



NAPLES YOUTH SOCCER CLUB

MISSION STATEMENT

To create a healthy, positive and fun competitive environment where players can work to develop themselves as positive people, citizens, students, and soccer players. To teach the 4 components of the game with an emphasis on technical skill development all the while emphasizing the beauty of the game as well as team unity and earning winning results, with a high regard for sportsmanship.

PLAYER/PARENT AGREEMENT

One key ingredient of success is clear, consistent communication between the Naples Youth Soccer Club (hereafter referred to as the CLUB), its Teams and Coaches, and Players and Parents. This agreement is one way of explaining in detail, our expectations of you as a member of the CLUB. It will help identify some potential problem areas and at the same time answer questions about the CLUB'S decision making process. As you have committed to become a member of the CLUB, please take the time to read the following pages carefully.

THE TEAM AND THE INDIVIDUAL

Members of the CLUB agree to put their Team ahead of the individual Player. If conflicts arise between the Team and a Player or Parent, the Team Coach under the direction of the Director of Coaching will be responsible to make decisions for the good of the Team. These decisions will be made after gathering all relevant information and consultation with those involved. The decision of the Team Coach will be objective and will be based on his/her best evaluation of the facts.

PLAYER EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Player performance will be evaluated by observing the Player under the pressures of annual open tryouts, during seasonal practices, scrimmages, and especially games. Only the Director of Coaching, trainer and the Team Coach will confer in matters of Player evaluation and selection. There are many terminologies used to categorize and describe soccer abilities. Present and potential Team members will be evaluated in the 4 components of soccer.

- TECHNICAL ABILITY
- TACTICAL UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION
- MENTAL DIMENSION (work rate, positive attitude, etc.)
- PHYSICAL DIMENSION

Our Club Coaches make decisions on player selection based solely on the Coaches' best judgment of the Player demonstrating the highest productivity in the 4 Components of soccer throughout the game of competitive soccer. If you have any questions about the meaning of these terms, please ask the Coaches. The Coaches will base their decisions on these 4 components and they are responsible to make decisions for the good of the CLUB and Team. Politics, parents

position in the club, friendships, personal relationships, and financial contribution to the CLUB or Team will not enter into these decisions.

THE PLAYER

You are not under any pressure to join the CLUB. Instead, we hope that you and your Parents will consider all your options and choose what will be best for you, taking into consideration your goals and aspirations as a person and as a soccer player, and how that aligns with the CLUB stated structure and ideas of player development. Once you commit to join, you agree to abide by the policies of the CLUB and your Team. This commitment is for one soccer seasonal year only. The soccer season begins in mid-July and continues through to tryouts the following year. At the end of the soccer seasonal year your commitment to the CLUB is over and you are free to leave the CLUB if you feel it is in your best interest. At the beginning of the next soccer season you are again free to tryout under the same guidelines previously mentioned. We expect our Players and Parents to be ethical, honest and honor their commitments both verbal and written. Once your commitment is made, the CLUB expects your full participation and support for the entire soccer season, even in the event Team results, personal playing time, personal relationships, etc. do not meet your expectations and/or are not to your liking. Remember there is a bigger picture to consider besides soccer; which is the person's development as an honest and positive human being. A lack of commitment by individual player has a broader impact on all the other members of the team. Take into account that when you make your commitment, as our Coaches may need to inform other potential Players they did not make the Team. If you have committed to the CLUB, the CLUB will also be ethical and honest, honoring its commitment to you. No Player will be released from a Team during the soccer season unless it is for disciplinary reasons or failure to fulfill your financial obligations.

THE GAMES

From the designated arrival time at all practices and games, Players are expected to concentrate on soccer. Players must arrive on time with required equipment and be ready to practice or play. Since practicing and playing their best requires undivided attention, there will be no visiting between Players and Parents, family, friends, pets or others (who might cause Players to lose focus on soccer) from immediately before the practice or game until they have been dismissed by the Coach. When Team responsibilities are over, Players are free to join family and friends.

THE PARENTS

Parental support and involvement in the CLUB are essential. If your child is selected and chooses to commit to the CLUB your commitment is also necessary. If Players are to make a quality commitment to the CLUB and their Team, Parents must see to it Players attends all possible CLUB and Team functions. There will be times conflict cannot be avoided and other more important events occur. The CLUB requires your communication, planning, and understanding so we can minimize conflicts. It is the CLUB'S responsibility to present a periodic schedule to allow time for your planning. When Parents or Players have an unavoidable conflict, the CLUB expects timely communication to see if the CLUB or Team can make any necessary adjustments. The Team Coach will make final decisions on scheduling and adjustments, and may seek input from the Director of Coaching after careful consideration of your needs and those of the CLUB or Team.

SIDELINE COACHING: There will be no coaching by Parents. No matter how good your intentions are we insist there be no shouting instructions to your son/daughter or yelling to officials during games. Your vocal support and positive encouragement are welcome after a good play. It is important that Players not be distracted, and given only one set of instructions by one voice before, during, and after practices and games. For this reason, the CLUB insists the Director of Coaching or Team Coach/trainer be the only voice at all games and practices. The CLUB'S first concern is for the long-term growth and development of your child as a person along with his/her soccer abilities under pressure. There will be times Coaches make decisions and Players are instructed to do things Parents will not understand. CLUB, Team, and Player development will sometimes be given a greater priority than winning, especially in the years prior to high school. Parents must understand this and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with a healthy Team environment. Remember, playing only to win without taking healthy CLUB, Team, and Player development into account will not result in a solid foundation upon which your child will be prepared for winning.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

The CLUB asks that the player maintains a healthy lifestyle. Any use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products is not acceptable to the CLUB and may result in temporary suspension or removal from the club.

VOLUNTEERING

Parents are expected to provide 5 hours of volunteer work for the club during the year. This can include tournament volunteer work such as field marshalling, team check-in, etc. In lieu of hours, parents should offer a monetary donation of \$50 (\$10/hr) so the club can hire workers for these duties.

UNIFORMS

Players must purchase club uniforms (shorts, jerseys, and socks) every two years. Players will receive two (2) training jerseys every year, which must be worn during practice sessions.

TOURNAMENTS

Each team in the club is expected to play in at least two FYSA sanctioned tournaments other than state/region cup during the course of the year. Tournament fees and costs will be borne by the team. State and Region Cup are mandatory tournaments at the end of the season and the entry costs will be paid by the CLUB. Any travel expenses will be the responsibility of the team and/or parent.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Players requesting to drop from the CLUB or transfer to a different club must contact the Directory of Coaching. The Director of Coaching will facilitate a discussion with the parent/player/coach and work to resolve any club or team commitments which need to be completed. All transfer requests will follow FYSA procedures to complete the requested process. Players will be responsible for payment of a \$200 transfer fee prior to final approval of the transfer request and repayment of any scholarship monies provided by the CLUB.

GRIEVANCES

If a problem arises that a player or parent needs to resolve, the CLUB has a policy to effectively address it. Everyone involved must follow the 48 hour rule, which means that a problem needs 48 hours to settle down before any communications are initiated. After 48 hours, the player/parent must talk to the coach to resolve the situation. If not resolved, then the player/parent should communicate the problem to the DOC. If still not resolved, the player/parent should communicate the problem with the club president or vice-president.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

So that you and every Player in our CLUB can get the maximum benefit, we need you and every Player to abide by CLUB rules, regulations and policies. If disciplinary actions are necessary, the following steps may be taken:

1. The Team Coach and/or trainer will discuss the problem directly and privately with the Player, with the assumption the problem will be corrected immediately. The player will be given 2 opportunities to correct the behavior, and may be removed from the practice or game to avoid affecting the integrity of the team environment.
2. If the problem persists, the Team Coach will communicate with the Player's Parents to discuss the problem and lack of response on the part of the Player. Parents will have the opportunity to be involved with the resolution of the problem at this time. At the same time the Team Coach will communicate with the Director of Coaching the issue with said player.
3. If the problem still continues, the Team Coach, Trainer or Director of Coaching may temporarily suspend the Player from practice or games. If the situation warrants, the Director of Coaching may recommend to the Sharks Board of Directors that the Player be removed from the CLUB. The Board of Directors will notify the Parents of the Director of Coaching's recommendation.
4. The Parents of any Player recommended for removal from the CLUB may request to meet with the Sharks Board of Directors and the Director of Coaching.

Our desire is to work in a positive, constructive way with our Players. Everyone has problems from time to time and we will make every effort to work with you to help solve the problems you may have. Only after we have exhausted all efforts to solve the problem will we pursue disciplinary action as outlined above.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

By signing this agreement, I authorize the CLUB to include name and phone number information regarding the Player in any publications produced by the CLUB including, but not limited to, the CLUB Directory.

INFORMED CONSENT/INSURANCE NOTICE

FYSA RECOMMENDS THAT PLAYERS NOT REGISTER TO A TEAM WHOSE AGE GROUP EXCEEDS THE PLAYER'S NORMAL AGE. It is FYSA's policy that all players compete at a level they are capable of both physically and developmentally. For a player to move up more than one normal age grouping will require approval from the affiliate's director of coaching or agent of record, and the FYSA Director of Coaching.

INSURANCE NOTICE: All injuries must be reported within 90 days of the date of the injury.

INFORMED CONSENT: I, the parent/guardian of the registrant, agree that we will abide by the rules of Naples Youth Soccer Club, the state association (FYSA) and all its affiliated organizations. My/our child wishes to participate in soccer during the season of this registration. I/we realize risks are involved in my/our child's participation. I/we understand that the risk to my/our child includes full range of injuries from minor to severe, and the result could be death, paralysis, or other serious, permanent disability. I/we accept this risk as a condition of my/our child's participation.

I HAVE READ THIS PLAYER/PARENT AGREEMENT AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THIS AGREEMENT OF THE NAPLES YOUTH SOCCER CLUB FOR THE 2009-2010 SOCCER SEASON. AT THE END OF THIS SEASON MY COMMITMENT IS COMPLETE AND I AM FREE TO PLAY FOR ANOTHER CLUB IF I SO CHOOSE. LIKEWISE, THE CLUB'S COMMITMENT TO ME IS COMPLETE AT THE END OF THIS SEASON.

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