



PLAYER/PARENT AGREEMENT

2015/2016 TUITION FEES

Benfica USA (Benfica) is a non-profit 501(c) 3, fee based club. We work really hard to keep the cost of the player's tuition fee as low as possible, and we are proud to have one of the lowest if not the lowest fee in the state.

Tuition Fees:

The tuition includes:

League fees for fall and spring; two club sanctioned tournaments; fields for practice and games; coaches' fees; winter training at an indoor facility; goalkeeper training; strength and conditioning training; specialized training from the Technical Staff

- U9: (No Tournaments) \$1295
- U10 - U14: \$1885
- U15 - U18: \$1395
- NPL & PreAcademy teams will have an additional fee- TBD

Uniform Kit

RETURNING players will use the same uniform kit. **NEW** players are required to purchase the Uniform kit; Packet will include Home shirt, shorts, socks; Away shirt, shorts, socks; **RETURNING and NEW** players must purchase a Training kit (shirt, shorts, and socks); Warm-up suit and ball.

Tournament participation will be included in the Players' Tuition for two tournaments, which are mandatory.

Mandatory tournaments will be as follows:

- U10 -14 will participate in a tournament
 - Prior to the fall season. It will be decided by the coach/team with approval from DOC and Ex Dir. Club recommendation is the Seacoast Labor Day Tournament
 - Prior to the spring season. It will be decided by the coach/team with approval from DOC and Ex Dir. Club recommendation is the Seacoast March Tournaments
 - State Cup participation will replace one of the tournaments
 - **If unable to secure a suitable pre-season tournament then the team will decide on an optional tournament to participate**
 - **The club will cover the entry fee. NOT travel and lodging expenses**
 - **Additional cost to cover coach's hotel and travel expenses if applicable will be the team's responsibility**
- U15-U18 will play in Tournaments
 - One College Showcase Tournament in the Fall or Winter. Club recommendation is the GPS College Showcase Thanksgiving Tournament
 - One prior to the spring season. Club recommendation is the Seacoast College Showcase March Tournaments
 - State Cup participation will replace one of the tournaments
 - **If unable to secure a suitable pre-season tournament then the team will decide on an optional tournament to participate**



- **The club will cover the entry fee. NOT travel and lodging expenses**
 - **Additional cost to cover coach's hotel and travel expenses if applicable will be the team's responsibility**
- **Optional Tournament(s)** will be decided by majority vote and which all team members will respect and follow with approval from DOC and Ex Dir. at an **additional cost** to the team members and guests
- **Optional - U20 League-Summer Program-** More details to follow as they become available. Additional cost for participating teams/players
- **Optional - Summer Cup-** for U13-U18 teams. More details to follow as they become available. Additional cost for participating teams/players

Discounts

- We offer a sibling discount of \$200
- *For returning players - \$100 referral incentives for each new player you refer who registers for the full soccer year. The NEW players you refer will also receive \$100 off their FULL year tuition*
 - This offer is **null** to any player that gets approved for financial assistance or does not sign for the full soccer year
 - This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers
- A 2% discount of the FULL tuition amount if you sign up with the automatic monthly Credit Card payment withdrawal
- A 3% discount of the FULL tuition if paying the total amount at sign-up

Add-ons after the start of the season

If a player joins the team after the start of the 2015/2016 soccer year, the player's fee will be prorated based on the activities remaining on the club-soccer year.

Deposit of \$450 is required when accepting a place on a team. The deposit must be paid even though a request for financial assistance is intended.

- We offer a 5 installment payment plan if needed. (Installments to be paid per month. Final payment due by November.)
- Pay online with credit card. Please see discount incentives
- Send check or money order (payable to Benfica USA) to the Registrar

After accepting a place on a team via our online registration system, our registrar will communicate with you to complete the remaining requirements:

- A photo of player's face must be received (preferably via email)
- Copy of child's Birth Certificate must be received (new players only)
- The agreement on the final page of this document must be signed and returned and/or the online acceptance agreement box



PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

It is expected that all parents read and understand the Parent's Code of Conduct and follow the guidelines <http://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=76470>

BENFICA USA CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION

If you have any concerns throughout the year the following four guidelines should be used:

1. Your first line of communication should be to e-mail your team manager. In addition to a coach, each team is expected to have a parent designated as a team manager. The team manager's responsibility is to facilitate communications among the parents of the team, the coach, the registrar, and the Club Board. In addition, they also handle many administrative tasks for the team. It is expected that all participating families will fully support, assist, and be responsive to the efforts of the team manager.
2. For Soccer-related issues you should e-mail your Coach. All development and playing issues should first be addressed with the team coach.
3. For financial issues and/or questions regarding paperwork you should e-mail the registrar. Financial and/or paperwork issues can be addressed directly and confidentially to the registrar.
4. If there are other issues you would like to address, and you are uncomfortable contacting the team manager or coach, always feel free to e-mail Arthur or Sheelagh.

PLAYER AND PARENT CONTRACT

1. **Team Placement** - In the U9-U18 age groups with two teams, we understand that the player may be moved to different rosters, depending on their development and the overall needs.
2. **Training and Games** - We understand that teams will train at least two times per week and possibly more prior to games. Playing time in games is based on the effort, dedication, attitude and skills shown at training. Players are expected to be at all training sessions except for family emergencies, school related academic functions, town make-up games or religious holidays.
3. **We understand** and agree to the tournament(s) process as it is outlined above.
4. **The player agrees** to attend all scheduled games and practices during the season. Absences will not be tolerated or excused unless they are occasional, unexpected and unavoidable, and only in the event that your coach is notified at the earliest possible date of such absence. Practice days, times and location might not stay the same in the fall, winter and spring.
5. **Respect and Conduct** - Players and parents agree to always respect and exhibit good sportsmanship toward coaches, fellow teammates, game officials, and opposing players and parents. Players and parents represent their team, the club, and themselves and agree to honor that commitment. Poor sportsmanship and behavior detrimental to the club and/or team are grounds for dismissal from membership in the club. Players and parents understand that behavior and conduct during travel and at hotels, banquets, team meals, etc. are all considered part of team activity and accept responsibility for actions during those times.
6. **Coaching** - We understand that it is the player's responsibility to discuss problems with the coach. Players should ask to meet with the coach prior to or after the next training session or some other time when privacy is available. Parents agree to try to let players work out difficulties first with their coach. If a parent/coach meeting is required, the discussion will center on the player with constructive dialog between everyone. Parents may request a meeting with the Director(s), if they feel that it is necessary to discuss/resolve a situation. We also understand and agree it is the



coaches' responsibility to place the players in a position(s) that will help them excel and complement each other within the team framework.

7. **Parent Code** - Parents will refrain from coaching from sidelines, as many times it is in direct conflict with the instructions that players receive from their coach and causes confusion and problems during the game. In general, parental behavior both on and off the field that is detrimental to team and /or club spirit, or interfere in achieving team and/or club goals may result in removal of BOTH the player and parent from membership in the club.
8. **Privacy Notice** - For both internal and external use, it is acknowledged that the club may compile and distribute email and postal mailing addresses and/or lists, and may utilize soccer photographs and video of the named individual. I consent to such uses and waive all rights to compensation.
9. **Tuition Fees** - Players and their families commit to pay all fees on a timely basis. Please note that due to the financial constraints of the Club, once a signed or an online acceptance of the player agreement is delivered to the Club, Benfica makes the commitment to the roster spot for the entire 2015/2016 club-soccer year. However, this commitment is only performance based. Failure on the part of the Player and/or Parent/Guardian to comply with the conduct policy, as stated above and below, will result in the Player's removal from the team. If the family decides Benfica is no longer the right choice for the player, may request a release. Benfica will grant such release pursuant to the League guidelines. In all cases the family is responsible for payment in full all the tuition fees for the entire club-soccer year. Failure to meet the agreed payment schedule will result in the Player being held out of participation until payment has been received. If payment has not been received by the completion of the club-soccer year, any remaining balance will be forwarded to a third party agency for collection. In a rare case where the player sustains an injury, either through a Benfica related event or an outside the club activity, the roster spot will remain secure for the entire club-soccer year. The financial commitment to the roster spot remains as stated above. However under certain special cases, as determined in case by case by the Board of Directors, forgiveness for the tuition balance or partial credit may be granted.

Limited aid is available to players requiring financial assistance. All inquiries will be dealt with confidentially and applications shall require proof of need. Additional payment plans can be arranged, if set up in advance with the Benfica Registrar and President.

Inquiries about financial assistance application should be directed to the Club Administration at Admin@BenficaUSA.org.



General - Your comments and suggestions regarding your team are considered with great respect and your support is crucial to the team concept. However please understand that the final decisions regarding what is in the best interest of the entire team ultimately rests with the coach and Director(s).

"As a member of the soccer club, I realize that my son/daughter is part of more than just a team but a member of an entire organization committed to excellence in soccer education; and that membership is a privilege not a right; and as part of that membership I agree to commit to the club's vision, mission, and goals and will contribute to its implementation and success. We agree with the conditions set forth in this document and pledge our full support in promoting the soccer club, our team, and the ideals that have been established. Failure to adhere to these conditions set forth can result in the possible suspension or dismissal from the soccer club."

I have read all 5 pages of the 2015-2016 Benfica USA Player/Parent Agreement and agree to abide by all the policies within it, including but not limited to:

My permission is granted for the Club to transfer player between team rosters depending on their development, as outlined in paragraph 1 "Team Placement" of the Player and Parent Contract.

I understand the consequences of not paying the player fees in a timely fashion, as outlined in paragraph 9 "Tuition Fees" of the Player and Parent Contract.

Player Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Player Signature _____ Date _____

I hereby affirm and give permission to Benfica USA administration to set-up an automatic Credit Card withdrawal for the 5 installment payment plan. I understand a 2% discount will be applied to the total tuition fee upon this signed agreement and/or the online acceptance box. The discount will be applied at the last installment in the form of a credit.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____