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THE
LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB
COMPETITIVE/DEVELOPMENTAL
PROGRAMS
PLAYER/PARENT HANDBOOK

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THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of the club is to create and introduce the next generation of youth soccer players. We are devoted to the overall growth of the soccer player. Our club desires players with a commitment to become intelligent soccer players who work as hard in the classroom as they do on the field and who ultimately strive to become a contributing part of the community.

THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB MISSION & VISION

Our mission is to teach young players the beautiful game of soccer; Jogo Bonito. Our club is uniquely prepared to devote the passion, commitment, desire, and educated knowledge to develop players into champions on the field, in the classroom and in society. Our coaches ask that only players with this same passion and commitment take the next step to become a part of our young and proud tradition.

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB is an all-volunteer based community organization. As such, no coach will ask to be paid for his/her coaching or training of Lake County Soccer Club teams. A team may choose to hire a club approved trainer at their own expense.

Coaches may, at their discretion, charge a fee for individual training sessions outside the scope of team training.

THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Lake County Soccer Club Board of Directors (or BOD) is the governing board for The Lake County Soccer Club. The BOD is responsible for the internal structure and policies of the Club. The current Board of Directors consists of the following:

- President/Director: Mike Andrews
- Vice President: DJ Verkaik
- Treasurer/Director: Naji S. Khouri
- Secretary: Rachel R. Grant
- Registrar/Director: Autumn Driggers
- Director: Lisa DuRant
- Director: Ben Winkler

THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB STAFF

- Point of Contact (POC): Mike Andrews
- Registrar: Autumn Driggers
- Referee & Field Assignor: Matt Hutchinson

THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB OFFICE AND OFFICIAL WEB SITE

- THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB mailing address is:
 - 27343 SR 19, Tavares, Florida 32778
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THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB COMMITMENT

- THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB provides a firm training commitment to each and every soccer player within our Club. Our club and our coaches are passionate about what we do, both on and off the field.
- THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB coaches are primarily responsible for player development, instruction and education, as well as managing the overall growth of our players within the soccer environment.
- Training will be age appropriate to the competitive level, but the ideas and methodology will be consistent for all levels of player ability during the seasonal year. Specific training needs that arise relative to each team's competitive performance will also be available as determined by individual team coaches.
- THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB training staff will evaluate all players at the conclusion of the fall/spring seasons.
- Learning to play and make decisions on the field is vital to the development of soccer players. In soccer, the only way to learn how to make GOOD decisions consistently is to make a lot of decisions! The results of those decisions will include many successes and many failures. The beautiful thing about it is that players LEARN FROM BOTH SUCCESS AND FAILURE! Lake County Soccer Club players will learn to make decisions based on training sessions, the level of play they challenge, and the direct support of the Lake County Soccer Club staff and coaches. The pace at which they develop is the key to their success.
- LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB provides a safe training environment for our players.
- LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB places our teams at a competitive level of play to develop the team at the best rate possible.

THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB FEES, DUES & REFUND POLICY

The following are the current fees & dues for LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Competitive Program*:

- U12 & Below: \$275 Annually
- U13 – U19: \$375 Annually
- Mandatory Uniform Kit** - All players \$106 - \$113 (Shipping NOT Included)

* Note: Late registration fees apply. See website for details

** Note: Mandatory uniform kit includes two jerseys, one pair of shorts, two pairs of socks & two practice jerseys.

Payment for the uniform is required in full at the time of order. Orders are done online through www.soccer.com

LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB COMPETITIVE/TRAVEL PROGRAM PLAYER DISCOUNT*

- Sibling discount:
 - 2 Siblings – \$65 total discount
 - 3 Siblings – \$150 total discount
 - 4 or more Siblings – \$265 total discount
- Coaches' child/immediate family member discount: Each head coach's child/immediate family member are eligible to play for free. This is limited to one player per coach per team.
- Coaches' discount: Head coaches who do not have children/immediate family members playing for the club or elect not to use their coaches' child discount may transfer the discount to a player in need on the team they coach. This is limited to one player per coach per team. Coaches' discount recipients must conform to the same rules as financial assistant/scholarship recipients.
- BOD Member discount: Children of BOD members are eligible to play for free. If BOD member does not have children playing for the club or elect not to use their BOD discount, BOD member may elect, at their sole discretion, to transfer their discount to any player in need within the club. The transfer is limited to one player only.

Note: Discounts apply to club dues only and not uniforms or any other fees. Additionally, discounts cannot be combined; i.e. a coach who is also a BOD member does not receive a discount for being both a coach & a BOD member.

LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Competitive Program Refund Policy

- All refund request must be submitted in writing
- All refunds must be approved by the board of directors
- No fee payment or parts thereof will be refunded or forgiven because of player absences, withdrawals, or release from a team. The only exceptions would be if the player provides documented proof of an injury that prevents them from playing for more than half of the seasonal year or due to a parent's job relocation. Proof of location shall accompany the release request. Refund will be prorated appropriately.

The following are the current fees & dues for LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB developmental program

- All players: \$65 per player per season
- \$20 discount per player for Coach's child

- Fee includes jersey & trophy

LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Developmental Program Refund Policy

- All refund requests must be submitted to the club in writing
- 100% refund if removing player from program prior to submitting uniform order. (Normally 2 weeks before 1st game)
- NO Refunds will be issued once league uniforms are ordered

THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB HEAD COACH WILL OVERSEE ALL ASPECTS OF HIS/HER RESPECTIVE COMPETITIVE TEAM DURING THE SEASONAL YEAR

- The coach makes all playing time decisions.
- Competitive level – 50% playing time per game in league play. No rule on playing time at tournaments.
- GCFYSL DIV I, II, III, & IV – 50% playing time per game until playoff competition.
- The coach is responsible for the training session and the game lineups.
- The coach is responsible for maintaining the team calendar to reflect up to date information regarding practice, games, fundraising events, and any other team functions.
- The coach is responsible for meeting the goals of THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB vision.
- The coach is responsible for the manager, fundraising coordinator, or administrator of the team and any issues that may arise within the respective team.
- The coach is responsible for team meetings.
- The coach is to be on time for all meetings, training sessions and games.

COMPETITIVE PLAYERS ATTENDANCE

LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB is responsible for your soccer development for the entire year. It is essential that club policies on attendance be adhered to. It is equally essential that parents make every possible effort to ensure that players attend practices and are on time for every scheduled training session and all games.

It is the Club's recommendation that All Competitive Teams attend a minimum of 2 practice sessions per week. If a player is injured and is physically able to walk, they are encouraged to attend all training sessions. Players with a transmittal symptom should stay at home. This is the Club's recommendation and the final decision is left up to each team's head coach.

Players must arrive prepared for all training sessions and games. Requirements include:

- Proper uniform for training and games
- Training attire will be the LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Neon Training Jersey with Black Shorts & Black Socks
- Home Games attire will be the LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Neon Jersey, Navy Shorts &

Neon Socks

- Away Games attire will be the LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Navy Jersey, Navy Shorts & Navy Socks
- Proper soccer cleats & shin guards are required for practice and games
- Proper shoes are required for training and LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB scrimmages
- A soccer ball and plenty of water
- Players not wearing proper club attire will not be allowed to participate in practice sessions or games.

Missed Practice (Club's Recommendation)

If a player misses a practice, that player needs to sit out at least a half of the first half of the next scheduled game. It is important that our kids maintain attendance for us to deliver appropriate and effective team sessions. This is the Club's recommendation and the final decision is left up to each team's head coach.

Tardy to Practice (Club's Recommendation)

If a player is late to practice, it will be left up to the coach to handle the situation. Appropriate consequences might include extra fitness or footwork training after practice. This is the Club's recommendation and the final decision is left up to each team's head coach.

Tardy to games (Club's Recommendation)

Players must arrive to all scheduled games 45 minutes before game time. Each player has 15 minutes to get all necessary gear on for warm-up sessions. Should a player arrive after the warm-up begins (30 minutes before game time), they are considered late. This player will not be allowed to start the game. This is the Club's recommendation and the final decision is left up to each team's head coach.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

The following offenses constitute extremely serious violations of the club's discipline policy. Players must realize that the situations below represent actions that are completely contrary to the codes and ethics of the club.

The club is only responsible for violations that occur at or during a club event. A club event is considered to be any team function that is sponsored by LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB, or held at any of our training or game facilities. For example: tournaments, practices, team parties, etc. Violations that occur at non sponsored club events will be taken into consideration, according to the seriousness of the offense. Violations may result in extended suspension or expulsion of the player from the club. A player that is expelled from the club will not be allowed to attend any club functions or receive any refunds. A suspended player **MUST** attend the club games and practices, but will not be allowed to participate during the time of the suspension. These offenses include:

- Any possession and/or use of drugs, narcotics, controlled substances and/or alcohol during any club event.
- Physically assaulting, sexually harassing or threatening to assault any other player(s), including opponents, coaches, referees or club representatives.
- Theft
- Verbally abusing a coach, referee, club representatives and/or other player/opponent, including the use of foul language or racial slurs.
- Intentionally damaging club equipment and/or facilities.
- Conducting or participating in the hazing of another player during a club event.

The Director of Coaching or BOD will determine what type of punishment will occur to the offender(s) for any of the above violations of club policy. If a player violates any the above for the second time, they will be asked to leave the club immediately. Reinstatement back to the club will be considered, only if the player shows that they have received some form of rehabilitation. This decision will be made by the Director of Coaching or BOD.

PARENT GUIDELINES

Parents should positively reinforce their children throughout the child's development. It is the parents' responsibility to make sure that they abide by the guidelines set forth by LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB. Failure to abide by these guidelines below may result in the suspension of your child for a certain period of time to be determined by the coaches. Guidelines for parent behavior include:

- No coaching during the games. A parent will be warned by the coach or the team manager. If that parent does not cooperate, they will be asked to leave the game immediately. Please leave all the coaching to coaches.
- Parents are not allowed on any practice fields during scheduled practices. There are designated areas around the perimeter of the field for parents to sit during practices.
- Under no circumstances should a parent make disparaging remarks, negative comments and/or complaints to the referee, an opponent, other parents or other team players. The referees have the right to have a parent escorted from the complex.
- A parent should not approach a coach during or after a game about conflict issues. The parent needs to follow the "48 Hour Rule". Make an appointment with the coach to resolve any issues no sooner than 48 hours after a game. Parents should first contact the head coach before contacting the Director of Coaching.
- All players are responsible for paying their travel expenses in a timely manner. If the manager is collecting fees, you are expected to pay in a timely manner. There are no travel scholarships.
- Failure to pay will lead to nonparticipation in an event.
- It is assumed that fundraising dollars will pay for the tournament entry fee, regardless of whether an individual player participates.
- All players must adhere to LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Role of the Player policies and rules

when traveling to and competing in all tournaments.

- All players must adhere to the curriculum set forth for each tournament they may attend with their LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB coaches.

LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB COMPETITIVE COACH TRAVEL POLICY

- All LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB teams may, at the coach's discretion, pay their team's head coach reasonable travel expenses for tournaments outside the club's 90 mile radius.
- All LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Coaches must represent and uphold LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Role of the Coach policies.

LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB RAINOUT & INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB will notify all teams and players within our club about possible rainouts by 5:00 p.m. daily via the following methods:
 - Email, provided members have their www.gotsoccer.com information entered and up to date.
 - Text messages (Provided contact information is up to date and entered on www.rainedout.com).
- LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB will notify teams about rainouts prior to the start of training sessions as each operating facility determines availability.
- LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB will provide a safe training environment per weather standards. Lightning and proximity will be a contributing factor to not train, along with flooded and/or saturated fields.
- LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB will try to accommodate all rainout sessions. Please contact your coach.
- LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Coaches will make the appropriate decision per rainout on that given day of training.
- League game rainouts are determined by the respective field or league that teams will be playing at for that day. All home games will be updated by LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/LIGHTNING POLICY

- FYSA requires that all participants observe the "30/30 rule" in regards to lightning. If lightning is seen and thunder is heard within 30 seconds then the match must be suspended immediately and all participants must seek appropriate shelter (Get in your car, not under trees or pavilions) until such time as no strikes are observed with thunder within 30 seconds for a period of 30 minutes. No one should be allowed back onto the fields until this time has expired.
- This policy also applies to any other soccer related club activities; scrimmages, practices, camps, etc.

LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB COMPETITIVE UNIFORM & UNIFORM MODIFICATION POLICY

- Each member player of LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB must purchase a Uniform Kit that is to be used for 2 years or until a new uniform kit is adopted by the club. The uniform kit consists of 1 pair of Navy shorts, 1 Neon jersey, 1 Navy jersey, 1 pair of Neon socks, 1 pair of Navy socks & 2 Neon training jerseys. Anyone requiring a replacement uniform or training jersey prior to the 2 year period is required to pay for the cost of the uniform or training jerseys. **Game kits are strictly for league play & tournaments and are to be used for that purpose only.**
- Modifications or alternations to THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB uniforms are strictly prohibited.
- There will be no modification to THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB practice uniforms, game uniforms or backpacks.
- Any reproduction of THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB logo or design without express written consent from LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB is forbidden.

COMPETITIVE PROGRAM ROSTERING PROCEDURES

Every player is assigned to a team in the club for a year. The first team that they are assigned to is called the “primary team”. A player can double roster with another team in the club. This will be considered a “secondary team”. **ALL LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE REGISTERED/ROSTERED WITH THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB. ALL PLAYERS REGISTERD/ROSTERED WITH LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB CANNOT DOUBLE ROSTER WITH ANOTHER CLUB WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB.** Players and parents need to be committed to our organization. We encourage players to guest play for other teams/clubs as it helps their overall soccer development; however, if a player desires to guest play/train with another team/club, they must get written approval from their team head coach.

VOLUNTEER & FUNDRAISING HOURS

LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB is highly dependent on the members to be active in the development of the club. The man power and expenses needed to maintain the entire operations of the club far exceeds the time and effort that we can achieve. We in turn request that you, the members, provide us with volunteer time. Each player’s family is **REQUIRED** to volunteer 2 hours per year for THE LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB and volunteer hours must be scheduled through LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB’s coordinator... If you would like to organize any fundraising events, please contact your respective team representative.

Fundraising Policy:

Section A

Team fundraising without using Club name and/or tax exempt status:

- All LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Teams are encouraged to fundraise to defray costs for

equipment, tournaments, travel purposes, and any additional activities that could lower the team's expenses.

- All LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Teams may have their individual team bank accounts, however, all team members; coaches, managers, players & parents must be aware that such individual accounts are outside the scope of LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB & the Club has absolutely no control or responsibility for such accounts
- All proceeds belong to the team to be used at the team's discretion
- All team specific fundraising activities under section A do not require club approval

Section B

Team fundraising using Club name and/or tax exempt status:

- All LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB Teams are encouraged to fundraise to defray costs for equipment, tournaments, travel purposes, and any additional activities that could lower the team's expenses.
- LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB requires all team members' parents to submit a written request for any particular fundraising event to their respective team representative.
- Once a fundraising event is identified, the team representative **MUST** submit their written request to fundraising@lakecountysc.com for approval
- All proceeds from fundraising activities must be delivered to the Club in a timely manner; within 5 days of receipt of all proceeds.
- 100% of all proceeds raised by a team will be used for the team's soccer related activities/benefit; equipment, tournament fees, team building events, etc.
- The Club will disburse the funds to the team as needed for soccer specific needs upon written request from team manager/coach/representative
- All team specific fundraising activities under section B require club approval

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIPS

- LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB realizes that resources are limited to some families and we pledge to offer as many fundraising opportunities during the year as possible. Families who need additional assistance may apply for financial aid in the form of extended or alternate payment terms, or scholarships. However, we have a limited amount of funds available to be awarded.
- In order to be eligible for financial assistance/scholarship, a player must meet and adhere to all guidelines set forth in the Player Commitment document & the Player & Parents Handbook.
- A Financial Aid/Scholarship Application must be filled out completely and attached to a completely filled out IRS 4506-T Form in order for requests to be considered. All applicants must sign and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the application.
- Club policy dictates that a competitive/travel team may not have more than 20% of players on scholarship/financial assistance

- The deadline for submitting completed Financial Aid/Scholarship Applications for consideration is:
Competitive/Travel players: July 15 of the upcoming seasonal soccer year.
Developmental players: August 15 for the upcoming Fall Season & February 15 for the upcoming Spring Season.
3v3 League: November 15 for the upcoming Winter Season & June 1 for the upcoming Summer Season.

Note: *All Competitive/Travel Team players are required to pay for the Lake County Soccer Club uniform fee. If you are a new player to the club, you are required to purchase the Lake County Soccer Club uniform package, even if you qualify for financial assistance. All Competitive/Travel Team scholarship recipients are required to fulfill a minimum of 8 volunteer hours per seasonal year. Additionally, any Competitive/Travel scholarship recipient will be required to pay the full year dues should he/she request to be released from the club before the end of the seasonal soccer year. Furthermore, ALL Developmental scholarship recipients are required to fulfill a minimum of 4 volunteer hours per season*****
Please email assistance@lakecountysc.com regarding financial assistance.

Failure to fulfill any obligations as outlined herein may result in the placement of a participant (Player, Parent, Coach, etc.) in "Not Good Standing" (NGS) with LAKE COUNTY SOCCER CLUB.