

SANTA CLARA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

PARENT CONTRACT

This parent contract has been established in an effort to better inform the parents of all players in the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League of the League expectations for them.

As a parent of a player in the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League, my family and I pledge to:

- ◆ Support my child's efforts to be on time and be prepared for all practices, training sessions and games.
- ◆ Calmly watch the play and not shout instructions to my child or other players.
- ◆ Not question the calls of the referee or the actions of the coach.
- ◆ Provide encouragement to my child and all team players.
- ◆ Be respectful of all players on my child's team and opposing teams, coaches and referees.
- ◆ Discuss all issues with my child's coach privately and at a time away from the game.
- ◆ Refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct and poor parenting behavior including verbal or physical abuse of players, coaches, referees, and other spectators at practice, before, during and after games.
- ◆ Help my child's coach whenever necessary which may include setting up or taking down field equipment for games and practices.

As a parent of a player in the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League, my family and I will abide by the following League Rules:

- ◆ **Violent Conduct.** The League has a zero tolerance for any violent conduct by players, coaches, parents or any other persons during any League activity. Any league activity includes but is not limited to games, practices or meetings. The League Board of Directors will investigate any and all acts of violence. Penalties may range from suspension or expulsion from the League.
- ◆ **Required Player Equipment.** All players participating in any practice, game or other competition shall wear the following equipment: approved shoes (**baseball style cleats are not allowed to be used**); shin guards; and socks which cover the shin guards completely.
- ◆ **Wearing of Jewelry.** Players may not wear any type of jewelry during games or practices. Jewelry includes but is not limited to rings, bracelets, necklaces or earrings.
Exception: Players may be allowed to wear medical identification bracelets or necklaces as long as they are safeguarded in some way as to not pose a hazard to other players.
- ◆ **Smoking and Alcoholic Beverages.** In accordance to the guidelines set by CYSA and the Santa Clara Unified School District, smoking and alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited at all activities sponsored by the League.
- ◆ **Red Card Penalties.** All incidents involving the issuance of a red card involving any person affiliated with the League will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will have discretionary powers to increase penalties befitting the infractions.

As a parent of a player in the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League, my family and I understand the following:

- ◆ **For recreational players,** every effort will be made to place my child on a team; however, the availability of teams is based on the number of volunteer coaches for your child's age group. Timely registration of your child will help to ensure that they are placed on a team.
- ◆ **For recreational players,** every effort will be made to form all teams and notify parents of their child's team assignment by August 15th.
- ◆ **Volunteer opportunities,** I understand that the league is primarily run and organized by volunteers. It is my responsibility to seek out opportunities to volunteer in order to receive my Volunteer Participation Program refund. Volunteer opportunities will be listed on the League's website at www.scyouthsoccer.org or in the League's newsletter **The Keeper**. In order to receive my Volunteer Participation Refund, I must volunteer at least 4 hours and submit a completed reimbursement form that is available on the League website.
- ◆ **Playing Time.** It shall be the policy of the League that all players playing in the following age groups and classes of play shall play at least 50% of the time in each game:
 - A. Recreational (Class 4) all age groups.
 - B. Competitive (Class 3) U11 and younger.
 - C. Select (Class 1) U10 and younger.Playing time on all other teams will be at the discretion of the coach of the team. The League recommends that the coaches limit the size of their rosters to a manageable number so that all players have an opportunity to develop their playing skills.
- ◆ **Refund of Registration Fees.** Player registration fees will be refunded accordingly for the following reasons upon request:
 - A. A player is unable to be assigned to a team. The player is entitled to a full refund.
 - B. A player is physically unable to play any game after being assigned a team due to any reason unrelated to any League activity. The player is entitled to a refund less the CYSA fee.
 - C. A player is assigned to a team but unable to play any game. The player is entitled to a refund upon request less the CYSA fee and uniform costs, if issued a uniform.All requests for refunds shall be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than October 1st. Refunds shall be issued by November 15th.
- ◆ **Use of City and School Facilities.** The Santa Clara Youth Soccer League utilizes facilities owned by the City of Santa Clara and the Santa Clara Unified School District. In order for the League to maintain a good relationship with the City and School District, all League members must always respect the facilities that are used for practices and games this includes keeping the grounds clean during and after use, utilizing proper toilet facilities, abiding by all parking regulations and respecting all neighbors.

I have reviewed the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League's Parent Contract and will meet the terms of this contract related to my child's participation in the League. I will also discuss the terms with other family members that may be involved in League activities. I understand the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League Board of Directors reserves the right to penalize any member including parents, coaches or players for any violation of the terms listed in the Parent Contract. The Board of Directors will determine the appropriate penalty for any violation of these terms.

Family's Last Name

List All Player(s) Names

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date