



Arlington Soccer Association Travel Soccer Program Player/Parent Commitment

Please read the following rules and guidelines for 9U to 19U travel soccer players in Arlington Soccer Association (ASA). **When accepting a travel roster spot online with ASA you will have the opportunity to read and check that you agree with all items contained in the commitment letter.**

Congratulations! Arlington Soccer Association (ASA) welcomes you and looks forward to having you as part of our travel program.

Player and Parent Commitment Confirmation

Recognizing that soccer is a demanding sport, and that playing travel soccer requires commitment and dedication, we hereby choose to accept a spot on a travel team and understand that we are expected to make soccer our priority sport for the fall and spring seasons. The fall season begins in mid-August and goes until mid-November, and the spring begins in March and goes through mid-June. For players selected to a team that will play in the Club Champions League (CCL) they can expect events may fall outside of this time frame and the expectation is these events and practices for these events would be top priority. Teams begin practicing two to four weeks before the start of each season. That means that any other sport should be secondary to soccer training sessions, games and tournaments during these seasons. By agreeing to accept an offer to play on a travel team, a player is promising to give their best efforts and to participate in every event the team schedules.

We also acknowledge that Arlington Soccer Association is a volunteer-run organization. As such, we understand that ALL parents must volunteer at either the team, travel program or club level. In addition, we expect all parents to help with club and team fundraising functions. Almost all teams in the club run their own fundraising efforts in order to lower parents' out-of-pocket costs and to possibly assist families on their team who might need financial assistance. You should expect this as part of your child's participation in the club. We understand that without fundraising and the efforts of team and club volunteers, the cost of travel soccer would be significantly higher.

PLAYER and PARENT Obligation:

- Accept the coach's decisions (playing time, player position, tactics, etc.) and not be detrimental to a positive playing environment.
- Be responsible for knowing about club and team activities and updates by reading team and club emails and checking team and club websites
- Being on-time and attending **ALL** practices, games and other team events and notifying my coach in a timely manner if I will be tardy or unable to make a practice, game, or meeting.
- Attending **ALL** team league games (including Spring break weekend), tournaments (most on holiday weekends) and State Cup play (Saturdays) that my teams participates in.
- Participate in team and or club fundraising events.
- Agreeing to abide by all club, league, tournament and other event codes of conduct
- Not act in any way that is detrimental to the team or the Arlington Soccer Association.

In addition PLAYERS will . . .

- Agree to make soccer my priority sport for the fall and spring seasons. (Teams that will play in the CCL can expect events may fall outside of this time frame and the expectation is these events and practices for these events would be top priority).
- Communicate frequently with my coaches along with listening to them
- Focus and work hard during all team events along with having a positive attitude and never quitting
- Practice soccer skills and conditioning on my own.
- Respect my teammates and only give them positive encouragement.

In addition PARENTS will . . .

Volunteer my services and talents for the team and/or club. This includes EVERY parent volunteering for the team schedule to monitor a team practice/event, working on or at the ASIST Tournament, the club's annual tournament, if your player is playing in the event and volunteering for a team parent job or club volunteer position

- Attend and participate in all team meetings
- Pay all Travel Program and Team fees; turn in all required forms and purchase club uniform kit by their due dates.
- Notify the coach and manager in person or by email of any serious medical condition that could require treatment. Ensure the player can administer any needed treatment. If treatment cannot be taken care of by the player then ensure that a parent or guardian attends practices and games to assist the player if the need should arise.
- Be encouraging, supportive, and affirmative in regard to my child's play on the field.
- Familiarize myself with the Laws of the Games and respect officials and accept their decisions.
- Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent. I understand there are severe consequences for dissent and unsportsmanlike conduct such as banishment from my child's future games or future club activities.
- Support the coach and the team and not interfere at any time with the duties and responsibilities of the coach.
- Comply with the rules, policies, directions, and procedures of the team, administrators, and board members of the club as they apply to me.

YEAR LONG COMMITMENT

We recognize that the players' and coaches' commitment to travel soccer and to each other is for the soccer year which is Aug 1 – July 31. Refunds are not issued to players who leave during the soccer seasonal year. I also understand that should my child decide to leave for any reason, including injury, during the soccer seasonal year, **I am still responsible for any monies owed to the team and/or club.** The club's current refund policy regarding travel program fees can be found on the club website or by contacting the ASA Finance Manager, Diane Oden (dianeoden@arlingtonsoccer.com).

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

We understand and accept the financial terms outlined on the **TRYOUT and FEES** page of the club website. **In addition to the club program fees, each player is responsible for paying for their team fees** Team fees include costs to cover tournament registration, coach travel expenses, winter league or futsal fees and equipment/first aid supplies.

Please note: Failure to fulfill your financial obligations will result in the suspension of your son's/daughter's eligibility to play with travel soccer until all payments and applicable late fees are current.

Financial aid may be available for those families that qualify. In order to see if you qualify for financial aid please submit a financial aid application and provide the necessary documentation to Arlington Soccer.

STATE AND LEAGUE POLICIES

It is the policy of Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) that all travel players registered with VYSA are responsible for making payments required in writing by their clubs and/or teams. Accordingly, VYSA will not process a transfer of a player from one club/team to another during the seasonal year if that player is not current on his or her financial obligations, provided that (1) the financial obligation is set forth in writing and acknowledged by the player's family, and (2) the obligation is for the current seasonal year.

If a player fails to meet his or her financial obligations pursuant to a written obligation, a club or team may involuntarily release the player at any time during the seasonal year, provided that the team has followed the process as outlined by VYSA.

Per CCL league Rules & Procedures, III. Recruitment:

A player rostered to a team in a CCL (Club Champions League) club (this includes teams that do not play in CCL) is **ineligible** to transfer to any other team affiliated with a CCL club (this includes teams that do not play in CCL) within the same seasonal year (August 1 to July 31) except as follows: the player has moved to the geographical area of the new club and beyond reasonable travel distance of the old club AND both Club Directors and CCL agree to the transfer.

Transferring to a team affiliated with another league after being released from a CCL club team does not make the player eligible to then transfer to another CCL club team.

During the soccer seasonal year, players from ASA may NOT transfer to another team that is part of a CCL club. Even if the player's team is a non-CCL league team and the player is attempting to transfer to a non-CCL team in the CCL club. (i.e. a player on an ASA NCSL team may not transfer to a NCSL team in Mclean Soccer as this club is also a CCL club).