

# CONCORD SOCCER 2017-2018 REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM GUIDELINES



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#### **Definitions**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) is the governing body of the CLUB.

<u>COACH</u> is the person(s) responsible for providing instruction for Players on a Team during training sessions and matches and all activities surrounding such events. This person is selected by the DOC and approved by the BOD. Coaches are the only adults who are permitted to stand in the technical/bench area during games and must be properly registered and "carded" through DYSA.

<u>CONCORD SOCCER ASSOCIATION (CLUB)</u> is a non-profit organization that provides soccer opportunities and programming for players 4 years of age and older in developmental and representative/competitive environments.

<u>DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (DYSA)</u> is the state's governing body for youth soccer.

<u>DIRECTOR OF COACHING (DOC)</u> is responsible for selecting and recommending all Coach appointments to the BOD. Once appointments are approved, the DOC is responsible for educating, advising, and consulting all Coaches to assist Players and Teams in achieving the highest possible levels of success.

<u>GUEST PLAYER</u> is a carded player from another Team or a team from another club who plays in a tournament on a Team on which they are not a rostered member under DYSA, US Youth Soccer, or US Club Soccer regulations.

MANAGER is the adult who assists with the administration of the Team with respect to funds and administrative matters.

PARENT is the legal guardian(s) of any Player who participates on a Team.

PLAYER is any minor who participates on a Team.

<u>REGISTRAR</u> is the CLUB's liaison between Teams and DYSA to ensure all procedures are followed properly with respect to carding and rostering of Players.

<u>REPRESENTATIVE TEAM (TEAM)</u> is a team of players selected through an open tryout process to represent the CLUB. Teams train and compete at a high level and may travel.

REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM (PROGRAM) refers collectively to all the Teams.

<u>SOCCER DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM (SDP)</u> is the CLUB's in-house developmental program. SDP teams U10 and below do not travel for league play and compete against other SDP teams. SDP teams U12 and above compete against other SDP teams and teams from other local clubs.

<u>SOCCER SEASON</u> is the almost one-year time period that begins following open tryouts when the Team begins training in the summer and continues until the final league or tournament game for the Team in the following spring.

#### INTRODUCTION

Over the years, we have learned that one key ingredient of success is clear, consistent communication between the BOD, CLUB, its Teams and Coaches, and Players and Parents. This document explains in detail the CLUB's expectations of Players and Parents who are part of the Program. Please take the time to read the following pages carefully.

#### THE PROGRAM AND THE TEAM

Parents and Players in the Program agree to put the Program ahead of the Team. When decisions are made regarding conflicts between the Program and a Team, the Program will come first. Decisions concerning the Program will be made by the DOC or a majority vote of the BOD, whose decisions will be final and without appeal.

#### THE TEAM AND THE INDIVIDUAL

Our main motivation is to assist our players in their development and advancement. Team programming is always geared toward the best interests of developing the Players. If conflicts arise between the Team and a Player or Parent, the Coach, under the direction of the DOC, will make decisions in the best interests of the Team after gathering all relevant information and consultation with those involved. These decisions will be impartial and will be based on the Coach's best evaluation of facts. Parties wishing to discuss the issue further may appeal to the BOD. The decisions of the BOD will be final and without appeal.

#### PLAYER EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Player performance will be evaluated by observing the Player under the pressures of annual open tryouts, during seasonal practices, scrimmages, and especially matches. Only the DOC and Coaches will confer in matters of Player evaluation and selection.

There are many terminologies used to categorize and describe soccer abilities. Present and potential Team members will be evaluated through the following 10 Areas of Evaluation:

#### 10 Areas of Evaluation

Field Players	Goalkeepers (U12 and Older)
Psychological	Psychological
Physical	Physical
Professionalism	Professionalism
Attitude of Training	Attitude of Training
Student of the Game	Student of the Game
Versatility	Shot Stopping
Attacking	Handling Crosses
Defending	As a Soccer Player
Transition	Transition
Soccer Intelligence	Soccer Intelligence

Our Coaches make decisions on player selection based solely on the Coaches' best judgment of the Player demonstrating the highest productivity in the 10 Areas of Evaluation (above) throughout the game of competitive soccer.

The Coaches will base their decisions on the 10 Areas of Evaluation and they are responsible for making decisions in the best interests of the Team. Politics, parent positions in the CLUB, friendships, personal relationships, and financial contribution to the CLUB or Team will not enter into these decisions.

Just as Players and Parents have freedom to evaluate and select a soccer club without unfair pressure and with a full understanding of what is expected, our Coaches expect the same freedom to evaluate and select soccer players objectively. We will not always agree on issues as sensitive as Player evaluation and selection. We hope you respect our attempt to be objective in these matters.

#### **OPEN TRYOUTS**

Open tryouts will be held annually and are open to all prospective Players who meet the age requirements for the Teams in question. These tryouts are held in the months of April and May, but it is possible for other months to be utilized. Each prospective Player will be given a fair opportunity to make a Team. The CLUB will announce the open tryouts to inform the public of the specific open tryout dates, times, and locations. The CLUB reserves the right to call off annual open tryouts if the DOC deems tryouts unnecessary. If the DOC deems it necessary, additional tryouts may be held during the season, and qualified prospective Players who are not rostered or carded to any other team, either within or outside of the Club, may be added to Team rosters at any time during the course of the year.

The open tryout evaluation period will typically last 2-3 tryout sessions, although the Coach may schedule further tryout sessions. Evaluations also take place during the Soccer Season (practices, scrimmages and especially league or tournament games). The Coach may select Players after the first open tryout session or ask certain prospective Players to attend future training sessions for further evaluations after the published open tryout dates. Evaluations and selections will be based solely on how players perform in the 10 Areas of Evaluation according to the Coaching Staff. No other criteria will be used to evaluate Players, and any decisions made by the Coach or the DOC are final.

A Player must attend at least one of the open tryout sessions to be eligible for selection to a Team. Online, pre-registration is necessary for prospective Players, and the required tryout fee is \$10.00 per player, to be submitted online at the time of pre-registration.

A Player may be added to a Team after its formation if space is available and the Coach and DOC determine a need for a player who demonstrates the essential levels with regards to the 10 Areas of Evaluation.

#### FORMATION OF TEAMS

The Program seeks to form at least one Team of boys and one Team of girls in each age group (U9-U14), and will form Teams at older ages if there is sufficient interest. The

DOC, with the BOD's consent, will make all decisions to form a Team. Occasionally, the total pool of Players in a particular age and gender group may warrant forming more than one Team in that age and gender group, and the Club may form two Teams in that instance. The Club also may decide to form Teams spanning two or more consecutive age groups where both age groups play on the same sized field, that is, Under-9 with Under-10, Under-11 with Under-12 and Under-13 with older age groups.

The composition of each Team may change following the completion of a Soccer Season. Players may be added to or subtracted from a Team.

#### **PLAYING UP**

All players will play in accordance with their recognized US Youth Soccer age group. The DOC is the only person who will decide if a player is better placed in an age group older than their natural age group. Parents interested in having their child "play up", should contact the DOC in writing, prior to open tryouts, so that their child can be evaluated accordingly. These decisions will only be made in cases where the player demonstrates superior abilities in the 10 Areas of Evaluation and that it is deemed necessary for this player to "play up" in order to best continue her/his development. The following chart outlines age group eligibility for the 2016-2017 Soccer Season:

Seasonal	2017-2018
Year	
Under-18	Born in calendar year 2000
Under-17	Born in calendar year 2001
Under-16	Born in calendar year 2002
Under-15	Born in calendar year 2003
Under-14	Born in calendar year 2004
Under-13	Born in calendar year 2005
Under-12	Born in calendar year 2006
Under-11	Born in calendar year 2007
Under-10	Born in calendar year 2008
Under-9	Born in calendar year 2009

#### **DUAL ROSTER & GUEST PLAYERS**

Players will not be permitted to appear on more than one Team's roster for league play. Once a Player is rostered with a Team, Coaches, Managers, or the Registrar will not sign or authorize permission for a player to a secondary roster for another Team.

Players who are invited to be a Guest Player on a team outside the CLUB require the permission of the Coach and the DOC to participate. The DOC will have the final say about whether a Player may be a Guest Player on a team outside the CLUB.

If the Coach or DOC determines that an insufficient number of rostered Players are available for a specific event, Players from other Teams or from other clubs may be asked to participate as a Guest Player. The decision of the Guest Player to participate on a Team will be made by the Guest Player and his or her Parents. Guest Players rostered with other Teams must remember that, in case of conflict, the Team on which

the Player normally plays has priority absent consent of that Coach. In all cases where a Team seeks a Guest Player, the Team Coach must notify the DOC.

#### **COMPETITION & PROGRAMMING**

The CLUB is conscious of dangers in today's youth sports culture including such issues as physical and psychological burnout and overuse injuries. For these reasons, the CLUB supports and will attempt to align programming and policies with the following guidelines extracted from US SOCCER'S BEST PRACTICES MANUAL:

AGE GROUP	TOTAL MATCHES PER CALENDAR YEAR	TRAINING TO MATCH RATIO
U9 - U10	20 MAXIMUM	2-3 :1
U11 - U12	30 MAXIMUM	2-3 :1
U14	30 MAXIMUM	2-3 :1
U15+	30 MAXIMUM	2-3 :1

The CLUB recognizes that due to various circumstances such as playoffs, etc., that these standards won't always be held to the exact numbers above, but rather these numbers serve as guidelines and a goal to be met whenever possible. The CLUB also recognizes and accepts that Teams U15 and above may play games exceeding the maximums to attend added showcase events for exposure to play collegiately. Planning is of the essence when considering the balance during the season and for the entire competitive calendar year.

In addition to the above, the CLUB also supports the following guidelines extracted from US SOCCER'S BEST PRACTICES MANUAL that provide for ideal scenarios for tournament play:

_	RECOMMENDED TOURNAMENT FORMAT	REST AND RECOVERY
U9 - U10		AS MUCH RECOVERY TIME AS POSSIBLE IN BETWEEN CONTESTS
U11 - U12		AS MUCH RECOVERY TIME AS POSSIBLE IN BETWEEN CONTESTS
		140 MINUTES OF PLAY IN A 72 HOUR PERIOD PER PLAYER
		160 MINUTES OF PLAY IN A 72 HOUR PERIOD PER PLAYER
		180 MINUTES OF PLAY IN A 72 HOUR PERIOD PER PLAYER

Teams cannot control the structure of youth soccer tournaments that are offered. However, the careful examination of tournament structure is necessary to provide the best opportunity for competition for our Players. While travel and the expenses associated with such is an important consideration for all, and everyone wants to maximize playing opportunities when traveling, it is important to remember that "more is not better" in tournament scenarios. Because rest and recovery are important for Players to be able to play quality soccer and to be productive in the 10 Areas of Evaluation, "less is more" when considering tournaments and the consideration of the "quality of play" is more important than the "quantity of competitions." The DOC works closely with Team Coaches to make good decisions as to which tournaments to attend, as well as their placement for league play.

#### THE PLAYER

A prospective Player is not under any pressure to join a Team. We hope that the Player and his or her Parents will consider all options and choose what is best for the Player.

Once the Soccer Season commences, the CLUB is committed to developing each Player and the Team as a whole. Attendance is critical to Player development and strongly impacts the Team's progress. To that end, the CLUB's expectation is that, when Players participate in other sports and activities outside of school, those activities do not conflict with their Team commitment. If the Player does not put soccer above other recreational activities during the Soccer Season, the Player's playing time and status with the Team may be affected. Parents must communicate with the Coach if their Player is unable to attend an event.

Once a Player commits to join a Team, the Player agrees to abide by the policies of the CLUB and the Team for the entire Soccer Season. At the end of the Soccer Season, the Player is free to leave the CLUB. The CLUB expects that the Player will continue to be committed to his or her Team until the end of the Soccer Season regardless whether the Player will be in the Program for the following Soccer Season.

Please take into account that, when you make your commitment, our Coaches may need to inform other Players they did not make the Team. We ask that you be sensitive to others and consider your decision carefully.

No Player will be released from a Team during the Soccer Season unless it is for disciplinary reasons or failure to fulfill their financial obligations. No Player will be added to a Team who has a prior commitment to a viable US Youth Soccer team in good standing. The exception would be when a Player's family has recently moved into the area so the Player can no longer continue to play with his or her current team.

SDP PLAYERS: If space or need is available on a Team, SDP players who demonstrate the essential necessary levels with regard to the 10 Areas of Evaluation may be asked to play on the Team by the Coach and the DOC.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT POLICY: All Players must wear the CLUB's designated ADIDAS uniform and colors (red and white) in its entirety for league games and tournaments during the Soccer Season. Uniform number selection on Teams will be decided by the Coach, provided that returning Team Players may keep their current uniform number.

Beginning in the 2016-17 Soccer Season, Parents are responsible for purchasing game uniforms for their Players every two (2) years. The CLUB will provide each Player with two (2) Adidas training jerseys at the beginning of every other Soccer Season at no additional charge to Parents. Parents will order both the game uniforms and the training jerseys on the Concord on-line Team store. Other soccer items for use on or off the field will be available for purchase from the on-line Team store, which will be open at different time during the calendar year.

CODE OF CONDUCT: Players are responsible for their own performance and conduct. Honesty, communication, and reliability will be expected at all times. The CLUB expects that Players maintain a healthy lifestyle and a healthy Team attitude. Any use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products is not acceptable to the CLUB and may result in temporary suspension or even removal from the CLUB. Players should have a positive Team attitude and a personal sense of sportsmanship and fair play. At all CLUB or Team functions, Players will be expected to conduct themselves respectably, to represent the CLUB and Team in a positive way, and to demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship on and off the field.

#### PLAYING TIME AND POSITIONS

During the Soccer Season, the Coach makes decisions on Player selections, game lineups, Player positions, amount of playing time, tournament participation, etc. Nevertheless, the CLUB promotes the following principles:

LEAGUE PLAY: For Teams and Players aged U9-U12, the CLUB's philosophy is to utilize league play as a tool for development. This is accomplished by de-emphasizing winning and providing players an opportunity to experience new and unfamiliar positions and systems of play. No Player will be permitted to play in the goalkeeper position for more than one half of a game. Each Player will play at least one half of each game.

For Teams and Players aged U13 and above, playing time in league matches is achieved through merit and performance in the 10 Areas of Evaluation, and the mentoring of players in a primary and secondary position begins.

TOURNAMENT PLAY: The CLUB considers tournament play as an opportunity to teach the Team and Players how to achieve a desired result. Coaches are encouraged to arrange Players in positions and systems where they are best suited, in order to achieve a favorable result to best represent the CLUB. No minimum playing time standard is established for teams ages U11 and older.

#### BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER TRAINING SESSIONS AND MATCHES

From the designated arrival time at all practices and games, Players are expected to concentrate on soccer. Players must arrive on time with required equipment (shoes, shin guards, proper game uniform on a game day, proper training jersey and soccer ball for training session) and be ready to practice or play.

Players are required to wear shin guards at all time for their safety, except for indoor play. Players without shin guards will not be permitted to train or compete.

No visiting is allowed between Players and Parents, family, friends, pets or others (who might cause Players to lose focus on soccer) from the start of practice or game warmup until after they have been dismissed by the Coach. This includes the time periods surrounding half-time and following the conclusion of games. When Team responsibilities are over, Players are free to join family and friends.

Hydration, nutrition, and rest are also part of a Player's personal responsibility. Players should take in appropriate fluids and eat healthy, nutritious food in a timely fashion so as not to interfere with performance. If Players or Parents have questions about which fluids and foods are best for performing athletes, please ask the Coach or DOC. A Player should have any fluids (water, sports drinks, etc.) on arrival to training or matches so as to avoid interruption.

Rest periods between tournaments games may be spent with family members or friends if time and the Coach permits. However, the time between games is not to be seen as family, vacation or sightseeing time. The Coach may require the Team to stay together before the next game for instructional or team-building purposes.

The Program and its Coaches shall follow the U.S. Soccer Concussion Guidelines for Players, which can be found at <a href="https://www.ussoccer.com">www.ussoccer.com</a>, and be aware of the Heads Up to Youth Sports: Online Training, which can be found at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a>.

#### ALTERNATIVE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for a Player to train on an older Team on occasion for extra training, provided that the Coaches of both Teams agree that this experience is beneficial for the Player and that the Player does not attend another Team's session in the place of training with their primary Team.

#### **TEAM TRAVEL**

For away games, it is the responsibility of the Player or Parents to arrange transportation, and families must bear all costs associated with travel including meals, tolls, and lodging. Players may be able to arrange travel in conjunction with other Team members. During overnight trips, all Players and their families should stay at a designated motel or hotel. All Players should eat certain meals as a Team, and their family members may be invited to join the Team during Team meals. Final decisions regarding Team travel, including timing of arrival and departure to and from locations (hotels, restaurants, game fields, etc.) will be left entirely up to the Coach and Manager. Although under no obligation, there will be times when the Coaches may make individual exceptions and be flexible in implementation of Team travel rules. These decisions by the Coaches will not be arbitrary and will be made with the best interests of the CLUB and Team in mind and will be communicated in advance of the event whenever possible so that all can plan accordingly. It is critical that all Players conduct themselves appropriately when staying in a hotel or motel and respect other guests and property.

#### THE PARENTS

Parental support and involvement in the CLUB are essential. Parents should arrange for Players to attend all Team events. The CLUB requests your communication, planning,

and understanding so we can minimize conflicts. It is the Team's responsibility to present a periodic schedule to allow time for your planning.

Parents and friends should keep off the designated practice area, including the goalmouths. No one other than those listed on the official game roster may sit on or near the Team bench before and during games. Please respect the space and privacy necessary for the Coach and Team to carry out their game responsibilities. Parents must refrain from yelling (complaining) to officials/referees during games.

SIDELINE COACHING: Parents should not attempt to coach Players. The CLUB insists that Parents do not shout instructions to your son or daughter (or other Players) during games. Players must not be distracted during matches and practices. It is critical that Players are given only one set of instructions by one voice before, during, and after practices and games. For this reason, the CLUB insists the Team Coach or the DOC be the only voices at all games and practices. "Kick it" or "Shoot" are instructions that are not desirable. In contrast, your vocal support and positive encouragement are welcome after a good play.

There will be times Coaches make decisions and Players are instructed to do things Parents will not understand. Team and Player development may be given a greater priority than winning, especially in the years prior to high school. Parents must understand this and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with a healthy Team environment.

Parents are free to communicate and ask questions of the Coach about their son or daughter, although the CLUB encourages a "cooling off" period following games. If the Player has an issue, the CLUB encourages Players to communicate directly with the Coach. Coaches will always express their observations and views of an individual through the 10 Areas of Evaluation and will only discuss the Player of the Parent with whom they are speaking.

The CLUB believes that Players benefit from being mentally tough in the game of soccer. We will instruct your child to ignore adverse conditions such as poor officiating, name calling, foul language, rough play, poor weather, negative behavior by Parents or opponents, etc. We expect our Parents to be equally mentally tough.

#### THE COACHES

Coaches are chosen by the DOC and approved by the BOD. They are all held to a high standard of age-appropriate qualifications that are balanced by a combination of playing experience, coaching experience, licensure and accreditations.

Coaches are instructed to conduct themselves first as teachers and second as soccer Coaches. Nothing positive will come of the CLUB's efforts if our players do not know how to conduct themselves as positive, successful persons. We insist our players are polite, well behaved, and respectful. Coaches will conduct themselves as positive role models and display appropriate behavior. Our Coaches recognize the impact they have on their Players' lives. Players and Parents should expect honesty, communication, consistency, and reliability from the Coach.

Coaches will not praise everything that a Player does well. After a time, the Coach will expect certain things from every Player. Coaches may say very little, or they may shout out instructions. Coaches may at times be critical of Players, and other times they will be generous with praise. Players (and by extension, their Parents) should be able to accept and learn from constructive criticism just as they are able to accept praise.

The Coach should provide all Team training sessions and attend all contests (league play, scrimmages, and tournaments alike). Head Coaches may utilize an Assistant Coach should a qualified, credentialed, and experienced person be available and if approved by the DOC.

In situations when conflicts arise and a Coach is not available for a scheduled training session or game, only an Assistant Coach, the DOC or another Team's Coach may substitute for them.

#### **CORRECTIVE ACTIONS**

The expectations outlined in this document serve as the Program's rules, regulations, and policies. If disciplinary actions are necessary, the following steps may be taken:

The Coach and/or DOC will discuss the problem directly and privately with the Player, with the assumption the problem will be corrected immediately. If the problem persists, the Coach and/or DOC will communicate with the Player's Parents to discuss the problem and the Player's lack of response. If the problem continues, the DOC may temporarily suspend the Player. If the situation warrants, the DOC may recommend to the BOD that the Player be removed from the Team. The Parents of that Player may request to meet with the BOD and the DOC.

There may be problems or circumstances that warrant immediate action by the BOD. The BOD, at their sole absolute discretion, will determine which problems and circumstances will require their immediate action. Problems or circumstances may include but not be limited to misconduct (whether Player, Parent, Coach, official, or officer). Should the BOD determine that such conduct is detrimental to the CLUB or its purpose, the BOD may take reasonable, applicable and appropriate action, which may include suspension or removal from the Team.

The CLUB desires to work in a positive, constructive way with our Players. Everyone has problems from time-to-time, and we will make every effort to work with you to help solve the problems you may have. After we have exhausted all efforts to solve the problem, we will be left with little choice other than to pursue disciplinary action as outlined above.

#### **SELECTION AND ACCEPTANCE POLICIES**

<u>Selection Process</u>: With 3 calendar days after the April tryout, the Coach may contact by telephone and offer a position on the Team to any player who participated at the tryout. The player will have 48 hours to respond to the Coach. If the player does not accept the offer within the allotted time, the player remains in the pool of players for tryouts.

After the May tryout, the Coach will contact by telephone all players who tried out for the Team. The Coach may offer them a position on the Team, offer them a position as a

Pool Player or not offer them a position. All these phone calls will be made within 10 calendar days of the conclusion of the final tryout in the particular age group and gender.

Acceptance Process: Following the acceptance of an offer for a position on a Team, Players will receive an email to their email address provided when registering for tryouts. The email will invite them to accept the offer to join the team; pay the initial, non-refundable payment; and acknowledge receipt and understanding of this document.

Players will have 3 calendar days to complete this process. Players who do not complete this acceptance process will lose their invitation to the team and their position on the team will be offered to an alternate player who was not initially selected. The remaining payments are due on or before the dates identified below.

#### PAYMENT POLICIES

#### <u>U9-10 (\$850.00 Annually)</u>

- \$300.00 within 3 days of selection to team (this payment is non-refundable)
- \$300.00 September 1<sup>st</sup>
- \$250.00 March 1<sup>st</sup>

#### <u>U11 and Older (\$1000.00 Annually)</u>

- \$300.00 within 3 days of selection to team (this payment is non-refundable)
- \$400.00 September 1<sup>st</sup>
- \$300.00 March 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **U15 and Older Single-Season Teams (\$700.00 Annually)**

- \$300.00 within 3 days of selection to team (this payment is non-refundable)
- \$400.00 September 1<sup>st</sup> (girls only)
- \$400.00 March 1<sup>st</sup> (boys only)

For Teams U15 or above who do not train during the fall (boys) or spring (girls) due to conflicts with Delaware high school soccer, the understanding is that their programming would occur in the chosen playing season (fall or spring) and not during the high school season.

For Player joining a Team in the spring that plays both the fall and spring, the fee for the Player will be one half of the annual fee for the Team.

All payments must be made electronically online through the CLUB's website unless approved by the BOD. Fees noted above provide for the costs associated with the following:

- 2 training sessions per week in fall/spring by a licensed Coach
- 2 Adidas training jerseys (every other year)
- Fall and spring league play and all associated DYSA and referee fees
- Reimbursement of up to \$500 for one tournament
- 1 lighted field training session per week in November after time change
- Indoor training or futsal sessions during the winter months
- Weekly turf field training sessions in March when grass is not playable

The fees noted above do not include the cost of game uniforms, which is addressed by the Uniform and Equipment Policy set forth earlier in this document.

For Teams aged U12 and above, a Team can decide not to play in a league during a season and attend tournaments instead, in which case the CLUB will reimburse the Coach for unused league and referee fees to be applied to tournament fees. This decision must be approved by the DOC.

<u>Payment Default:</u> Any Player is in default when payments are delinquent past 10 days. Any Player delinquent in dues will be notified by the CLUB, and Players will be prohibited from participating in any CLUB competition and membership privileges may be revoked.

<u>Financial Aid:</u> Financial assistance or alternative payment plans will be considered by the BOD in cases of extreme financial need, and all cases will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

<u>Drop Policy:</u> No refunds will be granted to players who drop out during their one-year commitment to the club.

<u>Injury or Severe Illness Policy:</u> In order to receive a partial refund of dues paid for medical reasons, a Player must have missed 2 or more months of the club season (the high school season for older Players does not count as part of the Soccer Season). Refunds will be paid as follows:

#### U9-U10

\$200 if a Player misses 2 months \$60 for each month thereafter, not to exceed \$120

#### U11 and above

\$350 if a player misses 2 months \$80 for each month thereafter, not to exceed \$160

## **Concord Soccer Player/Parent Agreement**

# YOU WILL BE PROMPTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE READING AND AGREEING TO THIS DOCUMENT AND THE AGREEMENT BELOW WHEN YOU COMPLETE THE ONLINE ACCEPTANCE PROCESS

I,	(Team Name)				
	(Print First and Last Name)		(Team Name)		
agree	to the following as a member of that Tean	n:			
1.	<ol> <li>My parent/guardian and I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to all of the 2016-2017 Representative Program Guidelines in their entirety.</li> </ol>				
2.	<ol><li>I agree to fulfill my obligation as a member of my Team for the entire Soccer Season.</li></ol>				
3.	<ol> <li>My parent/guardian and I understand that my failure to abide by Representative Program Guidelines, as well as those outlined by DYSA and US YOUTH SOCCER, could result in my dismissal from the program for this, and future years.</li> </ol>				
Playe	r Signature	Date			
Paren	t/Guardian Signature	Date			