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## **Loudoun Soccer Travel Commitment Letter 2014-2015**

Congratulations! Loudoun Soccer is very excited to welcome you as a travel player and travel player family within Loudoun Soccer. We look forward to having you as part of our travel program for the 2014-2015 seasonal year, and hopefully for many additional soccer years to come.

### **Player and Parent Commitment Confirmation**

Recognizing that soccer is a demanding sport, and that playing travel soccer requires commitment and dedication, we hereby accept a spot on a Loudoun Soccer travel team. All players and parents should be aware of the commitment required as a member of a Loudoun Soccer travel team. The team is a year-round team and will alternate between training two to three times a week as well as playing games on the weekend (spring/fall) and various winter training commitments. The number of practices and the requirement for attendance at practices and games will necessitate a high degree of dedication on the part of all team players and their parents. Hard work and commitment are qualities needed to excel in any sport. We expect our players to adopt that attitude when participating in the programs Loudoun Soccer offers. By agreeing to accept an offer to play on a team in Loudoun Soccer, a player is promising to give their best efforts to participate in every event the team schedules. That promise will greatly increase a player's chance to become the best player possible and to assist the team in reaching its goals.

We also acknowledge that we understand Loudoun Soccer is a volunteer-run organization. The club relies on the help of parent and player volunteers to serve in critical roles on a travel team, as committee members, league representatives and as club volunteers in a wide variety of roles. As such, we agree to participate in supporting the club by volunteering at either the team, travel program or club level. Any and all support is vital to the success of the team and the development of the players on it.

### **Travel Program Fees Policy**

We understand as part of the travel player registration process we must certify we have read and agree with the Loudoun Soccer Travel Financial Policy. This policy clearly outlines the financial policies for accepting a position on a Loudoun Soccer travel team.

### **Club Registration Fees**

I understand acceptance of a spot on a travel team is a commitment to the Club and team for the entire 2014-2015 seasonal soccer year. I also understand that should my child decide to leave for any reason, I am still responsible for any monies owed to the team and/or club to cover all known expenses for the seasonal year prior to my child leaving. I understand the Loudoun Soccer Travel Financial Policy provides for only special situations in which a pro-rated portion of Club fees will be refunded to a family. These situations and pro-rated percentages are clearly outlined in the Loudoun Soccer Travel Financial Policy.

In accordance with VYSA policy, approved April 2012, players may be released by the team for non-payment of club or team fees. Teams may release a player from the team roster for failure to meet financial obligations as outlined in VYSA Registration Manual (5.27).

A player rostered to a team in a CCL (Club Champions League) club is ineligible to transfer to any other team affiliated with a different CCL club within the same seasonal year 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 Directors agree to the transfer. This includes players in a CCL Club that participate in another league (WAGS, NCSL, ODSL)

### **Team Fees**

Team fundraisers and donations become part of the team's total budget. A team budget is determined by adding up all of the supplementary costs for the season (primarily tournament entrance fees and coach travel to tournaments) and dividing by the number of players on the team. Players and parents are expected to fulfill their financial commitment to the team. Any money remaining in the budget at the end of the season will be used to offset the cost of the team's budget the following season. There are NO refunds for a player who chooses to leave a club before, during or at the end of the season. There are NO refunds for money earned via fundraising (from sponsors, field lining programs, etc.)

### **2014-2015 PLAYER Commitment**

Soccer, like any other sport, requires commitment and dedication to become a good player. Just being on a team roster will not help me become a better player. I can maximize my improvement as a soccer player and as a teammate by being an active and focused participant. As a travel player for Loudoun Soccer I agree to:

- **Be personally responsible for staying up to date on Loudoun Soccer Club and team scheduled activities and updates by reading team and club emails and checking team and club websites frequently**
- **Always 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 school break weekends), all tournaments (recognizing most occur on holiday weekends) and State Cup games if my team participates in State Cup**
- **Listening to my coach and communicating directly if I have concerns or issues**
- **Focusing and working hard during all team events**
- **Taking ownership to be my personal best by practicing soccer skills and conditioning on my own**
- **Accepting my coach's tactical decisions (player positioning, play time, etc.) without complaint or debate**
- **Respecting my teammates and supporting them as a team member**
- **Abide by my league's player code of conduct**
- **Reviewing and understanding the Loudoun Soccer Mission and Values statements**
- **Never using team practices or events as an excuse for being behind in academic or family obligations**
- **Always behaving in a way that demonstrates pride in being a member of a Loudoun Soccer travel team**

### **2014-2015 Parent Code of Conduct Commitment**

As a travel parent of a player on a Loudoun Soccer travel team, I agree to abide by the Loudoun Soccer Parent Code of Conduct at all times. Both parents of players agree to:

- 1. Lend my child and their teammates my support in a positive manner, avoiding criticism and negativity.**
- 2. Nurture independence in my child and provide them "ownership" of their actions by:**
  - **Having them pack their own bag and equipment and maintain their gear in good condition;**
  - **When appropriate, having my child communicate directly with the coach regarding issues, concerns and conflicts;**
  - **Allowing them freedom to train without the parent's active presence, and to compete in games without parental pressure and instruction.**
- 3. Ensure that my child fulfills all required academic responsibilities; help them understand that LS training, games and travel are not an excuse for missing or not performing expected academic responsibilities; and help my child manage their time between school and sports wisely.**
- 4. Ensure that my child and their teammates refrain from using foul language, alcohol, drugs, nicotine, steroids and banned supplements that will hurt or degrade their condition as an athlete and representative of LS.**
- 5. Provide transportation to and from all practices, games and tournaments, ensuring the player is prompt not only in arriving, but also departing.**
- 6. Treat all club members, opponents, officials and coaches with courtesy, respect and good sportsmanship.**
- 7. Not bring disagreements and criticism with the coach, officials, parents, opponents or club directors into a public place. Questions, input and positive suggestions will be voiced directly to the coach and/or club director in an adult atmosphere – making sure the youth players are not present at any time during these conversations, and allowing for an appropriate**

amount of time to “cool down” before addressing the issue. When deemed appropriate by the coach and/or club director, my child will be involved in these discussions.

8. Observe the “24” rule when addressing issues with a coach, director or fellow club member (wait 24 hours to cool off, then address the issue so it can be dealt with in a timely fashion).
9. Have a healthy perspective on youth sports, and help reinforce the lessons learned from losses and difficult and challenging circumstances.
10. Discuss all issues and concerns first with the coach and then, if dissatisfied, bring to the attention of the club director.
11. Communicate scheduling conflicts to team officials and attempt to determine potential conflicts (Homecoming, band concerts, etc.) in a prompt fashion.
12. Honor all financial commitments associated with being a member of Loudoun Soccer and pay as scheduled. Adhere to the Loudoun Soccer Travel Financial Policy.
13. Remain with LS and not transfer to another club during the seasonal year unless extenuating circumstances exist (ex: relocation) which must be documented.
  
14. Inform my coach and/or club director of my child’s tryout plans for next year PRIOR TO TRYOUTS, in order to facilitate a dialogue of questions, concerns and information about available options.
15. Notify my coach and club director if a member of another soccer organization – whether it’s a coach, club official, player or parent – approaches me, my child or another club family for purpose of recruitment.
16. Represent LS with values, principles and ethics of the highest standards, both on and off the field.

*I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the travel commitment requirements, the Loudoun Soccer Travel Financial Policy, the Player Commitment, and the Parent Code of Conduct.*

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Players Name

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Players Signature

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Players Team

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Parent’s Name (Print)

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Parents Signature

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Date

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Parent’s Name (Print)

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