



Yavapai Soccer Club Excel Parent-Player Agreement

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Welcome to Yavapai Soccer Club Excel program. We ask that all parents read and acknowledge this agreement and together strive to produce the best possible experience for everyone involved.

PHILOSOPHY

The Excel program seeks to provide a comprehensive program for the youth soccer player including training in technical skills, knowledge of the game of soccer and personal and social growth.

Club leaders will sometimes make decisions that parents may not fully understand or agree with. Club and team interests and player development will sometimes be given a higher priority than winning.

Decisions are based on this 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.

Parents and players are asked to respect this and to conduct themselves in a manner that fosters a healthy club and team environment.

COACHES

- The coach is responsible to set the standard of 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.
 - The Coach leads training sessions and is present at all matches and team activities.
 - Training sessions must be run in a structured manner, stressing soccer skills and tactics.
 - The coach must explain and fairly apply expectations, including attendance and behavior.
 - The coach is responsible for knowledge and compliance of the laws of the game as defined by YSC and ASA/USYS/FIFA.
 - Coaches should communicate honestly and professionally with players about their progress.

PLAYING TIME

- Playing time is not guaranteed and is at the sole discretion of the coach.
- Playing time is affected by many factors including: attendance, attitude, effort, physical fitness and ability level; club financial standing and more.

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EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS

- This commitment is for one full Excel soccer season (Jan-Apr).
- Parents will encourage their player's participation in every event unless prevented by injury or illness.
- Parents are encouraged to pursue fundraising that will benefit the team.
- Parents must provide positive support to the players, coach and team and act in an orderly manner at all times.
- Parents and spectators are not permitted to coach or instruct from the sidelines. Positive encouragement is welcome.
- Only individuals listed on official game rosters may sit in or near the team area.
- A coach or team can be penalized or removed because of the misconduct of a parent, player or spectator.
- Parents and players should feel free to communicate with the coach and ask questions directly in a private message or in person, in accordance with the "24 Hour Rule" described below.

COMMUNICATIONS: The 24 Hour Rule.

A concern with the coach and parent/player may be effectively addressed via this policy.

1. Wait 24 hours before initiating communications with team staff (coach or team manager).
2. If the problem persists, contact the coach directly through private message or in person.
3. If the issue is not satisfactorily resolved, contact club leaders.

TEAM COMMUNICATIONS

Coaches and Team Managers keep parents informed via text, phone, e-mail and GroupMe chat. Group messages should ONLY be used to distribute factual, relevant information. Arguments, insults, profanity and generally negative or unproductive posts will not be tolerated.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Each registered player assumes the financial obligation of the **Excel player registration fee** which is due on the date of registration. There is a pay in full option or a payment plan option. Fees cover expenses such as state registration, insurance, league, referee, facility, equipment, admin, tournament/event entry, coach pay, team and player supplies, special training, events and more.

Teams that participate in additional tournaments, camps, summer training or scrimmages must be prepared to cover or fund raise for the costs associated with those events.

Non-payment or late payment risks player eligibility. Players removed from the Club for non-payment or early release may be placed in bad standing until debts, including financial awards, are settled.

PLAYER’S CODE OF CONDUCT

As a player, your actions reflect upon yourself, your team and the Yavapai Soccer Club.

Players are expected to:

- Conform to the rules established by the coach and the Club;
- Respect the coach's decisions and follow his/her instructions;
- Not engage in inappropriate, offensive, illegal or dangerous behaviors;
- Treat others with respect both on and off the field;
- Follow nutritional guidelines as set forth by the coach;
- Not smoke, drink alcohol, or use illicit drugs;
- Participate in all practices, games and team events except in the case of injury or illness;
- Arrive early and wear appropriate training gear and uniform to all team activities;
- Care for your uniform, Club equipment and fields;
- Follow the “24-hour rule” on communication.

DISCIPLINE

Violations of this Excel Player and Parent Agreement that cannot be resolved between the parent, player and coach will be reported to club leaders. Disciplinary action may include a warning, personal apology, suspension and/or expulsion from the Club.

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

I acknowledge that this commitment is for a full Excel soccer season, and can be canceled at any time for failure to abide by the terms outlined in this Agreement.

By giving my digital or physical consent, I verify that I have read and understand the expectations of the parent and player as described in this Agreement.

Parent name Parent signature

Player name Player signature

Date