

Atlanta Fire United Soccer Association

2023-2024 Information



2023-2024 OVERVIEW

1. PROGRAMS

Academy Program

This Program is designed for players ages 7 through 11. Our academy program offers competition against other Metro Atlanta Soccer Club academy teams. Typically, teams will have 10 games and play in 2 tournaments per season (Fall and Spring). *Tryouts are required. Players are selected for teams based on their overall skill level.*

The U8 age group utilizes the following team hierarchy:

- Elite pool

The U9 and U10 age groups utilize the following team hierarchy:

- Elite
- Gold
- Silver
- Bronze
- Red

Through U11 age groups utilize the following team hierarchy:

- Elite pool
- Gold pool

• The U12 age group utilizes the following team hierarchy:

- Pre-ECNL pool
- Elite pool

Select Program

This program is designed for players ages 12-18 and offers opportunity to play in state, regional and national league structures. Select teams participate in 4 different leagues - Elite Clubs National League (ECNL), ECNL Regional League (ECNL-R), USYS National League Elite 64 (E64), and Southeastern Clubs Champions League (SCCL). The number of games varies depending on the age group and what league the team is competing in. U13 and U14 teams will have both a Fall and Spring season, where U15 and older teams typically complete most of their regular season games in the Fall season. *Tryouts are required. Players are selected for teams based on their overall skill level.*

This program utilizes the following team hierarchy:

- ECNL
- ECNL-R
- Elite
- Premier

We offer a Spring Friendly season for all trapped players. A trapped player is an 8th grader who is playing on a U15 team with high school-age players. Our aim is to create teams who would compete in a local league. If we are unable to form a team, we will offer training to our trapped players.



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2. LEAGUES

Elite Clubs National League (ECNL)

The Elite Clubs National League (ECNL) is the top development, identification and competition platform for youth soccer players in the United States. The structure of the Southeast Conference will vary some between boys and girls, but will offer competition against other Metro Atlanta soccer clubs as well as clubs from other states within the region such as Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Teams are anticipated to have between 20 and 24 games in addition to participating in tournaments and showcases.

AFU's top level U13 through U19 boys & girls teams will play in the Southeast Conference of ECNL.



ECNL Regional League (ECNL – R)

The ECNL is the nation's leading youth soccer development platform. ECNL has decided to expand this development platform to more players by creating the ECNL Regional Leagues. This league is a second tier of competition within the ECNL umbrella and will provide improved coordination and collaboration between teams of different levels within ECNL clubs, and/or opportunity for teams and players in other clubs to develop through regular high-level competition. The structure of the Southeast Conference will vary some between boys and girls, but will offer competition against other Metro Atlanta soccer clubs as well as clubs from other states within the region such as Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Teams are anticipated to have between 14 and 20 games in addition to participating in tournaments and showcases.

AFU's second level U13 through U19 boys & girls teams will play in the Southeast Conference of the ECNL – Regional League.



US Youth Soccer National League Elite 64

US Youth Soccer National League's 'Elite Performance Tier' — Elite 64 — is the pinnacle of soccer in the United States, providing a never-before-seen experience that enhances a player's recruitment into the college and professional game. Elite 64 features eight geographically aligned premier leagues, offering a flexible 10-month league season with a National Championship event.

AFU's Elite level U13 through U19 boys & girls teams will play in the Southeast Conference of the USYS Elite 64 League.



Southeastern Clubs Champions League

The Southeastern Clubs Champions League is a topflight league formed by major clubs across the Southeast under the auspices of US Club Soccer with high level competition and exposure.

AFU's Premier level U13 through U19 boys & girls teams as well as U11 Elite pools and U12 Pre-ECNL pools will play in the SCCL.

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Academy

Our Academy Program at Atlanta Fire United introduces youth players in the 6–12-year-old age groups to a more competitive soccer environment. Our Academy's philosophy is one of learning how to play the most popular sport in the world with creativity, fun, and attacking soccer. Challenging training sessions conducted by the Academy staff are the key ingredient in the personal development of the players. Training activities are devised to help each player improve technically, tactically, physically, and psychologically. Games are played against top metro Atlanta clubs to create the necessary ratio and platform for development.

3. TRYOUTS

Tryouts and Evaluation & Team Placement Process

Our tryout registration is open, and we want any player interested in playing Academy, SCCL, ECNL-R or ECNL soccer with AFU for the 2023-2024 soccer year to register as soon as possible if you haven't already. Please keep in mind that registering does not commit you to anything, but does help us plan appropriately.

At AFU our goal is to provide the best possible development platform for every player. Team placement has to align with the overall skill level of the player, where the player can be challenged but also find success within the level of play.

AFU will use ID sessions as well as tryouts to evaluate all players. In addition to tryouts, AFU coaching staff will collaborate through conversations and conferences to ensure each returning player's seasonal play, previous evaluations, demonstrated skill, demonstrated progress & development, maturity, mentality and overall body of work throughout the 2022-2023 soccer year is factored into their respective team placement for the 2023-2024 season. Current and former coaches as well as program directors are part of the player evaluations.

Tryout Timelines

U8 through U14

- Field Evaluations: May 22 – May 24
- Roster selection and Team Placement offers: May 22 – May 30
- Acceptance Letters: May 22 – May 30
- Team meetings: *****details TBA*****

U15 through U19

- Field Evaluations: May 30 – June 1
- Roster selection and Team Placement offers: May 30 – June 7
- Acceptance Letters: May 30 – June 7
- Team meetings: *****details TBA*****

Players will receive the acceptance letter via email by Monday following tryouts and have 48 hours to accept in order to reserve their spot on the team.

We truly appreciate your support and understanding during the tryout process. As always, if you have any questions, please contact your coach or other AFU staff member and we will gladly assist you in any way we can.

If you have any specific questions, or have not received an invitation by the Monday following tryouts, please contact the Director of the program that your son or daughter will be participating in.

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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY 2023-2024

COMPETITIVE /
PRO-DEVELOPMENT

Women's



Men's



COMPETITIVE

Ages 7-11

Academy

Ages 12-18

Select

RECREATIONAL

Ages 4-7

Ages 8-11

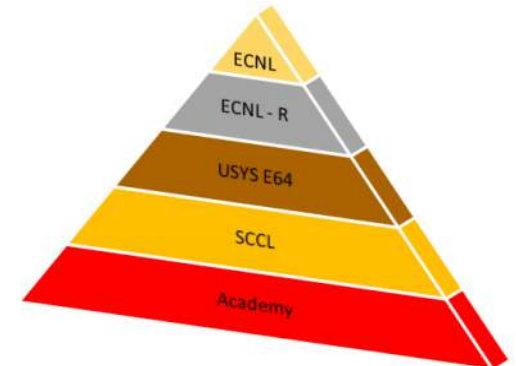
Ages 12-18

Inter-club League

Gwinnett County RIAS

Kicks 4 Kiddos

Ages 3-7



Recreational Program:

This program is designed for players ages 4-18 and offers opportunity to learn and enjoy the beautiful game with family and friends in a fun and energetic atmosphere. Our well-established recreation program is the foundation of our club and the starting point for most of our players.

Kicks 4 Kiddo's Program:

This inter-club program is designed for players ages 3-7 and is designed to teach basic soccer skills and encourage the love of the game. This program is led by staff coaches and meets ONLY on SATURDAYS for a 2-part session; 30 minutes of skill development & 30 minutes of game-like instruction.

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2023-2024 HIGHLIGHTS



College Recruiting:

- We are extremely excited to announce the addition of another Director of College Recruitment to work with Dom Martelli and focus on the boys program. Steve Alison will be joining us starting in June 2023 and bring a wealth of experience to this position that will certainly benefit our players. Moving forward, Dom Martelli will serve as Director of College Recruitment – Girls and Steve will compliment him serving as Director of College Recruitment – Boys. Check out our website for more information

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Coaching Staff Additions:

- We are honored to welcome Coaches William Larios, Amadou Diallo, Kevin Cromwell, Ryan Burkhart and Abel Mendez as new additions to our staff. We are very excited about the knowledge and experience these coaches bring to the club and the positive impact they will have for our players.

TOCA Football Partner and Continued Focus on TOCA Training:

- We are excited to continue as a TOCA Football Partner! This partnership will provide additional development opportunities and benefits to our players.
- Some of our Academy teams will incorporate TOCA technical training through an additional night of training during the 2023-2024 season. Specific details will be shared as we get closer to the start of the season.*

Continued Focus on Futsal Programming

- We will continue to use futsal to maximize the development of our younger players. Our U10 Academy teams will incorporate futsal training program through a 3rd night of training during the 2023-2024 season.*
- Members will continue to experience improvements to our programming and facilities we use over the winter as well as optional futsal training programs throughout the season.

Strength, Conditioning and Injury-Prevention Programming

- Our ECNL teams will continue with the strength, conditioning and injury-prevention/ACL-prevention program (that was piloted in 2022-2023) as part of their curriculum/training schedule. This training will be led by 2 strength and conditioning specialists and will be a 16-week program starting in August.*
- Our goal is to expand this training and offer optional training opportunities in the future.

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- During the 2022-23 season we implemented a sharing platform/fleet of cameras to allow recording of games for all of our programs. We will continue do to so for 2023-2024 and continue purchasing additional cameras.

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Atlanta Fire United West:

- Starting with the 2023-2024 season, AFU is expanding and adding a new location.
- This expansion will allow AFU to provide our soccer programming to the Alpharetta, Milton, Roswell, and Cherokee areas. Our partnership with Mill Springs Academy will provide outstanding facilities in a centrally located area.
- The directors will share the same vision, player development philosophy and have common goals that will provide players a pathway to play at all levels. For more information, please email us at info@afuwest.com

USYS National League Elite 64:

- Starting with the 2023-2024 season, AFU will participate in USYS National League Elite 64 with both Girls and Boys teams!
- The USYS National League ELITE 64 is a program for players age 13U and older boys and girls who desire to play in highly competitive environments where they can showcase their talent and get additional exposure for collegiate opportunities. AFU teams compete in the Southeast Conference against teams from North Carolina, Florida and Georgia and participate in showcases and/or post-season playoff events. AFU entered the ELITE 64 program to provide players the opportunity to compete on a national platform and gain experience in a regional and national format.
- The participation in and the cost of Elite 64 covers the 2 showcases and national playoffs.
- Elite 64 teams will use ProScore. ProScore is the ultimate resource for qualitative-based information on team and individual player performance. Using its customized metrics, ProScore will break down teams' games into the most important actions - giving coaches, players and college/professional scouts the ability to watch and analyze the key areas of the game from their prospective. STATSports Elite 64 players will have access to the industry leader STATSports' GPS technology. STATSports and its revolutionary tracking software is worn by elite professionals around the world.

Athletic Trainers:

- Trained professionals will be present during home matches to assist with minor medical treatments before, during and after play.

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2023-2024 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT (U8-U12)

You have three payment options:

- 1) **Pay tuition in full**
Payment due upon registration (June) and will cover tuition and tournaments
- 2) **Pay tuition in five Installments:**
Payment due on the 1st of: June, August, September, October & November
****tournament payments will be collected in July and January****
- 3) **Pay tuition in six Installments**
Payment due on the 1st of: June, August, September, October, November & February
****tournament payments will be collected in July and January****

If a payment plan is selected, the first payment is due at the time of registration. If a player registers later than June, multiple payments may process together at the time of registration.

	LEVEL	Tuition	5 Installments	6 Installments	Tournaments	2 Installments	Grand Total
U8	All Levels	\$1,325.00	\$265.00 / mo.	\$220.83 / mo.	\$360.00	\$180.00 /mo.	\$1,685.00
U9	Elite	\$1,625.00	\$325.00 / mo.	\$270.83 / mo.	\$360.00	\$180.00 /mo.	\$1,985.00
U9	Gold, Silver, Bronze	\$1,625.00	\$325.00 / mo.	\$270.83 / mo.	\$360.00	\$180.00 /mo.	\$1,985.00
U10	Elite	\$2,025.00	\$405.00 / mo.	\$337.50 / mo.	\$400.00	\$200.00 /mo.	\$2,425.00
U10	Gold, Silver, Bronze	\$2,025.00	\$405.00 / mo.	\$337.50 / mo.	\$400.00	\$200.00 /mo.	\$2,425.00
U11	Elite	\$2,025.00	\$405.00 / mo.	\$337.50 / mo.	\$300.00	\$150.00 /mo.	\$2,325.00
U11	Gold, Silver, Bronze	\$2,025.00	\$405.00 / mo.	\$337.50 / mo.	\$300.00	\$150.00 /mo.	\$2,325.00
U12	Pre-ECNL Pool	\$2,325.00	\$465.00 / mo.	\$387.50 / mo.	\$480.00	\$240.00 /mo.	\$2,805.00
U12	Elite Pool	\$2,025.00	\$405.00 / mo.	\$337.50 / mo.	\$300.00	\$150.00 /mo.	\$2,325.00
U12	Gold, Silver, Bronze	\$2,025.00	\$405.00 / mo.	\$337.50 / mo.	\$300.00	\$150.00 /mo.	\$2,325.00

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U13 B	ECNL	\$2,625.00	\$525.00 / mo.	\$437.50 / mo.	\$460.00	\$230.00 /mo.	\$3,085.00
U13 G	ECNL	\$2,625.00	\$525.00 / mo.	\$437.50 / mo.	\$350.00	\$175.00 /mo.	\$2,975.00
U13 B	ECNL-R	\$2,125.00	\$425.00 / mo.	\$354.17 / mo.	\$300.00	\$150.00 / mo.	\$2,425.00
U13 G	ECNL-R	\$2,125.00	\$425.00 / mo.	\$354.17 / mo.	\$300.00	\$150.00 / mo.	\$2,425.00
U13 B	Elite	\$1,925.00	\$385.00 / mo.	\$320.83 / mo.	\$245.00	\$122.50 / mo.	\$2,170.00
U13 G	Elite	\$1,925.00	\$385.00 / mo.	\$320.83 / mo.	\$245.00	\$122.50 / mo.	\$2,170.00
U13 B	Premier, Gold	\$1,825.00	\$365.00 / mo.	\$304.17 / mo.	\$230.00	\$115.00 / mo.	\$2,055.00
U13 G	Premier, Gold	\$1,825.00	\$365.00 / mo.	\$304.17 / mo.	\$230.00	\$115.00 / mo.	\$2,055.00
U14 B	ECNL	\$2,625.00	\$525.00 / mo.	\$437.50 / mo.	\$460.00	\$230.00 /mo.	\$3,085.00
U14 G	ECNL	\$2,625.00	\$525.00 / mo.	\$437.50 / mo.	\$460.00	\$230.00 /mo.	\$3,085.00
U14 B	ECNL-R	\$2,125.00	\$425.00 / mo.	\$354.17 / mo.	\$300.00	\$150.00 / mo.	\$2,425.00
U14 G	ECNL-R	\$2,125.00	\$425.00 / mo.	\$354.17 / mo.	\$300.00	\$150.00 / mo.	\$2,425.00
U14 B	Elite	\$1,925.00	\$385.00 / mo.	\$320.83 / mo.	\$320.00	\$160.00 / mo.	\$2,245.00
U14 G	Elite	\$1,925.00	\$385.00 / mo.	\$320.83 / mo.	\$320.00	\$160.00 / mo.	\$2,245.00
U14 B	Premier, Gold	\$1,825.00	\$365.00 / mo.	\$304.17 / mo.	\$230.00	\$115.00 / mo.	\$2,055.00
U14 B	Premier, Gold	\$1,825.00	\$365.00 / mo.	\$304.17 / mo.	\$230.00	\$115.00 / mo.	\$2,055.00

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

AGE GROUPS:

AGE GROUP	BIRTH YEAR
U8	2016 / 2017
U9	2015
U10	2014
U11	2013
U12	2012
U13	2011
U14	2010

**** Atlanta Fire United reserves the right to adjust/tailor program offerings as described in this document.**

**** Dual League Fees (approximately \$300.00) will be added to the tuition cost for each player if their team is placed in a secondary league to afford a meaningful schedule with the proper number of games throughout the season**



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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Two training sessions per week:
 - U8 and U9 (all teams)
- Three training sessions per week:
 - U10 (all teams) [1 of the sessions will be indoor futsal training]
 - U11 (all teams) [1 of the sessions will be indoor futsal training]
 - U12 (all teams) [1 of the sessions will be indoor TOCA training for 8-12 weeks]
 - U13 & U14 ECNL-R, Elite, Premier & Gold teams
 - Note that some Premier and lower teams may only train 2x per week depending on the team's league participation and level of play
- Three to four training sessions per week:
 - U12 Pre ECNL [1 of the sessions will be indoor TOCA training for 8-12 weeks]
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 - U13 & U14 ECNL teams [1 of the sessions will be indoor strength & conditioning]
- Training session length: 70-90 minutes
- Games: minimum of 10 per each season (Fall and Spring). ECNL teams may have more games.
- Game Days: Saturdays & Sundays
- Pre-Season Team Camp: 4 evenings (held at the end of summer break before school starts)
- Player will receive one grey practice shirt to be used during training sessions and one AFU lifestyle shirt

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OPTIONAL TRAINING/EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS: (Fees and dates to be announced)

Fall – September/October/November:

- Camps, Master Skills Program

Winter – December/January

- Futsal and Indoor Programs, Camps, Clinics

Spring – February/March/April/May

- Camps, Master Skills Program

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Summer – June/July

- Summer SCCL League, Camps, Clinics

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2023-2024 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT (U15-U19 Boys)



You have three payment options:

- 1) **Pay tuition in full**
Payment due upon registration (June) and will cover tuition and tournaments
- 2) **Pay tuition in four Installments:**
Payment due on the 1st of: June, August, September & October
****tournament payments will be collected in July****
- 3) **Pay tuition in five Installments**
Payment due on the 1st of: June, August, September, October & November
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U15	ECNL	\$2,625.00	\$525.00 / mo.	\$437.50 / mo.	\$340.00	\$2,965.00
U15	ECNL-R	\$2,125.00	\$425.00 / mo.	\$354.17 / mo.	\$240.00	\$2,365.00
U15	Elite	\$1,925.00	\$385.00 / mo.	\$320.83 / mo.	\$320.00	\$2,245.00
U15	Premier, Gold	\$1,825.00	\$365.00 / mo.	\$304.17 / mo.	\$230.00	\$2,055.00
U16	ECNL	\$2,625.00	\$525.00 / mo.	\$437.50 / mo.	\$300.00	\$2,925.00
U16	ECNL-R	\$2,125.00	\$425.00 / mo.	\$354.17 / mo.	\$255.00	\$2,380.00
U16	Elite	\$1,925.00	\$385.00 / mo.	\$320.83 / mo.	\$230.00	\$2,155.00
U16	Premier, Gold	\$1,825.00	\$365.00 / mo.	\$304.17 / mo.	\$150.00	\$1,975.00
U17	ECNL	\$2,625.00	\$525.00 / mo.	\$437.50 / mo.	\$400.00	\$3,025.00
U17	ECNL-R	\$2,125.00	\$425.00 / mo.	\$354.17 / mo.	\$350.00	\$2,475.00
U17	Elite	\$1,925.00	\$385.00 / mo.	\$320.83 / mo.	\$230.00	\$2,155.00
U17	Premier, Gold	\$1,825.00	\$365.00 / mo.	\$304.17 / mo.	\$150.00	\$1,975.00
U18/19	ECNL	\$2,625.00	\$525.00 / mo.	\$437.50 / mo.	\$400.00	\$3,025.00
U18/19	ECNL-R	\$2,125.00	\$425.00 / mo.	\$354.17 / mo.	\$300.00	\$2,425.00
U18/19	Elite	\$1,925.00	\$385.00 / mo.	\$320.83 / mo.	\$230.00	\$2,155.00
U18/19	Premier, Gold	\$1,825.00	\$365.00 / mo.	\$304.17 / mo.	\$100.00	\$1,925.00

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U15	Elite	\$1,925.00	\$385.00 / mo.	\$320.83 / mo.	\$320.00	\$2,245.00
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

AGE GROUPS:

AGE GROUP	BIRTH YEAR
U15	2009
U16	2008
U17	2007
U18/19	2005 / 2006

**** Atlanta Fire United reserves to right to adjust/tailor program offerings as described in this document.**

**** Dual League Fees (approximately \$300.00) will be added to the tuition cost for each player if their team is placed in a secondary league to afford a meaningful schedule with the proper number of games throughout the season**



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Summer – June/July

- Summer SCCL League (Tryouts required and are typically held in January/February)
- Camps, Clinics

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2023-2024 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



General Information:

For the 2023-2024 soccer year, the club will continue collecting tournament dues separately from tuition dues. This is being done in an effort to prevent volunteers from being responsible for tournament fee collections for teams. In order to do this efficiently, and communicate this information up front, the plan is based on target roster sizes and target tournament participation.

Each team will be assigned tournaments to participate in. This will be communicated to each team by the end of July. The club will handle registering teams for their assigned tournaments and also for paying their registration fees. Our Club Admin will work closely with teams on this process and communication.

How will tournament fees be paid?

Tournament fees are combined with tuition fees and will be paid in full upon registration or paid as part of the payment plan you select. If selecting a payment plan, there will be 1 tournament payment in July and 1 tournament payment in January for U8-U14 teams and 1 tournament payment in July for U15-U19 teams.

What do tournament fees cover?

The tournament fees you pay will cover your player's portion of the team registration fees for the tournaments your team is assigned, tournament admin fees and tournament match pay for coaches.

- Tournament registration fees and admin fees, which are set by the host tournament, are a lump sum amount that is evenly divided by the # of players on the team.
- Tournament match pay for coaches is \$50.00 per match, for each match played during the tournament.

What is not covered by tournament fees?

There will be a need for teams to collect for items like Coach per diem, mileage, airfare, hotel, etc. for travel tournaments and/or for **additional tournaments that are selected by Coach or team that are not a part of the assignments made by the Club. (Examples are: Disney, State Cup, etc.)**

Any tournament (or regular season) game that is farther than 150 miles round trip from Scott Hudgens Park will have additional costs that will have to be covered by the teams. We will communicate this early in the season.

What happens if an assigned tournament is cancelled by the host club?

If a tournament is cancelled, and the funds are returned to the club, AFU will work to find another tournament for the team to compete in. If AFU cannot find another tournament that is suitable, a refund will be issued. Refunds will be based on the amount the host club refunds to AFU, and as a result may not be a 100% refund.

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Age Group / League	# of Planned Fall Tournaments	# of Planned Spring Tournaments	# of Planned Showcases
U8-U12 Boys and Girls	2	2	0
U12 Boys and Girls Pre-ECNL Pool	2	2	1
U13-U14 Elite II / Premier Boys	2	2	0
U13-U14 Elite Boys	1	2	1 (u13) 2 (u14)
U13-14 ECNL-R Boys	2	2	0
U13-14 ECNL Boys	2	1	2
U13-U14 Elite II / Premier Girls	2	2	0
U13-U14 Elite Girls	1	2	1 (u13) 2 (u14)
U13-14 ECNL-R Girls	2	2	0
U13-14 ECNL Girls	2	1	1 (u13) 2 (u14)
U15 Elite II / Premier Boys	2	2	0
U15 Elite Boys	1	2	2
U15 ECNL-R Boys	2	1	0
U15 ECNL Boys	1	0	2
U15 Elite II / Premier Girls	2	2	0
U15 Elite Girls	1	2	2
U15 ECNL-R Girls	2	1	0
U15 ECNL Girls	2	1	2
U16-U17 Elite II / Premier Boys	2	1	0
U16-U17 Elite Boys	1	1	2
U16-U17 ECNL-R Boys	1	1	1 (u16) 2 (u17)
U16-U17 ECNL Boys	1	0	2 (u16) 3 (u17)
U16-U17 Elite II / Premier Girls	2	1	0
U16-U17 Elite Girls	1	1	2
U16-U17 ECNL-R Girls	1	1	2
U16-U17 ECNL Girls	1	1	3
U18/19 Elite II / Premier Boys	2	0	0
U18/19 Elite Boys	1	1	2
U18/19 ECNL-R Boys	1	0	2
U18/19 ECNL Boys	1	0	3
U18/19 Elite II / Premier Girls	2	0	0
U18/19 Elite Girls	1	1	2
U18/19 ECNL-R Girls	1	0	2
U18/19 ECNL Girls	1	1	3

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2023-2024 UNIFORMS



General Information:

- **2023-2024 is the SECOND year of a two-year uniform cycle**
- Uniform Kits are **NOT** included in tuition and **ALL** players must have them
 - Cost for *Academy* (all levels) teams is approx. **\$226 + tax**
 - (2 jerseys, 2 shorts, 2 socks, outerwear)
 - Cost for *Select Elite*, Premier and Gold (SCCL) teams is approx. **\$250 + tax**
 - (2 jerseys, 2 shorts, 2 socks, outerwear)
 - Cost for *Select ECNL* and ECNL-R teams is approx. **\$329 + tax**
 - (3 jerseys, 1 pre-game warmup jersey, 3 shorts, 3 socks, outerwear)
 - Cost for Goalkeepers is approx. **\$271 + tax**
 - (1 long sleeve jersey, 1 short sleeve jerseys, 2 shorts, 2 socks, outerwear)
 - 1 pre-game warmup jersey is required for ECNL Goalkeepers
 - Atlanta Fire United Bags are required for all players (not required to purchase if you already have one)
- Each player will get one **FREE** training shirt and an AFU lifestyle shirt
 - When registering your player, you will be asked for their shirt size. This size is used to order the FREE training shirt, so please make sure it is accurate. For returning players, please be sure to update your size.
 - ****NOTE**** Typically, these training shirts are an athletic cut and run small.
- AFU uses *MyUniform* through Lloyd's Soccer, which is an invitation-based ordering system.
 - Once jersey numbers have been assigned (see below) and a club representative enters your information into the site, you will receive an email invitation with instructions to access your account and place your uniform order.
 - The ordering process will guide families through required items and optional items depending on their player's team & level of play.



- Game jerseys are customized pieces with the AFU logo and number. Once a jersey is customized, it cannot be returned to Lloyd's Soccer.
- **All uniform orders need to be placed by June 30th, 2023.**

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Jersey Number Assignment/Selection Process:

- Duplicate jersey numbers are not allowed within an age group / pool. See below for details:
 - **Academy (U8-U12)**
 - No duplicate jersey numbers are allowed within an age group.
 - **Select (U13-U19)**
 - Each age group is divided into 2 pools: ECNL and SCCL.
 - ECNL pool incorporates the ECNL and ECNL-R teams
 - SCCL pool incorporates the Elite and Premier teams
 - **No duplicate jersey numbers are allowed within an age group pool.**
 - *Age groups and age group pools are separated by gender*
- Jersey numbers for the 2023-2024 season will be assigned as follows:
 - **Academy (U8-U12)**
 - Existing Atlanta Fire United players will retain their previously assigned jersey number
 - New Atlanta Fire United players will be assigned a jersey number by the Program Director.
 - In the event a player moves to a team with a duplicate jersey number, the moving player will be required to change jersey numbers. A jersey number will be assigned by the Program Director.
 - **Select (U13-U19)**
 - Current team players (on same level team as last year) will retain their previously assigned jersey number from 2022-2023
 - New players add to teams will select a jersey number from the available jersey numbers in their respective age-group / pool.
 - In the event a player moves to a team with a duplicate jersey number, the moving player will be required to change jersey numbers.
- If additional players are added to teams after the initial roster has been finalized and submitted, these players will be given a choice of the remaining jersey numbers available based on a first come first served basis, per age group / pool.

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Policy Number: S001 [5/19/21]

Policy Name: Roster Sizes

Recreational Soccer:

U5-U6

Minimum (to form team)	Target	Maximum
4	7	8

U7-U8

Minimum (to form team)	Target	Maximum
5	8	9

U10

Minimum (to form team)	Target	Maximum
7	10	12

U12

Minimum (to form team)	Target	Maximum
9	13	14

U14

Minimum (to form team)	Target	Maximum
11	16	18

U16-U19

Minimum (to form team)	Target	Maximum
11	16	20

The Club's Director of Recreational Soccer has the authority to approve exceptions to these roster sizes to accommodate unique circumstances.

Academy & Select Soccer:

U8-U10

Minimum (to form team)	Target	Maximum
7	10	11

U11-U12

Minimum (to form team)	Target	Maximum
10	13	14

U13-U15

Minimum (to form team)	Target	Maximum
14	16	18

****AFU will strive to have 2 goalkeepers per team**

U16-U19

Minimum (to form team)	Target	Maximum
14	18	20

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The Club's Executive Director of Coaching has the authority to approve exceptions to these roster sizes to accommodate unique circumstances.



Atlanta Fire United Soccer Association

Policy Number: S002 [5/19/21]

Policy Name: Playing Time

Recreational Soccer:

Playing time should be balanced and fair to all players throughout the course each game and throughout the season. Each player must play at least 50% of each game.

Unless there is a player that is committed to playing goalkeeper full-time, it is strongly encouraged that all players should take their turn playing goalkeeper. When rotating players through the goalkeeper position, they should get equal field time (25% of game as goalie = 25% of game as a field player).

Academy & Select Soccer:

U8-U11

Each player will play a minimum of approximately 50% of each game.

U12-U14

- ECNL: Playing time is not guaranteed, but each player will enter at least once per game (excluding Goalkeepers).
- Pre-ECNL, ECNL-R, Elite teams and below: Coaches should strive to allow players to play approximately 50% of each game.

U15-U19

- ECNL, ECNL-R: Playing time is not guaranteed.
- Elite teams and below: Coaches should strive to allow players to play approximately 50% of each game.

Playing time may be affected due to the following:

- Player game performance.
- Training session performance.
- Attendance to training sessions, games, tournaments.
- Game scenario (relegation games, qualification games, etc.)
- Discipline of players.
- Game management scenarios (tactical situation changes).
- Health, injuries, other miscellaneous factors.

If parents have concerns about patterns or trends with their son's or daughter's playing time, they are encouraged to contact Atlanta Fire's Executive Director of Coaching, Mirza Mustafic.



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Policy Number: S003 [5/19/21]

Policy Name: Playing Up

Recreational Soccer:

AFU players should play with their appropriate age group (based on birth year) and will not be allowed to play out of their age group except when evaluated and approved by the Club's Director of Recreational Soccer.

All play-ups must be approved in advance by the Club's Director of Recreational Soccer.

Academy & Select Soccer:

AFU players should play with their appropriate age group (based on birth year) and will not be allowed to play out of their age group except in the following scenarios:

1. Graduation Based

- a. When playing up would allow a player to play with his or her school year (graduating class).
 - i. These players have typically skipped a grade in the school system.

2. Performance Based

- a. When playing up provides the appropriate environment for a player's mental, physical, technical and tactical development.
 - i. These players are already playing on the top team within their appropriate age group
 - ii. These players are significantly above the level of any other player in their appropriate age group
 - iii. These players must be an impact/key player on the team they play up to
 - 1. Impact/Key Player – is a player whose ability significantly impacts the accomplishment of the team in games. Typically, this is a player who is amongst the best of players on the team, between 80th - 100th percentile on the team.

3. Need Based

- a. When there is not enough space in the player's appropriate age group and/or there is a shortage of players in an older age group.
 - i. These players are typically added late (i.e., at mid-season tryouts) but there are no available roster spots in their appropriate age group.
 - ii. These players are typically placed on second level teams (or lower) in the age group they are playing up to.
- b. When there is a need to fill a specific position in an older age group.

All play-ups must be approved in advance by the Club's Executive Director of Coaching.



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Policy Number: S004 [5/19/21]

Policy Name: Training Environment

An important part of Atlanta Fire's player development philosophy is making sure the soccer training environment belongs to the players and their Coach. We require parents to follow these guidelines in an effort to prevent distractions, enable the players to feel focused, comfortable and confident, allow the players to learn through experience (which includes making mistakes), create a team-based environment based on respect between the Coach and players, and enable the Coach to provide impactful information, lessons and training.

Recreational Soccer:

Only AFU staff, coaches and players are permitted on the fields. Other individuals (family members and team managers for example) must stay away from the field, in the spectator area that is normally observed for games (sidelines). Parents of younger players may be asked to assist with their player during the practice at the discretion of the Coach.

In the event of injury or medical emergency, AFU staff may assess and facilitate management of the injured individual in accordance with proper first aid management. Other individuals (family members, for example) may participate in injury / medical emergency management as necessary.

Academy & Select Soccer:

Only AFU staff, coaches and players are permitted on the fields. Other individuals (family members and team managers for example) must stay away from the field, outside of the fence. Parents of younger players are allowed to walk their player to their assigned field, but upon doing so should leave and remain outside of the fence.

In the event of injury or medical emergency, AFU staff may assess and facilitate management of the injured individual in accordance with proper first aid management. Other individuals (family members, for example) may participate in injury / medical emergency management as necessary.



Atlanta Fire United Soccer Association

Policy Number: B001

Policy Name: Player Behavior, Conduct and Expectations

General:

Once you make a commitment to Atlanta Fire, you thereby agree to abide by the policies set forth by the club and your respective team. The commitment is for the seasonal year, which begins in August and runs through the following July.

A key ingredient in the success of our Atlanta Fire program is clear, concise and consistent communication between the association, its teams, coaches, players and parents. This agreement is one way of both explaining and gaining agreement with our expectations of you, as a member of Atlanta Fire.

Please take into account that when you make your commitment to Atlanta Fire, the Coach and/or Executive Director of Coaching may need to inform other players that they did not make the team. Be sensitive to those others and consider your decision to fully commit carefully. Once you have committed to Atlanta Fire, Atlanta Fire commits to you.

Should any conflict arise between the team and a player, the team coach, under the direction of and with input from the Executive Director of Coaching, will be responsible to make decisions for the overall welfare of the team and players. Decisions will only be made after gathering all relevant information and upon consulting with all parties involved.

Our coaches will always seek to make the best decisions possible for the players and team. Players and coaches must agree to work as a team. Ultimate decisions as to playing time, positions, formation, discipline, suspensions and terminations from team will be made by staff, and based on the coach's and club's expectations and objectives.

Atlanta Fire player expectations include:

- General
 - Conducting yourself and representing the club in a respectable manner at all times
 - Being honest and reliable at all times
 - Maintaining good grades and behavior in school
 - Maintaining a healthy lifestyle and team-oriented attitude
 - Avoiding the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol or any prohibitive substances (violation may result in suspension or dismissal from the club)
 - Displaying sportsmanship and fair play towards the team, opponent, referees and coaches at all times
 - Keeping a positive presence on social media platforms
 - Avoiding the use of profanity at all times
 - Dedicating yourself to your development through work outside of team training sessions and off-season conditioning and training
 - Accepting discipline from coach as to playing time, suspensions or termination from team
 - Doing what is in the best interest of the team
 - Bullying will not be tolerated

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- Training
 - Arrive prepared! Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the training session
 - Notify the Coach in advance via phone and email of any expected tardiness or absence from any training session
 - Attend, to the greatest extent possible, all training sessions
 - Wear only designated training attire, with appropriate equipment in proper condition (cleats, shin guards, properly inflated and sized ball, etc.)
 - Maintain a positive mental attitude towards training
 - Direct your full attention to coaches or trainers when they are speaking
 - Be supportive and positive towards their teammates
 - Commit to giving 100% effort during training
 - ALWAYS LEAVE A CLEAN BENCH AREA!
- Games
 - Arrive prepared! Arrive early, as requested by the Coach.
 - Notify the Coach in advance via phone and email of any expected tardiness or absence from any game
 - Attend, to the greatest extent possible, all games
 - Wear only designated pre-game warmup and game uniform attire, with appropriate equipment in proper condition (cleats, shin guards, properly inflated and sized ball, etc.)
 - Maintain a positive mental attitude towards games and be ready to compete
 - Direct your full attention to coaches or trainers when they are speaking.
 - Do not question a referee's decision by word or gesture.
 - Always be respectful of opposing players, coaches, fans and referees.
 - Shake hands with opposing team and coaches after each game.
 - Be supportive and positive towards their teammates.
 - Commit to giving 100% effort during games.
 - Personally, speak with coach in regards to any game situation concerns (i.e., playing time, positions, etc.)
 - ALWAYS LEAVE A CLEAN BENCH AREA!

Disciplinary Action:

Our attempt in this policy is to present in clear detail the expectations of you as a player of Atlanta Fire. If you are ever uncertain about any of the rules and regulations, please ask your team coach or the Executive Director of Coaching. Knowing and understanding these responsibilities and policies will help ensure that your participation in the club will be positive for you, your team and your coach. **We have high expectations of our coaches, the club, the parents and players.**

We believe behavior is so crucial to team success or failure that a willingness to abide by agreed upon values is indeed a qualification for membership. When players refuse to abide by these expectations, they are in effect deciding not to be on the team. Players that are allowed to remain in spite of their behavior will undermine the team's morale and performance as well as the club's image and reputation of excellence in character. Atlanta Fire coaches will not permit this to happen!

If disciplinary action is necessary, the following steps will be taken:

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1. The Coach will discuss the problem directly and privately with the player with the understanding that the problem will be corrected immediately. The Coach will also inform the Executive Director of Coaching (and/or program DOC) of the situation.
2. The Coach will communicate with the player's parents to discuss the problem and lack of response on the part of the player. At this point in time, the parents will have the opportunity to be involved with the process of correcting the problem. This will be done in private and without the knowledge of other parents and players.
3. If the problem continues, the Executive Director of Coaching may temporarily suspend the player. If the situation warrants, the Executive Director of Coaching may recommend to the Executive Board the permanent dismissal (expulsion) from the club. The parents will be notified by the Board of the decision.
4. The parents of any player recommended for removal from the club may request the opportunity to meet with the Board and/or Executive Director of Coaching.
5. Serious infractions that may warrant immediate suspension or dismissal from the club include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Violence, abuse, theft, and dishonesty.
 - b. Drug, alcohol and tobacco use.
 - c. Behavior that brings serious disrepute to Atlanta Fire.

Our club strives to maintain a national reputation of excellence and this policy has been established to make our environment more professional, enjoyable and safe for everyone.

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Team & Coach: _____

Player Printed Name: _____

Player Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Policy Number: B002

Policy Name: Parent Behavior, Conduct and Expectations

General:

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Our coaches will always seek to make the best decisions possible for the players and team. Parents and coaches must agree to work as a team. Ultimate decisions as to playing time, positions, formation, discipline, suspensions and terminations from team will be made by staff, and based on the coach's and club's expectations and objectives.

Atlanta Fire wouldn't exist without parent commitment and involvement. Each parent is making a tremendous sacrifice in terms of time, finances and energy and we genuinely appreciate that. Parents are not mere spectators to the processes of our club, but are one of the key ingredients to a successful team! We have high hopes that parents of the team will co-exist in a harmonious and encouraging manner. Given the amount of time spent together, it's imperative that players, parents, and coaches work well together.

Financial Obligation:

Parents or legal guardians of every player are responsible for all monies associated with their child's play in the Atlanta Fire program. The fee structure and refund policy for each seasonal year is available at tryouts, signing day and on our website. Returned checks, credit card payments, bank draft fees, or other costs of collection, which will include a \$20 processing fee, will be the responsibility of the parent.

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Atlanta Fire parent expectations include:

- General
 - Getting players to training, games and to team events on time (and picked up on time as well)
 - Representing the club and teams in a positive manner at all times
 - Avoiding the use of profanity at all times
 - Avoiding fighting, yelling at or arguing with coaches, referees and other parents
 - Being encouraging, supportive and positive with all players
 - Representing AFU with integrity at all times and refrain from spreading any negativity
 - Volunteering their time to support the team and club (fund-raising, field maintenance, team administration, committees).
 - Accept financial responsibility for the commitment and pay all required fees
 - Bullying will not be tolerated
- Training and Games
 - Refraining from coaching from the sideline. Commands like “Shoot”, “pressure”, “pass”, “take it”, “get it out of there”, and “hurry” are all interpreted as instructions and are therefore prohibited from use by parents
 - Remaining in the spectator area during all training and games
 - Only provide positive verbal support to players, coaches and referees (when in doubt, silence is best).
 - Never challenge referees’ call(s) either verbally or by way of gesture
 - Defer to and support coach in handling any dispute, referee action, disciplinary action or violation of this agreement or team rules
- Communication with Coach
 - Scheduling time to discuss questions or concerns with the Coach
 - Allowing at least 24 hours (cool down period) after a training session or game to address any concerns with the Coach
 - Not disturbing the coach during training, games, team talks
- Coordination with Team Manager
 - Respecting your team manager and remembering that they are volunteers and are not involved with the coaching decisions

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Team & Coach: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Policy Number: B005

Policy Name: Refund Policy [5/26/20]

Atlanta Fire United (AFU) is a Non-Profit Organization that relies on registration fees to provide the game of soccer to its members and pay for our operating expenses. Expenses such as but not limited to, field/facility maintenance and improvements, Affiliated Soccer associations registration fees and insurances, and salaries for Coaches. While AFU has a **NO REFUND** policy, we, the AFU Executive Board of Directors (EBOD), do recognize there are situations that may warrant a pro-rated refund. Below are the situations the EBOD have determined are potential exceptions to this policy and the guidelines for the refunds. These exceptions would still be reviewed and approved by the EBOD before determining if and how much refund to provide.

- Season Ending Injury
 - In the event a player sustains a season-ending injury, refunds are available.
 - To be eligible for a refund, the following information must be provided:
 - Documentation from the treating physician which should include...
 - Player's First and Last Name
 - Type of Injury
 - Date Injury occurred
 - Estimated Return to Play date
 - If the above criteria have been met, then a refund will be issued as follows:
 - If the injury occurs on or before August 1st, then 80% of the membership fees will be refunded
 - The 20% retained by the Club covers player registration and related expenses the club incurs at the start of the season.
 - If the injury occurs after August 1st, then a prorated portion of the membership fees will be refunded.
 - U8-U14 players (Fall and Spring Season)
 - Injury occurs between 8/1 and 10/31: 60%
 - Injury occurs between 11/1 and 12/31: 40%
 - Injury occurs in 1/1 and 2/28: 20%
 - Injury occurs after 3/1: 0%
 - U15-U19 players (Fall Season ONLY)
 - Injury occurs between 8/1 and 9/30: 50%
 - Injury occurs between 10/1 and 10/31: 25%
 - Injury occurs after 11/1: 0%
 - **Uniform fees cannot be refunded by the Club or Lloyd's Soccer.**

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- Moving out of State
 - To be eligible for a refund, the following information must be provided:
 - Copy of a Utility Bill with new address
 - Rental agreement or mortgage statement with new address
 - All documents must reference Parent(s) or Guardian(s) First and Last Name and new address.
 - If the above criteria have been met, then a refund will be issued as follows:
 - If the move occurs on or before August 1st, then 80% of the membership fees will be refunded
 - The 20% retained by the Club covers player registration and related expenses the club incurs prior to the start of the season.
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 - Move occurs between 8/1 and 9/30: 50%
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 - **Uniform fees cannot be refunded by the Club or Lloyd's Soccer.**
- Acts of God – such as but not limited to, natural disasters (excluding seasonal weather such as heavy rain, heat or snow) or global pandemics
 - If a season is impacted, in part or in its entirety, then the following will be reviewed by the EBOD to determine the amount of refunds to be issued
 - The duration of the impact relative to the total season of play
 - The amount of season completed at the point the season was impacted
 - Total operating expenses to be paid during the duration of the impacted season
- When and if possible, a season may be extended rather than cancelled. If a season is extended or delayed but still is or can be completed, **NO REFUNDS** will be issued.

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FAQ's regarding refunds:

Are there any other exclusions or situations that refunds would not be awarded?

Yes, the following situations would result in **NO REFUND**...

- Player decides he/she doesn't want to play soccer at any point after registering with AFU
- On payment plan but are 30 days or more past due.
- Have been comped or received Financial aid of 50% or more

What if I am on a payment plan, but I am current with my payments?

Refunds are calculated based on registration fees being paid in full. If you choose to pay tuition in full prior to refunds being issued, then you can receive the appropriate refund as outlined above. Otherwise, refund will be prorated based on the total amount of registration fees you have paid.

I received financial aid, am I eligible for refunds?

If the Financial Aid awarded doesn't meet one of the exclusions listed above, then you are eligible for refund. If you received Financial Aid and were on a payment plan, then refer to the previous question and answer for how refunds would be awarded.

I have a situation that is not outlined above, but my player cannot play this season, what do I do?

Should you have a situation that is not outlined above but impacts the players ability to participate in the season, please contact us to have your case reviewed.

Once the EBOD has reviewed the situation and evaluated all financial impacts, a decision will be made within 30 days of the initial review. During this review, the EBOD may request additional documentation to make their final decision, please make sure to provide requested documentation within 48 hours of request or your request will be rejected.



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Policy Number: B006

Policy Name: Travel Policy [5/25/20]

The following travel policy is in place for all AFU teams and accompanying parents. All players and parents are expected to abide by the policies set forth when accepting a position upon their respective teams.

- **ALL players** rostered on an AFU team agree to split all finances pertaining to travel.
 - *Exception: players that are suffering from a prolonged injury and are not included on the week-to-week travel roster are not expected to share in the travel costs (please refer to AFU's Payment and Refund Policy)*
- **ALL teams** will travel with parents for regular season games and national events. Players will room with their parents during those events.
 - *Exception: To minimize travel cost AFU staff can assist on arranging travel with bus and/or passenger vans. This will be handled on a per team basis. Requests for the team to travel with bus/vans has to be sent to the EDOC 6 weeks in advance of the event. In such cases, players will stay in player rooms assigned by the coach. Parents that attend these games/events will stay in their own rooms separate at their own expense.*
- **ALL team members** are required to stay at the team/club hotel for all away trips and are required to arrive at the time of the Coach's request. If unable to arrive by the requested time, documentation must be provided as to why the player is unable to accommodate the request. Example: Test/Final for school...
- *Parents can earn reward points at hotels but cannot use reward points to pay for the stay since the team/club rate is negotiated at the lowest price possible.*
- **FOR ECNL TRAVEL:** Due to the hotel lottery and advance booking requirements associated with ECNL Showcases / National Events, parents will need to decide early if they will need a room. Once numbers have been submitted, it is expected that parents fulfill their commitment to the room they requested. Hotels have attrition costs associated with booking blocks of rooms for teams/clubs. AFU expects parents to honor their commitments, to avoid paying attrition costs when not meeting the contracted number of rooms with the hotel involved.

When possible, the Club's Team Managers and Travel Coordinators will consider price, location, breakfast options, room-types, and surrounding areas when selecting hotels for games and showcases.

MEDIA RELEASE (signed via TGS registration)



I hereby irrevocably permit, authorize, grant, and license the Atlanta United Soccer Association, Inc. (AFU), and its affiliates, successors, and assigns, and their respective licensees, advertising agencies, and promotion agencies, and the employees, officers, directors, and agents of each and all of them, the right to use the Player's name, image, likeness, appearance, voice, and other personal characteristics ("Likeness"), in any medium or format, in exchange for the intangible value that the Player will gain by participating in AFU's programs and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge. I understand that the Player's Likeness may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed and that I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein the Player's Likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the Player's Likeness. I also understand that this material may be used in a wide range of AFU promotional programs within an unrestricted geographic area.

Photographic, audio or video recordings may be used for ANY USE, which may include, but is not limited to:

- Presentations;
- Courses;
- Online/Internet Videos;
- Media; such as but not limited to Social media platforms or print media
- News (Press Releases);

By signing this release, I understand this permission signifies that the Player's Likeness may be electronically displayed via the Internet or in AFU's use of promotional and advertising programs. This release applies to photographic, audio, or video recordings collected during activities or events involving AFU teams or individual players, as well as the derivative use of such recordings.

By signing this release, I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the above release and agree to be bound thereby. I hereby release any and all claims against any person or organization utilizing this material for AFU promotional and advertising purposes.

Player's Full Name _____

Street Address/P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

If this release is obtained from a player under the age of 19, then the signature of that Player's parent or legal guardian is also required.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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☐ I choose to Opt-Out of this Video & Photo Release and do not allow the use of the Player's Likeness in any video or audio recording or photograph. I understand that by making this selection, the Player may be asked to not participate in activities or events that are for the strict use of promoting or advertising of AFU or its programs.

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MEDICAL RELEASE (signed via TGS registration)



I hereby give my permission for any and all medical attention necessary to be administered to my child, _____ (player's name), in the event of accident, injury, sickness, etc., under the direction of the person(s) listed below, until such time as I may be contacted. This release is effective immediately for the **2023-2024 Season**. I also assume responsibility for the payment of any such treatment.

MY ADDRESS: _____

HOME TELEPHONE #: _____

CELL #: _____

EMAIL: _____

MY INSURANCE COMPANY IS: _____

MY INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER IS: _____

In case I cannot be reached, any of the following is designated to act in my behalf:

1. TEAM COACH: _____

2. TEAM MANAGER: _____

3. LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE
WHERE MY CHILD IS PLAYING: _____

MY CHILD'S PHYSICIAN IS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

KNOWN ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL PROBLEMS: _____

SIGNATURE (PARENT / GUARDIAN) _____

DATE _____

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY & ASSUMPTION OF RISK

(signed via TGS registration)



I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, DISCHARGE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS** the Atlanta United Soccer Association, Inc. ("AFU"), and its officers, directors, officials, coaches, agents, employees, other participants, sponsors, advertisers, its member affiliates and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct any sponsored or sanctioned event ("Releasees"), from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, and liability arising out of or related to any **ILLNESS, INJURY, DISABILITY OR DEATH** I may suffer, **WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE**, to the fullest extent permitted by law. I hereby willingly choose to participate and assume the risk of doing so.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Player/Participant's Full Name _____

Player/Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE (UNDER AGE 18)

I, hereby, give approval for the participation of my child in any and all AFU activities. This is to further certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver to the participant, including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities. Furthermore, the participant and I understand and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I, for myself, my spouse, and the participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability arising out of or relating to the minor participant's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Player/Participant's Full Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Full Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

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