



Expectations for Competitive Play

Practices and Games

1. All training, practices, and games are mandatory.
2. There is NO GUARANTEED playing time in classic soccer.
3. Teams will normally practice 2 times a week.
4. If a player does not attend practices they will not play.
5. Playing time will be based on attitude, commitment and ability.
6. Classic players are making a commitment to themselves to improve as people and athletes.

Tournaments

1. Teams will attend 2-3 tournaments annually.
2. Each team's head coach will coordinate with SSA's Board of Directors in the selection of tournaments.
3. Tournaments shall include any tournament hosted by SSA, as well as the NCYSA State or Directors Cup.

Classic Guidelines

1. All classic teams will abide by the classic guidelines as set forth by SSA's Board of Directors and will operate within SSA's bylaws.
2. Classic teams will have a Head Coach, Team Manager and a Treasurer. (The Team Manager and Treasurer Responsibilities may be fulfilled by the same individual)
3. The Team Manager shall also act as a liaison between each team and the SSA Board of Directors.
4. SSA's Board of Directors will approve any Assistant Coaches.

Player / Parent Club Expectations Agreement

Our purpose is to promote good sportsmanship, teamwork, achievement or excellence, self-confidence, and a safe and fun experience for players and their families through the game of soccer. The conduct of coaches, family members and spectators is critical to this process. Considering the thousands of people involved with Swansboro Soccer Association (SSA)

games, the instances of poor conduct each year are remarkably few. These few instances, however, will not be tolerated. Civility, decency and respect are concepts that we all should understand. Each person attending a SSA game should be aware of the following standards:

Swansboro Soccer Association (SSA) will provide the following:

1. SSA will provide a comprehensive soccer program, which is designed to maximize each player's fullest potential. Each player will be assigned to a team that will have a head coach, who is overseen by SSA full time staff, including the Academy Boys/Girls Program Directors and SSA club officials. All of the SSA staff, head coach, program directors and club officials will be contracted directly by SSA. From time to time, optional fee based camps and programming will be offered to SSA members, which is not part of the base fee.
2. In an effort to develop every player, teams will train and play games. Each team will be entered into a league that meets their ability. SSA will pay for one league entry for the approved league.

Players

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents at all times.
2. I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
3. I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
4. I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
5. I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
6. I will concentrate on playing soccer. Always giving my best effort.
7. I will play by the rules at all times.
8. I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation to retaliate.
9. I will always exercise self-control.
10. I will be in accordance with SSA rules.
11. While traveling, I will conduct myself properly as a representative of SSA.
12. Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex while traveling as a representative of SSA.

Parents/Spectators/Guardians

1. Swansboro Soccer Association is a premier competitive soccer club; there is NO guarantee of playing time. A designated SSA club official will handle all unresolved disputes between coaches and players. In the interest of player development, players will occasionally cross-train or guest play within age groups, and/or guest play outside the club (e.g. college showcase opportunities). Such guest playing opportunities will only be with the express pre-approval of a designated SSA club official.
2. There will be team expenses above and beyond the club registration fee noted above, referred to as Team fees. Team fees may include tournament fees, extra soccer gear, coach's travel reimbursement, referee fees for tournaments and other non-league games, and travel costs associated with attending these events. The team may seek and receive donations or, with club pre-approval, fundraise to defray these expenses. To the extent such donations and/or fundraising amounts are deposited and credited to a team's account; they may be used to pay for such expenses. These funds will remain with the appointed Team Manager in the event the player decides to leave the club, with any unused amount moving with the team account as it progresses year-to-year in age group.
3. The Club Official will work with each head coach to determine the tournaments and programming that will be appropriate for each team and player. All tournament entries and other soccer related activities will be pre-approved by the Club Official. If needed,, a decision made by the Board of Directors will be final.
4. The Club Official will work with each head coach on the practice location and time. If needed, a decision made by the Board of Directors will be final.
5. I understand and will support changes to practice due to weather, field availability, daylight savings time and the coaches' availability.
6. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators at all times.
7. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all players ahead of any personal desires to win.
8. I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
9. I will remember that the game is for the players, not the adults.
10. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
11. I will always be positive.
12. I will always allow the coach to be the only coach. I will not coach from the sidelines or through other forms of communication.
13. I will not get into arguments with the opposing teams' parents, players, and coaches.
14. I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
15. Neither coaches, parents, nor other team supporters may make critical, abusive or offensive comments to the players, coaches or supporters of an opposing team before, during or after a game.

16. Games are officiated by referees and their assistants, not coaches, parents, or spectators. There is a process and a time for coaches to disagree with calls. Voice your opinion to your coach, not the officials.
17. Parents and other team supporters may not approach game officials at any time for the purpose of disputing calls, or making critical abusive or offensive comments.
18. As a parent/guardian, I agree to pay the fees outlined by SSA. Failure to remit due payments on a timely basis may result in suspension from all Classic soccer activities until dues have been paid.
19. Neither coaches, parents, nor other team supporters may be present behind goals or on the first 18 yards of each sideline beginning at each corner. These “clear zones” protect keepers and players taking corner kicks.
20. The referee may require any person present at a SSA game to leave the game site.
21. SSA will prosecute or support the prosecution of anyone who violates any law or ordinance (e.g. assault or possession of alcohol).
22. Any coach, assistant coach, manager, parent, spectator, or player who is dismissed from a game by a referee or a SSA official must leave the complex immediately.
23. The individual may not return to the complex or field after the game. The individual may not return to the complex until one hour after the scheduled completion of the next contest of that team. Any individual who violates these rules will be suspended for an additional game.
24. YOUR SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT YOU HAVE READ THE ABOVE EXPECTATIONS FOR COMPETITIVE PLAY AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS, AND SERVES AS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PLAYER AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

Parent (1) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent (2) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

SSA Official’s Signature: _____ Date: _____