



## ***Yavapai Soccer Club Select Parent-Player Agreement***

Welcome to Yavapai Soccer! Please read and acknowledge this agreement to help provide a positive experience for your player and team.

### **PHILOSOPHY**

The Select program seeks to provide a comprehensive program for the youth soccer player including training in technical skills, increased knowledge of the game of soccer and personal and social growth as a valued team member.

The Club and its coaches will sometimes make decisions that parents may not fully understand. Club and team interests and player development will sometimes be given a higher priority than winning. Parents and players are asked to respect this and to conduct themselves in a manner that fosters a healthy club and team environment. **THE CLUB, THE TEAM, AND THE PLAYER.**

The Club's directors and coaches will prioritize their direction and decisions, including player selection, based on the following order:

- o First, what is in the best interest of the Club;
- o Second, what is in the best interest of a team;
- o Third, what is in the best interest of a player; and
- o Fourth, what is in the best interest of a coach or parent.

### **COACHES**

- Coaches are approved and assigned to teams each new season by the DOC .
- The coach is responsible to set the standard of professional and orderly conduct on the field and to control the actions of all coaching staff, players and spectators associated with YSC.
  - Coaches agree to pursue continuing coaching education at all available opportunities as instructed by the DOC.
- The Coach agrees to lead weekly team training sessions and be present at all matches and activities involving their team.
- Training sessions must be run in a positive, structured manner, stressing soccer skills and tactics.
- The coach must set team rules, including attendance rules, and fairly and equally apply these rules;
- The coach is responsible for knowledge and compliance of the laws of the game as defined by YSC and AYSA/USYS.
- Coaches are expected to communicate openly, honestly, and professionally with players about their progress. The Club encourages player-coach or player-parent-coach conferences and written evaluations.

### **PLAYING TIME**

- Playing time is not guaranteed and is at the sole discretion of the coach.
- Factors affecting playing time include: player's attendance, attitude, effort, physical health and fitness and ability level; payment of fees and each event's unique situation.

## EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS

- Parents should provide positive support to the players, coach and team and act in an orderly manner at all times.
- Parents are encouraged to pursue and participate in fundraisers that will benefit the players by offsetting costs of equipment, training gear and necessary supplies.
- Parents are to enable their player's participation in every team event unless prevented by injury or illness.
- Parents and spectators are not permitted to coach or instruct from the sidelines during games or practices. The Club insists that members of the coaching staff be the only sideline voices heard. Positive encouragement by parents is welcome.
- No one other than those listed on official game rosters may sit in or near the team area during games. Spectators must sit at least 15 yards from the halfway line to respect the space and privacy necessary for your coach and team to carry out their game responsibilities.
- Under the rules of soccer, a coach can be ejected from a game, a team can forfeit a game and a coach or player can be penalized or ejected because of the conduct of a parent, player or spectator.
- Parents and players should feel free to communicate with the coach and ask questions in accordance with the "24 Hour Rule" described below. Under no circumstances may dissatisfied parents approach or contact the coach immediately following a game or a practice.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

The 24 Hour Rule If a problem arises that a player and/or parent feel must be resolved, the Club's "24-Hour Rule" is a policy to effectively address it. 1. All parents must give one full day before initiating communications with coaches or team managers. 2. After waiting 24 hours, if the problem still needs addressing, players and/or parents should contact their coach directly. 3. If the issue is not satisfactorily resolved after discussing with the coach, players and/or parents should contact the Director of Coaching ([coaching@yavapaisoccer.com](mailto:coaching@yavapaisoccer.com)).

## TEAM COMMUNICATIONS

Coaches make decisions and plans for the team and will work with the Team Manager to keep parents informed via chat, e-mail, text and phone calls. Group messages should ONLY be used to distribute factual information, not to air problems or to express opinions. Field closures and changes are often decided at the last minute and outside of YSC's control.

## FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The Club bases its player fees on an annual budget. Each player registering to the Club assumes a two-part financial obligation:

- a. Club registration fees due before August 1, which include state registration fees, insurance, league and referee fees, field and facility fees, equipment and other costs as determined by the Board of Directors.
- b. Team fees due by the 1st of the month, which include tournament entry fees, coach pay, supplies, special team training and miscellaneous team expenses. Team fees are due in full or

in payments by auto pay with a debit or credit card. Non-payment or late payment will jeopardize player eligibility and participation. Players removed from the Club for non-payment of Club and/or team fees may be placed into debt and bad standing with Yavapai Soccer Club and Arizona Youth Soccer Association indefinitely until the debt is settled. Parents of teams that participate in additional tournaments, regionals or summer training may be required to pay additional fees to cover the costs associated with those events. If a player leaves the Club prior to the end of the season, any and all outstanding team fees and financial obligations with the Club and his/her team must be paid and up to date, including all assistance monies received by the player.

#### PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As a player, you are part of a team and a Club and your actions reflect not only upon yourself but on your team and the Yavapai Soccer Club.

Players are expected to: · Conform to the rules established by your team and the Club; ·

Respect the coach's decisions and follow his/her instructions; ·

Avoid inappropriate behavior during practice, games, team or Club-sponsored events, tournaments, and travel; ·

Follow the "24-hour rule" on communication,

Follow nutritional guidelines as set forth by the coach,

Not smoke, drink alcohol, or use illicit drugs,

Participate in practices, games, and tournaments and every activity event to which your team is committed except in the case of injury or illness;

Abide by team travel rules including attending all team meals and activities, complying with the coach's set curfews and room assignments, and respecting the authority of the coach and designated chaperones.

Treat teammates, members of the Club (including parents and family members), opponents, coaches, referees and other officials with respect;

Care for your uniform, Club equipment and fields. When attending a practice or a game, arrive early and wear the appropriate training gear and/or uniform.

#### DISCIPLINE

Violations of this Select Player and Parent Agreement that cannot be resolved by the coach will be reported to the DOC. Disciplinary actions may include a warning, requiring a personal apology, suspension from playing or attending games, or expulsion from the Club.

As a member of the Club, parents and players are responsible and held accountable for their own actions.

By giving my consent at the time of registration I verify that I have read and understand the expectations of the parent and player as described in this Parent- Player Agreement.