



#BSCGOTGAME

2016/2017
State Cup Teams
U13-U18 Girls and Boys Girls
Player Registration Package

WELCOME AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations on being selected to play for Bethesda Soccer Club during this upcoming year.

OUR MISSION

The Bethesda Soccer Club (BSC) is committed to creating a competitive, supportive, challenging, and fun environment for all our players to reach their potential through the beautiful game of soccer. With commitment to our goals and appreciation for the opportunity, we accept the responsibility to develop every player to their highest level of skills, athleticism, teamwork, and leadership in soccer. We strive to use all of our faculties - strength, spirit, courage, compassion, and intelligence - to achieve positive results on and off the pitch for our players and families. BSC's passionate leadership and detailed, holistic approach to long-term elite development at every age group support our uncompromising resolve to be the best youth soccer club in the country. We also strive to be a positive role model for our community, including through the provision of financial support for needy families to the best of our ability. As our Twitter hash tag **#BSCGOTGAME** promotes: **G**oals, plus the right **A**ttitude, **M**ake **E**xcellence. We are committed to delivering an unmatched development environment for our players and we look forward to enjoying a fantastic 2016/17 soccer program with you.

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

This year, we are continuing to work with Korrio for registration, scheduling and communications. We are committed to making all aspects of our program excellent and easy for you, and we believe Korrio will support this endeavor. Once you have registered in Korrio, you will be placed on a team and begin to receive emails and messages from your manager and coach, as well as receiving updates from the club that highlights club activities.

Please go to our website www.bethedasoccer.org to learn more about the club.

BETHESDA TOURNAMENT

This year we will be hosting our 33rd Annual Bethesda Tournament over two weekends in November. This event, comprised of 1,000 teams, is one of the top tournaments in the country and the major fundraiser of the club throughout the entire year. Our success in this tournament allows us to offer scholarships and subsidize team expenses, allowing us to maintain lower annual player fees. **Every BSC family** (two adults) is asked to volunteer 3 to 5 hours during the weekend. Contributions include telephone calls, organizational responsibilities, registration, and field marshals. Each age group has a coordinator who makes sure all of the responsibilities from that age group have been completed. The assistance from each of our "club families" has been instrumental to the continued success of the tournament.

DESCRIPTION OF FEES AND FINANCIAL POLICIES

Costs Included in Annual Fees:

- BSC Club Fees
- MSYSA Registration and/or US Club Registration
- Practice Sessions: Two sessions per week (U16-U19 will have one session per week through the fall). At coach's discretion, a third practice session may be scheduled. Locations may include the MD Soccerplex, Walter Johnson HS, Richard Montgomery HS, Wootton HS.
- Goalkeeper Training: Weekly specialized training for Team Keepers
- Speed & Agility, Fitness and Strength Training
- Team Coaching Fees, Age Group Director Support, and Director of Coaching Support
- 2016/2017 League Fees (WAGS, NCSL, Region I, EDP)
- Game Fields and Referees
- Minimum of four (4) non-BSC tournaments
- Bethesda Soccer Tournament
- State cup/Presidents Cup fees and fields, referees
- Coach's overnight travel expenses and per diem as per club policy

The fee **does not** include required player uniforms, warm-ups, practice jerseys, or player travel-related costs.

Fees:

Fees are determined annually on a per player basis.

Uniforms:

The club updates its uniform kit every two years. 2016/2017 is a new uniform year. Every player joining a team in Fall 2016 will be required to purchase a new uniform kit. The approximate cost of the kit is \$345 for youth sizes and \$375 for adult sizes. This year each player will receive an Adidas training ball as part of the kit. Once you have accepted a roster spot and been assigned to a team, you will receive a jersey number from your coach or manager. Further instructions will be provided on how to order new kits through PJ Sports and also posted on our website under the Uniforms tab.

Mid-Season Roster Additions:

Fees for Players added/transferred during a season will be assessed as follows:

The year is broken into 10 months, September-June. Fees will be pro-rated according to a 10% monthly allocation after the initial deposit of \$400.

Injured Players:

A Player injured for three (3) months or more may receive a reduction in the player fee provided he or she applies to the club for a reduction and provides a doctor's report on

letterhead concerning the condition of the player, the probable duration of the injury and any recommended physical therapy. The player should state in the application whether she/he intends to remain on the roster after recovering from the injury and completing any rehabilitation period. The minimum relief granted will be 15% of the annual fee; the maximum relief granted for extreme circumstances will be 30% of the annual fee. The Board of Directors will establish a committee to review any application for fee reduction and determine whether to grant a reduction and, if so, in what amount.

Scholarships:

Bethesda Soccer Club has a limited amount of funds each year available for our members. Our scholarships are awarded for the soccer year. The application is reviewed by a committee established by the Board of Directors, whose decisions are final. Please go to our website <http://www.bethesdasoccer.org/Scholarships> to download the application. Please note that COMPLETE applications for assistance are **due within 10 days of acceptance of an offer** to join a Bethesda Team.

You are required to pay your deposit even though you may be applying for a scholarship. Scholarships WILL NOT be awarded to anyone who has not paid their deposit.

Payment Schedule:

Payments are by credit or debit cards only, here are the following options:

1. Pay in full at time of registration with credit or debit card.
2. Automatic Charge Payment Plan: The deposit of \$400 will be charged at check out on your credit or debit card. The balance is divided into 6 monthly payments. When registering for a team, select **Automatic Payment** as your Payment Method on the checkout screen. The first payment will be charged one month after your initial registration and deposit. Each subsequent payment will be charged on the day of your registration for 6 months.

Example: if you register on June 8th and select the Automatic Payment Plan at checkout, your credit card will be charged on the 8th day of the next six month.

Players joining after November 1st will be offered a shortened payment plan.

If you do not have a credit or bank card you must contact the Bethesda office.

It is the player's/family's responsibility to remain current with the payments and maintain the membership in good standing.

In the event that payments are not made within 30 days of the payment due date, the club will take the following actions:

31 days late: **Notify Director of Coaching, Coach and Manager** of balance due and that member is not in good standing. Player will receive a warning that if

payment is not made within 30 days, the Director of Coaching will be notified and appropriate actions will be taken by the Executive Director (suspension from games, suspension from practices and games, suspension from club, etc.)

61 days late: **Director of Coaching** will discuss past due balances with Executive Director and appropriate sanctions of player and family will take place until such time as player and family become a member in good standing.

Member Player accounts with balances that are greater than 60 days past due should expect that their participation in team and club activities will be suspended until such time as the balance is paid in full.

Refund Policy:

Accepting a position on a Bethesda Soccer Club team is a commitment to the club and to the other members of the team **to play for the full soccer year**. In accordance with MSYSA regulations, there may be circumstances that result in a player asking to be released from a team. This refund policy applies to players who voluntarily request a release from a team prior to the completion of the year (August 1 to July 31).

The Bethesda Soccer Club depends on the receipt of payments to pay for expenses during the seasonal year. As such, refunds are strongly disfavored and will be granted only in the rarest of circumstances.

WELCOME AND STAY IN TOUCH

We look forward to great soccer year! Your team manager and coach should be your first stop for information regarding the team. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of help to you during the year.

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PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Parent and Player Pledge: I* recognize that players need to conduct themselves in a manner that is supporting to the development of the player, the team and the positive experience of all person's they interact with in the context of the BSC soccer program.

Player Code of Conduct: As a Player, I agree that I will abide by the following, and as the Parent of a Player, I* agree to that my player will abide by the following:

Individual Conduct

1. I will maintain a high level of fitness and nutrition and I fully understand my role in enhancing performance and preventing injuries
2. I will spend time on individual player development, before, after and outside of practice
3. I understand my commitment to BSC is from August-June (even after tryouts)
4. I understand that I am not allowed to guest play with other clubs or teams outside of BSC
5. I will embody the "Values" of BSC

Conduct with Team

1. I will be respectful and professional on and off the field all of the time
2. I will challenge, support, encourage and motivate my teammates
3. I am fully committed to my team's success and will maintain a high level of competitive spirit
4. I am fully committed to the BSC style of play, which separates us from other clubs
5. I will embody a winning mentality in all activities all the time

Practice Conduct

1. I understand that practice is mandatory and there are no unexcused absences
2. I understand that punctuality is a requirement
3. I understand that I will be ready to play at that time, and when needed support the team in practice setup and takedown, including getting equipment ready: pinnies, balls, cones, etc...
4. I will have 100% focus and commitment in all activities
5. I understand that practice performance impacts playing time in games
6. I will wear the correct BSC practice gear

Game Conduct

1. I will wear the correct uniform for game and travel
2. I will arrive early for games: u8-u12 players must arrive 45-60 minutes before the start of a game
3. I understand that all u13 –u18 players must attend home games even if they are not rostered
4. I will behave professionally during games and on trips

*"I" shall include any relatives and/or friends of Parent attending any BSC function.



PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Parent's Pledge:

"Soccer is a players' game. The paramount concern of the adults involved is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players." - Code of Ethics NSCAA

I* recognize that parents are the most important role models for their children and that amateur athletics help develop a sense of teamwork, self-worth and sportsmanship. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and respect the rights of others. I understand it is important to enforce rules of play and conduct standards as necessary components in athletics and life. I will at all times encourage my child to respect the game officials' decisions and not criticize a game official's ruling during or after a game.

Parent's Code of Conduct:

As a parent, I* agree to abide by the following:

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.

I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child and other players ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of their race, sex, creed or ability.

I will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child.

I will remember that the game is for the children, not adults.

I will know ASA Rules and Procedures.

I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coach's Code of Conduct.

I understand that the coach has the right to remove parents/spectators from the sideline.

Additionally, I* abide by the following BSC policies:

I will demonstrate positive sideline behavior and never "coach" from the sideline.

I will ensure my players are available for all activities

I understand my players are committed to the entire 10 month season (August-June)

I understand that U13-u18 Parents are not allowed around the fields during practice

I will abide by the "24 Hour Rule" – Which requires that I not contact a coach within 24 hours after a game to discuss issues

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