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Loudoun Soccer ECNL Commitment Letter 2021-2022

Congratulations and welcome to the Loudoun Soccer ECNL program for the 2021-2022 seasonal year! We are looking forward to sharing a great year of soccer with your player and your family. To help you get started, please find below an outline of our expectations of players and families accepting a position on a Loudoun Soccer ECNL team. You can acknowledge your consent to the policies below by signing and returning the final signature page to the Club.

Player and Parent Expectations

1. **Commitment to the Loudoun Soccer ECNL Program:** In accepting a position on a Loudoun Soccer ECNL team, I acknowledge and accept the time commitment the team demands. ECNL teams train year-round: in-season (spring/fall) teams train a minimum of twice per week, with games on the weekend. Off-season (winter/summer) training commitments vary by team age and level. By accepting an offer to play on a Loudoun Soccer ECNL team, your player promises to do his/her best to participate in all scheduled team events to help ensure the success of both the player and the team.
2. **Commitment to Loudoun Soccer's Vision, Mission and Values:** Loudoun Soccer's Mission – to create soccer players, coaches and teams of strong character, committed to achievement on the field and within the community – underpins the Club's focus on player development both on and off the field. To help realize this Mission, Loudoun Soccer players are expected to live by our core values:
 - Stewardship – of the Game and the Community
 - Teamwork – Stronger Together
 - Integrity – Character and Principled
 - Fairness – Sportsmanship and Inclusiveness
 - Fun! – It's why we play!

Loudoun Soccer ECNL players and families are expected to volunteer at Loudoun Soccer events and/or fundraisers as needed. **Each family on a Loudoun Soccer ECNL team is required to donate a minimum of four (4) volunteer hours at a Loudoun Soccer event and/or fundraiser.** Past Club events have included the Loudoun Soccer Gala Night, the Loudoun College Showcase Tournament, the Loudoun Premier Cup, the Loudoun Soccer Rec 1 Jamboree, an annual 5K race, etc. Families will be notified of available volunteer opportunities throughout the season.

ECNL Financial Policy

Please review the Loudoun Soccer 2021-2022 ECNL & Travel Financial Policy, which outlines the Club's financial expectations for ECNL players and their families. (A link to this document can be found on the ECNL Overview page of our website.) Your signature below indicates that you have reviewed and agreed to its terms and conditions.

Club Registration Fees

Club fees are paid directly to the Club to cover annual Club-based costs (e.g., coach salaries, field rental, administrative support). Because Club fees are budgeted based on the total number of players rostered to a team, your player's commitment to the team is for **the entire 2021-2022 seasonal year**. Any player choosing to leave the team early remains responsible for all fees owed for the balance of the seasonal year. Limited exceptions to this policy can be found in the Loudoun Soccer 2021-2022 Financial Policy.

Team Fees

ECNL team fees will be collected by the ECNL Program Manager. Team fees are based on each specific team's requirements, and include conference travel for coaches, tournament entrance fees, coach travel to tournaments, administrative costs, etc. ECNL team fees must be paid on time. All players selected for Loudoun Soccer Club organized team travel events are responsible for paying the weekend travel fee. Personal travel costs for player and family are not covered by team fees.

Funds raised via team fundraisers (see Loudoun Soccer Financial Policy) belong to the team collectively, and are deducted from the overall team budget. No refunds will be paid to individuals of monies raised via team fundraising. Any team funds remaining at the end of the seasonal year will accrue to that team's budget for the following seasonal year. Players who leave the Club before the end of the seasonal year are not eligible for a refund of team fees.

ECNL Player Transfers

A player rostered to an ECNL team is ineligible to transfer to any other ECNL team within the same seasonal year.

2021-2022 Statement of PLAYER Commitment

As an ECNL player for Loudoun Soccer I agree to:

- Attend punctually all training sessions, league games, tournaments, and other team events, recognizing that such events may occur during school breaks or on holiday weekends.
- Notify my coach in a timely manner if I will be tardy or unable to attend a practice, game, or event.
- Attend to my coach's training, and initiate questions and concerns to him/her directly.
- Accept my coach's tactical decisions (player positioning, play time, etc.) without complaint or debate.
- Play to the best of my ability at all times.
- Practice skills and conditioning outside of team training.
- Respect and support my teammates at all times on and off the field.
- Abide by the Player Code of Conduct for my Club, league, and/or any tournaments or events.
- Review and understand the Loudoun Soccer Mission and Values statements.
- Manage my time effectively so that I can also meet my academic and family obligations.
- Participate in team fundraisers.
- Demonstrate pride in my team and my Club.

2021-2022 Statement of PARENT Commitment

As parent of a Loudoun Soccer ECNL player, I agree to:

- Abide by the Loudoun Soccer Parent Code of Conduct.
- Support my child and his/her teammates in a positive manner, avoiding criticism and negativity.

- Nurture independence in my child by:
 - Having my child pack his/her own equipment, and maintain gear in good condition;
 - Having my child communicate directly with the coach regarding issues, concerns, and conflicts (as appropriate);
 - Allowing my child to participate in practice and games without my active presence and instruction.
- Ensure that my child fulfills all required academic responsibilities by helping him/her balance school and sports effectively.
- Encourage my child and his/her teammates to act in a responsible manner, specifically refraining from bullying and the use of foul language, alcohol, drugs, nicotine, and banned substances.
- Provide safe, punctual transportation to and from all practices, games, and tournaments.
- Treat all Club members, opponents, officials, coaches with courtesy, respect, and good sportsmanship.
- Bring all questions and input directly to the coach privately, constructively, and respectfully, observing the “24 hour” rule (wait 24 hours to cool off!). If you feel that your concerns are unresolved after consulting with the coach, escalate to the Director of Coaching.
- Communicate scheduling conflicts to team officials as early as possible.
- Honor my financial commitments to my team by paying fees promptly and as scheduled.
- Inform my coach of my child’s tryout plans for next year ahead to those tryouts, to initiate a dialogue of questions, concerns, and information about available options.
- Remain rostered with Loudoun Soccer for the full seasonal year, excepting in specific circumstances (e.g., relocation).
- Notify my coach and Director of Coaching if a member of another soccer organization—whether coach, club official, player or parent—approaches me, my child, or another Club family for purposes of recruitment.
- Maintain a healthy perspective on youth sports, and reinforce the positive lessons learned from losses and challenging circumstances.
- Represent Loudoun Soccer with values, principles, and ethics of the highest standards, both on and off the field.

2021-2022 Loudoun ECNL Program – Final Considerations

Please initial below and sign to acknowledge the Loudoun Soccer Commitment Letter

Loudoun Soccer reserves the right to make player participation decisions on short notice due to certain opportunities and circumstances – player development, player distribution, and player (or parent) behavior considerations.

- All Loudoun Soccer ECNL players may be moved to any team in the Loudoun Soccer development pathway at the Club’s discretion.
- Multi-sport athletes will be held to the same attendance standards as all other players.
- Parent/Player behavior and/or misconduct are grounds for termination from your ECNL team.
- I received and signed the Waiver/Release for Communicable Diseases including Covid- 19 document.
- I understand and agree that, as part of the volunteer requirement, each Loudoun Soccer ECNL team family is required to volunteer a minimum of four (4) hours at a Loudoun Soccer event and/or fundraiser.

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I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the Loudoun Soccer Commitment Letter, the Loudoun Soccer ECNL and Travel Financial Policy, Player Code of Conduct, Parent Code of Conduct, and the Covid-19 Waiver/Release.

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Player Name (Print)	Player Signature	Date
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Parent Name (Print)	Parent Signature	Date
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