



Pros Soccer Club

2009/2010 Player/Parent Agreement

Club guidelines must be followed to ensure that all Pros Soccer Club players' experience is rewarding and successful. Pros Soccer players shall treat their teammates, coaches, referees and opponents with respect. In addition each player's parent has the financial responsibility to both the team and Pros Soccer Club to keep their fees current. A player leaving the team during the season, whether by their request or their actions, will not receive a refund. Money not paid by a player that is due to their team or to the Pros Soccer Club at their departure is not waived and is still due. Parents may address concerns to the coach or manager but must be respectful of the timing and location as to not interrupt a practice or game and not in front of the players.

Practices

- 1) Each team member is expected to attend all practices.
- 2) If unable to attend a practice, the Coach shall be notified prior to a scheduled practice.
- 3) Any team member with one (1) unexcused missed practice without having given notice *may* not start the next scheduled game.
- 4) Any team member with two (2) unexcused missed practices *may* not start the next two (2) scheduled games.
- 5) Any team member with three (3) consecutive, unexcused missed practices without giving notice *may* be ineligible to participate for the remainder of the soccer season without refund of the registration fee or other funds.
- 6) Team members are expected to wear proper practice attire, bring water and a soccer ball.

Games

- 1) Each team member is expected to attend all games.
- 2) If unable to attend a game, a notice of absence shall be given to the coach as soon as the player is aware of his/her impediment.
- 3) All other unexcused absences at games *may* be treated the same as unexcused absences at practice. Penalties shall be the same.
- 4) Parent Conduct at games: Encouraging, positive comments towards the players only. No coaching please. Treat the referees with respect. Abusive parents will not be tolerated.

Conduct

- 1) Misconduct, profanity and disrespect for Coaches, other Players, Referees, etc. *may* result in the player being suspended for one (1) attended game.
- 2) Verbal or physical abuse on or off the field during practice(s) or game(s) *may* result in player being suspended for two (2) attended games. Another offense of this rule during the season *may* result in expulsion for the rest of the season without refund or registration fee or other funds.
- 3) Dress code for games will be the Club Uniform as adopted each year. In addition, each player will be required to wear shin guards during practices and games and will be barred from practices or games by any Coach, Assistant Coach or Official for failure to wear shin guards.
- 4) Travel Conduct: Players are representatives of the Pros Soccer Club. Players are to be respectful and courteous in the hotels, restaurants or any place the team may meet. Any player involved with using alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, stealing or vandalizing may be sent home at the family's expense. Their actions may be cause for disciplinary review and/or removal from the team.
- 5) Any other conduct not covered in this guideline may be subject to review by the Pros Soccer Club D&R committee.
- 6) All members of the Pros Soccer Club are subject to the rules of conduct as provided by AYSA, the State Leagues and Pros Soccer Club and are available for review upon request.

Acknowledgement of the Player/Parent Agreement

We, the undersigned, acknowledge that we have received and read the Player/Parent Agreement of the Pros Soccer Club as they relate to our participation and association with the Pros Soccer Club. By our signatures below, we hereby acknowledge and agree to abide by the Player/Parent Agreement as long as we remain a member of the Pros Soccer Club. By our signature below we also acknowledge that we have read the parent risk warning on the back or as an attachment to this form (or have chosen not to do so).

Parent Signature

Date

Player Signature

Date

Parent's email address

Player's email address

RISKS OF SOCCER AND PARTICIPATION IN CLUB SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

As common sense will tell most of us, participation in athletics by athletes involves risk of injury of various kinds. The sport of soccer is no exception and may even present a greater potential for injury than many other sports. Playing an active sport like soccer in the desert Southwest requires plenty of hydration. Although it is the responsibility of every player and parent to ensure that the player attends soccer events properly attired and with plenty of water, risk of injury will not be eliminated.

Soccer is very much a "contact sport" that continues to "require" little in the way of protective gear. With so much information available on the internet, every parent should take the time to investigate the known risks associated with soccer. Many parents are aware that studies continue on the short-term and long-term effects of "heading" the ball. In addition to head injuries, foot, ankle, knee, leg, groin, wrist, shoulder, and mouth injuries occur every season to players on nearly every soccer team. Field and weather conditions can also cause or contribute to injury. Field surfaces may be uneven or may contain hazards such as sprinkler heads, etc. To compound the problems, coaches and referees are almost never qualified to identify the nature or severity of an injury. Other injuries can occur off the soccer field. For example, injury can occur when a player is being transported to or from a Club sponsored event. The list of possible dangers and risks can be quite long.

The Club wants every parent/guardian to investigate and evaluate these risks prior to allowing his or her child to participate in any of the Club's soccer programs and other activities. In addition, as part of the registration process the Club will require parents/guardians to sign a statement that the parent agrees not to hold the United States Soccer Federation, ("USSF"), United States Youth Soccer Association ("US Youth Soccer"), US Club Soccer, the affiliated organizations of those groups (such as the Club), its sponsors and various others, such as their coaches, administration, etc., responsible for the occurrence of an injury to the player. In other words, the parent/guardian will be asked to release the Club and those others from liability for claims that may result from soccer injuries and any other injuries that may result from participating in any sponsored activity. Before doing so, please educate yourself about the risks so that you are making an informed decision about participation in the sport of soccer and activities of the Club.