches.

Travel teams can invite a potential travel player to their practices up-to THREE times to assess the player. After those three assessments they can invite the player to sign up as a travel player for their team or encourage them to continue playing and try out again at a later time. All players trying out for a team need to have a waiver filled and held by the coach for any travel team. These waivers then need to be given to the Travel director of the club.

## PLAYER TRANSFERS

Players wishing to transfer from one KASL team to a different KASL team at any time during a season (Fall/Spring) must notify their current coach and the Travel Director. Approval of the transfer is contingent upon the following criteria. The transfer:

- 1. is approved by the Travel Director, head coaches for both teams and the player's parents.
- 2. will not be unduly disruptive for each team.
- 3. is a permanent transfer and not meeting a short term need.

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Long-term player development is the number one goal of KASL programs. Player development program is divided into three stages:

- 1. Developmental stage U8-U12 age groups
- 2. Transitional stage U13-U15 age groups
- 3. Competitive stage U16-U18 age groups

Furthermore, KASL player development program encompasses Technical, Tactical, Physical and Psychological aspects of the game that are specific to each stage and each age group and ensure adequate player development and progress over the entire course of the program.

#### **Developmental Stage:**

The goal of this stage is to provide ample opportunities for players to build a solid foundation that will ensure their future success. While teams always compete to win games, results are not important. During training sessions players work on learning soccer fundamentals and are, then, encouraged to try them in league and tournament play. During games players are encouraged to take risks, to try out different things and to play with emotional freedom without undue pressure of winning games from coaches and parents.

#### **Transitional Stage:**

During this stage the pace of player development quickens due to the acceleration of physical and mental maturation. Main emphases are on the development of individual skills under pressure of time, space and an opponent. During training sessions and games, players are encouraged to solve various problems (decision making) within the context of the game or a particular situation on the field. Team tactics and various systems of play are introduced into the training program. The game should remain fun and enjoyable and players should have a passion for the game.

#### **Competitive Stage:**

This stage of player development is characterized by demanding and challenging training sessions and competitive matches. All individual skills are practiced, for the most part, at match speed and under match conditions. Coaches demand excellence from players in all aspects of individual skills while understanding that mistakes will happen. Training sessions involve technical functional and tactical functional training and a great deal of coaching is within 9 v 9 or 11 v 11 situations.

## **PRACTICES**

Travel teams practice at least two times a week for approximately one and one-half hours at each practice. As with games, practices are mandatory, as they are vital for individual player development and also for development and cohesiveness of the team. Punctuality is expected.

Practices are conducted between Monday and Friday, starting no earlier than 4:00pm and ending no later than 9:30pm, with practices after 8pm restricted to U15 and older age groups. Practices may be scheduled on a weekend or during other days and times than the regular training schedule as determined by the coach. Tournament only teams during the spring season will typically conduct practices on Saturday or Sunday at times and locations determined by the coach.

The start of seasonal practices is restricted by field openings, which are determined by the weather. In general, practices begin as soon as fields are made available for play, which typically occurs 2-3 weeks prior to the first game, and ends with the final game.

It is expected that each team will hold weekly winter practices between January and March. Locations for these practices are coordinated through the Travel Director.

Travel players missing four practices during a season without a valid reason, can at the discretion of the coach, and be removed from the team to make room for more dedicated players. In the event a player is removed from a team by a coach, the player will not be refunded any fees paid.

Practices shall be cancelled under conditions of dangerous weather or other conditions as necessary to help ensure the safety of the player. Practices cancelled due to weather may be made up at the discretion of the coach and

depending on field availability. Finally, makeup practices (or team functions) shall be scheduled for cancellations that are due to unavailability of the coach or a suitable replacement.

Travel teams are not to allow siblings and other recreational players to practice with the travel team. Having recreational players participate in a travel practice diminishes the value for the travel players and takes away from the travel practices.

### WINTER TRAINING

All travel soccer teams in KASL will be required to have winter practices at least once a week. These practices set the stage for getting ready for the spring season. All players are encouraged to participate in the winter training programs that are provided by the club (additional cost involved).

## POOL TRAINING, ADVANCED SKILLS, GOALKEEPER TRAINING

KASL players are provided with additional developmental opportunities thru Pool Training, Advanced Skills and Goal Keeper training sessions. Players are encouraged to take advantage of these programs in order to further develop their soccer skills and knowledge of the game.

### WEATHER

Player safety must be the prime consideration.

#### **Thunder or Lightning**

The referee/coach will make any necessary decisions at the field regarding dangerous weather conditions. If thunder and/or lightning are observed, the game/practice will be suspended immediately and the field will be cleared allowing people to seek safe shelter. The following steps apply:

- A **30 Minute** wait period will be started. This wait period will be reset to 30 in the event any additional **thunder or lightning** are observed. Both teams and referee/coach will wait this time before resuming the game/practice.
- After **30 minutes** of clear weather the referee/coach shall make every reasonable effort to resume the game/practice with full consideration of site conditions as they affect safety and playing conditions.
- If **lightning and/or thunder** is observed prior to the start of the game/practice, it will not begin until a 30 minute wait period of clear weather has been observed.
- If both teams and referee/coach have waited 60 minutes for clear weather but are still in a wait period the game can be abandoned if both coaches agree. A game/practice can be abandoned during a wait period if it will be **too dark** to resume the game when the period ends.

#### Playing in the dark is DANGEROUS!

If a game is abandoned by a referee due to weather conditions after the game has started, the following prevails:

- Game is at or beyond the halfway mark the team leading at the time of stoppage of play will be declared the winner. If the game is tied, it stands.
- If a game has not reached the halfway mark, it will be rescheduled and played in its entirety. However, all infractions will stand.

#### **HEAT**

Coaches and referees are expected to use common sense in the event of high heat and/or humidity during games and practices.

In the event of high heat (over 90°F) and/or humidity, the referee should allow a water break approximately halfway through each half of the game. Consent of the coaches is not required. The referee will pick the appropriate time for the stoppage. The maximum duration of the break will be 3 minutes. The 3 minute break time will be added to the end of each half. Players may leave the field to get their water. Unlimited substitutions are allowed at this time.

The coaches and referee may mutually agree to shorten the halves of the game.

## **GAME RESCHEDULING**

Any games that need to be rescheduled due to weather or conflicts during the season must be coordinated with the team coaches, the Travel Director and EHYSL staff to ensure field and referee availability. Referee director and referee assignor are to be involved in the rescheduling process for games that are club assigned.

The AGC (Age Group Co-ordinator) has to approve all game changes. Managers and coaches need to copy opposing coach, AGC, Travel Director and the referee assignor for all game changes.

Failure to follow the guidelines may end in your team losing by a forfeit. Following the guidelines will ensure a referee being assigned for your game.

### **FUNDRAISING**

Additional costs may be required for the purchase of additional equipment (warmup jackets, backpacks, etc) and for participation in tournaments or indoor leagues during the off season. In lieu of collecting additional fees, fundraising activities may be held throughout the year at the team's discretion. Funds from these activities will be deposited with KASL through the Travel Director. As there are many teams in the league, the team manager and the Travel Director will both keep track of these funds to ensure accurate record keeping.

The types of activities that KASL recommends for fundraising consists of:

- Pancake Breakfasts
- Car Washes
- Product Sales
- Raffles
- Apparel Sales

KASL is also open to new and innovative approaches for team fundraising. KASL does not permit or condone teams holding "can shakes" fundraisers outside of local merchants.

All fundraising activities are to be coordinated with the Travel Director prior to engaging in them. Any money raised on behalf of the team, belongs to the team and KASL. If a coach or player leaves a team, they will not receive any monies fundraised on its behalf.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

NOTE: All Tournaments must be approved by the Travel/Technical Director prior to applying.

The Travel Director will work with the club coaches to determine, select and ensure that selected tournaments are consistent with each team's objective and capabilities. As a general rule, each team should participate in 1-2 tournaments each year. The Travel Director will work with team mangers to ensure there is money in their team accounts and with club treasurer to issue Tournament checks and provide them to teams in a timely manner.

Coaches wishing to participate in additional tournaments that are not selected by the club's Travel Director must first obtain approval from the Travel Director. KASL will work with the club coaches to ensure that the selected tournaments are consistent with each team's objectives and capabilities. All KASL teams are required to participate in the KASL Indoor Tournament prior to the spring season.

No money is to be collected by coaches. Money for tournaments should be in the form of checks made out to KASL and deposited with KASL towards team accounts. Checks would then be written by KASL for events and deducted from team accounts.

## KASL COACH & ASSISTANT COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

All KASL Coaches shall strictly follow KASL Coaches Commitments. All Coaches shall:

- Attend all scheduled practices and games unless expressly excused by the Travel Director
- Conduct a minimum of one or two practice sessions per week (as determined by the Travel Director prior to each season). Each session shall be a duration of at least 1-1.5 hours depending on the age group.
- Abide by the laws of the game and all rules and directives from the applicable sanctioning bodies.
- Provide regular instruction and feedback to each player throughout the season.
- Create an environment where players are not afraid to make mistakes and to learn from those mistakes.
- Attend all coaches meetings and KASL sponsored clinics and coaching seminars unless specifically excused by the Travel Director.
- Ensure proper safety measures are observed for all players (i.e. wearing shin-guards during practices). Upon the completion of practice, or a game, stay with all players following a game or practice until a parent, guardian or other person designated by a parent assumes control of the player, unless appropriate arrangements are made in advance with the player's parent.
- Ensure that all players and parents are familiar with the rules of the game and that all games are played within the limits of those rules.
- Encourage sportsmanship and good behavior both on the field and at public team gatherings such as restaurants and hotels.
- Wear suitable attire to all KASL functions, practices and games.
- Take appropriate disciplinary measures and/or address as necessary any inappropriate conduct during
  practices, games or tournaments exhibited by players, team managers or parents. Notify the Travel
  Director of serious and ongoing issues.
- Continually educate and further your knowledge of the sport and coaching. Read, watch, speak with and learn from others. Work towards higher licensing and obtain a membership with both NSCAA and USSF.

#### Coaches Character and Conduct – Coaches shall:

- Treat each player as an individual person who should be listened to and motivated in a unique fashion.
- Strive to set a good example in winning and losing. Remember that a player will use you as a standard more than you may expect.
- Be on time, organized, polite, positive and motivated.
- Never belittle or demean any of your players. Be generous with praise when it is deserved. Provide an encouraging and supportive environment.
- Never use inappropriate, demeaning or offensive language during practices or games. Similarly, require that players, parents and spectators refrain from using such language during these occasions.
- Not attempt to intimidate or threaten a player, spectator or referee, nor tolerate such behavior by any of your players.
- Not make derogatory or critical comments about opposing players, coaches, referees or spectators and will discourage players and parents from making such remarks.
- Be alert to potentially dangerous situations arising because of actions by your team's own players.
   Coaches should remove from play any player whose actions could lead to injuries or altercations among players.

Coach (print name):  Coach Signature:  Team:			
Coach Signature: Team:	Coach (print name):		
Coach Signature: Team:			
	Coach Signature:	Team:	

• Never enter the field of play unless specifically requested by the match official.

### KASI PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

#### As a KASL player, I agree to:

- be prepared and ready at all games and practices.
- represent myself, my team and my club and demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times on and off the field.
- work hard at practice and games.
- be punctual to all team and club functions.
- respect all coaches and game officials and accept their decisions.
- respect my teammates, opponents, and rules of the game.
- learn the rules, policies and procedures of the team and club.
- never threaten, taunt nor deliberately attempt to injure another player.
- never use profane or vulgar language.
- never use drugs, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages.
- leave my cellphone on the sideline during practices and games.

Player (print name):	
Player Signature:	Team:

This is the agreement that you electronically sign when registering your child to our KASL travel program.

## KASL PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or another participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 2. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will not be defeated by the outcome of any game.
- 3. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches, who give their time for the benefit of my child.
- 4. I will make sure that my child arrives for scheduled games and practices at the time designated by the coach.
- 5. I will understand team objectives and goals as it relates to development.
- 6. I will encourage open communication (Player-Coach-Parent).
- 7. I realize that the team or club can be penalized for my misconduct. If required, I and any of my guests must obey a request by an official or coach to leave the vicinity of the field.
- 8. I realize any misconduct on my part (or a guest of mine) may result in a hearing and possible disciplinary action and can result in immediate loss of club eligibility for my child and myself.
- 9. I will not interrupt a coach during a game or practice to resolve troublesome issues. I will discuss these issues privately and discreetly with the coach and if this is not prudent or satisfactory I will contact the appropriate official in the Club.
- 10. I will inform the coach of any injury or physical disability that may affect the safety of my child or other children.
- 11. I will learn the rules of the game and policies of my club and league.
- 12. At all times I will support all players on the team.
- 13. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays by my child's team and their opponents.
- 14. I will never question the officials' judgment or honesty.
- 15. I will support all efforts to eliminate verbal and physical abuse from the game of soccer.
- 16. I will not give instructions to players that is the coach's role.
- 17. I will help maintain a positive environment.
- 18. I will make my child feel like a winner by offering praise for competing fairly and doing their best.
- 19. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, intimidation or violence.

Family Name (print name):	
Family Signature:	Team:

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