

# SANTA CLARA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

## PLAYER CONTRACT

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

As a player of the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League I pledge to:

- ◆ Abide by the rules of my team, club, Santa Clara Youth Soccer League and the California Youth Soccer Association-North.
- ◆ Work hard to improve my skills.
- ◆ Be a team player - get along within the team environment. Never place blame for a loss or tie on my teammates. Understand that you win or lose as a team.
- ◆ Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.
- ◆ Be on time for practices and games.
- ◆ Learn the Laws of the Game and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- ◆ Respect, and refrain from public criticism of my coaches, teammates, parents, opponents and game officials. The respect you give will dictate the respect you get.
- ◆ Never argue with an official's decision. No lashing out at any official no matter what the call is. Let the coaching staff handle all matters pertaining to officiating.
- ◆ Understand that fighting will not be tolerated and will result in suspension from the League.
- ◆ Conduct myself in a befitting manner and refrain from the use of abusive, obscene or profane language or gestures.
- ◆ Treat everyone fairly, regardless of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- ◆ Abstain from use of tobacco, drinking alcoholic beverages, using illegal substances, or performance enhancing or mind-altering drugs.

As a player in the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League, 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 player in the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League, I understand the following:

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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 Player Contract and will meet the terms of this contract related to my 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 player for any violation of the terms listed in the Player Contract. The Board of Directors will determine the appropriate penalty for any violation of these terms.**

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Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of Play \_\_\_\_\_ /Age Group/ \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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