



SAN JACINTO UNITED FC

PLAYER & PARENT HANDBOOK

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SECTION I - WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Welcome to San Jacinto United FC.

This handbook has been developed to provide players, parents, guardians, coaches, volunteers, and club representatives with a clear understanding of the standards, expectations, policies, and procedures that guide our organization.

San Jacinto United FC is committed to creating a professional, player-centered environment focused on long-term development, character building, and meaningful opportunities for every athlete. Our mission extends beyond winning matches. We strive to develop confident, disciplined, and accountable individuals both on and off the field.

This handbook serves as a resource for understanding:

- Club philosophy and culture
- Parent and player expectations
- Training and match standards
- Communication procedures
- Financial policies
- Code of conduct
- Safety and operational procedures
- Development pathways and programming

Participation in San Jacinto United FC is a commitment between the club, the player, and the family. By registering with the club, all players and parents acknowledge their responsibility to support the standards, values, and expectations established within this handbook.

While this handbook outlines many of the club's policies and procedures, it is impossible to address every circumstance or situation that may arise. San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to modify, revise, supplement, or remove policies at any time when deemed necessary and in the best interest of the club and its members.

All updates or revisions to club policies may be communicated through official club communication channels, including:

- Email
- Team communication platforms
- Official club website
- Social media platforms
- Administrative notices

No verbal statements by coaches, staff members, volunteers, or representatives shall supersede the written policies contained within this handbook unless approved directly by club leadership.

By participating in San Jacinto United FC programming, players and parents agree to:

- Uphold the values and standards of the club
- Demonstrate sportsmanship and respect
- Support player development initiatives
- Follow club policies and procedures
- Contribute positively to the club environment

San Jacinto United FC is dedicated to building a culture centered around accountability, passion, discipline, development, and opportunity. Together, we aim to create an environment where players can thrive both as athletes and as individuals.

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SECTION II - ABOUT SAN JACINTO UNITED FC

San Jacinto United FC is a player-centered soccer club dedicated to developing athletes through high-quality coaching, structured programming, and meaningful competitive opportunities. The club was founded with the belief that every player deserves an environment that promotes growth, accountability, confidence, and long-term development both on and off the field.

At San Jacinto United FC, player development remains at the center of every decision we make. We are committed to building complete players by focusing on the technical, tactical, physical, and mental aspects of the game while also emphasizing character, leadership, discipline, and responsibility. Our goal is not simply to create successful teams, but to develop successful individuals who are prepared for future opportunities in soccer and in life.

Our club provides competitive pathways for players seeking a higher level of development and competition. Through experienced coaching staff, structured training environments, and competitive match opportunities, players are challenged to continuously improve while learning the value of teamwork, accountability, and commitment.

San Jacinto United FC offers programming designed to support players at multiple stages of their development journey. From youth competitive teams to advanced pathway opportunities through the UPSL partnership with Lightning Elite FC, the club is committed to creating clear and realistic pathways for players pursuing collegiate, pre-professional, and long-term soccer opportunities.

We believe that development is a long-term process that requires patience, consistency, and intentional coaching. Our philosophy prioritizes meaningful player growth over short-term results. Players are encouraged to compete with confidence, think creatively, and embrace challenges as part of the learning process. Through structured training sessions, competitive environments, and mentorship from experienced coaches, players are prepared to succeed at the next level of the game.

Our coaching staff is committed to creating a positive, demanding, and professional environment where players are supported and challenged daily. Coaches serve not only as instructors, but also as mentors and role models who help shape the culture and identity of the club.

San Jacinto United FC also recognizes the importance of family and community within the development process. We strive to build a club culture rooted in respect, professionalism, communication, and unity. The relationships built between players, families, coaches, and staff are essential to creating an environment where athletes can thrive and reach their full potential.

As the club continues to grow, our mission remains the same: to provide players with the tools, guidance, and opportunities needed to succeed at the highest level they are willing to pursue.

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SECTION III - MISSION, VISION & CORE VALUES

Mission Statement

San Jacinto United FC is committed to providing every boy and girl the opportunity to discover and enjoy the game of soccer. We foster growth through passion, patience, and intentional development, building players who excel as individuals and teammates. We strive to compete at the highest levels while prioritizing long-term player development over short-term success. Our success is measured by the quality of players we develop and the meaningful opportunities we create for their future.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to build a player-centered club that develops athletes capable of competing at the highest levels while growing into confident, disciplined, and impactful individuals on and off the field. We aim to create a clear pathway that opens doors to collegiate, professional, and lifelong opportunities through the game.

Core Values

Player Development First

We prioritize long-term growth over short-term results, focusing on building complete players.

Passion for the Game

We cultivate a genuine love for soccer that drives commitment, effort, and enjoyment.

Discipline & Accountability

We expect players to take responsibility for their actions, effort, and development.

Team Culture

We build an environment where players support one another and grow together.

Opportunity & Exposure

We are committed to creating pathways that open doors for players at the next level.

Integrity

We operate with honesty, respect, and professionalism in everything we do.

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SECTION IV - CLUB LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

San Jacinto United FC is committed to operating in a professional, organized, and player-centered manner. The leadership structure of the club is designed to support player development, maintain operational efficiency, and provide clear communication between staff, players, and families.

Each member of the club's leadership and coaching staff plays an important role in creating a positive and productive environment that aligns with the mission and values of San Jacinto United FC.

Club Leadership

Executive Director

The Executive Director oversees the overall direction, growth, and long-term development of San Jacinto United FC. This role is responsible for supporting the club's mission, building organizational partnerships, overseeing club operations, and ensuring that the club continues to provide quality opportunities for players and families.

Technical Director

The Technical Director oversees the soccer development philosophy and technical direction of the club. Responsibilities include:

- Player development oversight
- Coaching development and evaluation
- Team formation guidance
- Curriculum implementation
- Style of play development
- Player pathway planning
- Competitive programming oversight

The Technical Director works closely with coaches to ensure training environments remain consistent with the club's developmental philosophy and standards.

Registrar

The Registrar oversees player registration processes, administrative support, and communication related to player enrollment and club participation. This role also assists with club organization and communication between families and staff.

Coaching Staff

San Jacinto United FC coaching staff members are responsible for creating structured, professional, and development-focused training environments that support the growth of every player.

Coaches are expected to:

- Uphold the mission and values of the club
- Maintain professionalism at all times
- Create positive and competitive learning environments
- Prioritize player development
- Communicate effectively with players and families
- Serve as mentors and role models
- Demonstrate respect toward players, parents, referees, and opponents
- Maintain appropriate conduct during all club activities

Board Leadership

The San Jacinto United FC Board assists in supporting the overall direction, accountability, and long-term vision of the club while helping ensure the organization operates in alignment with its mission and values.

President

The President provides leadership and oversight to support the growth and organizational stability of the club.

Vice President

The Vice President assists with club leadership responsibilities and supports organizational operations, planning, and club initiatives as needed.

Secretary

The Secretary assists with maintaining organizational records, meeting documentation, and official club communications when necessary.

Treasurer

The Treasurer assists with financial oversight, budgeting support, and maintaining responsible financial practices within the organization.

Board Members

Board Members support the mission, growth, and long-term success of San Jacinto United FC by assisting with organizational planning, community support, fundraising efforts, and club development initiatives.

Board members are expected to:

- Support the mission and values of the club
- Act in the best interest of players and families
- Maintain professionalism and integrity
- Assist in promoting positive club culture
- Support the long-term sustainability and growth of the organization

Communication Structure

San Jacinto United FC believes that clear and professional communication is essential to maintaining a positive club environment.

Families are encouraged to communicate respectfully and follow the appropriate chain of communication when addressing questions or concerns.

General communication structure:

1. Team Coach
2. Technical Director / Program Leadership
3. Club Administration
4. Club Board Leadership (when appropriate)

Parents and players are expected to communicate respectfully and allow appropriate time for responses from staff members.

The club also strongly encourages families to observe a 24-hour waiting period following games before addressing emotionally charged concerns related to playing time, coaching decisions, or match situations.

Professional Standards

All San Jacinto United FC staff members, board members, coaches, and representatives are expected to represent the club with professionalism, integrity, and accountability both on and off the field.

Club representatives are expected to:

- Support a safe and respectful environment
- Promote positive player experiences
- Demonstrate honesty and professionalism
- Protect the reputation and culture of the club
- Act in the best interest of player development

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to review conduct and address situations that conflict with the standards and expectations of the organization.

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SECTION V - CLUB PHILOSOPHIES

Our Philosophy

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Soccer Philosophy

San Jacinto United FC is committed to playing a modern, intelligent, and purposeful style of soccer built on technical quality, tactical awareness, and team cohesion. We emphasize possession with intent, the ability to attack space, and disciplined defending as a unit. Our teams play with confidence, creativity, and resilience.

Coaching Philosophy

Our coaching philosophy is centered on intentional player development through structured, high-quality training environments. Coaches serve as educators and mentors, creating sessions that are purposeful, game-realistic, and engaging. We prioritize long-term growth while holding players accountable to high standards.

Player Development Philosophy

San Jacinto United FC is dedicated to developing complete players technically, tactically, physically, and mentally. We focus on age-appropriate development, meaningful competition, and clear pathways that prepare players for the next level, including college and beyond.

These philosophies serve as the foundation for all programming, coaching decisions, player expectations, and long-term development initiatives within San Jacinto United FC. Every aspect of the club is designed to support the growth of players both on and off the field while maintaining an environment built on professionalism, accountability, discipline, and opportunity.

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SECTION VI - CODE OF CONDUCT

San Jacinto United FC is committed to maintaining a positive, professional, competitive, and respectful environment for all players, families, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators. Participation in the club is a privilege that carries expectations of behavior, accountability, and sportsmanship.

All members of San Jacinto United FC are expected to represent the club with integrity, discipline, respect, and professionalism both on and off the field. The standards outlined in this Code of Conduct are intended to protect the culture, reputation, and development environment of the club.

Failure to follow the expectations and standards outlined within this handbook may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from club activities when necessary.

General Code of Conduct

All players, parents, coaches, board members, volunteers, and spectators are expected to:

- Demonstrate respect toward teammates, opponents, referees, coaches, staff, and spectators
- Promote good sportsmanship at all times
- Represent San Jacinto United FC positively both in person and online
- Support a safe and positive environment for all participants
- Follow all club policies and procedures
- Respect club property, facilities, and equipment
- Maintain professionalism during all club-related activities
- Avoid behavior that negatively impacts the club environment or reputation

The use of the following will not be tolerated at any San Jacinto United FC event, training session, match, tournament, or club function:

- Profanity
- Harassment
- Bullying
- Threatening behavior
- Discriminatory language

- Intimidation
- Physical altercations
- Unsportsmanlike conduct

Parent Code of Conduct

Parents and guardians play a vital role in supporting the development and experience of all players within the club.

Parents are expected to:

- Encourage and support players positively
- Allow coaches to coach and players to play
- Respect coaches, referees, opponents, and other spectators
- Demonstrate professionalism and sportsmanship at all times
- Support the mission, values, and developmental philosophy of the club
- Ensure players arrive on time and properly prepared for all club activities
- Communicate respectfully with coaches and staff
- Follow the club's communication procedures and chain of communication
- Support a healthy and positive sideline environment

Parents are prohibited from:

- Coaching from the sideline
- Publicly criticizing players, coaches, referees, or club representatives
- Entering the field or technical areas without permission
- Using abusive, threatening, or inappropriate language
- Creating conflict during matches, training sessions, or club events

24-Hour Rule

Parents are strongly encouraged to wait 24 hours following a match or emotionally charged situation before addressing concerns related to:

- Playing time
- Coaching decisions
- Team selection
- Match situations
- Player roles

This policy is intended to promote respectful, productive, and professional communication.

Player Code of Conduct

Players are expected to:

- Demonstrate effort, discipline, accountability, and sportsmanship
- Attend training sessions and matches consistently
- Arrive on time and prepared for all club activities
- Wear proper training and match attire
- Respect coaches, teammates, referees, opponents, and staff
- Maintain a positive attitude and willingness to learn
- Support teammates and contribute positively to team culture
- Take responsibility for their development and behavior
- Communicate respectfully with coaches and teammates

Players are prohibited from:

- Fighting or physical altercations
- Bullying, harassment, or intimidation
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Destruction of property
- Use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices, or illegal substances
- Theft or inappropriate behavior

- Social media conduct that negatively reflects the club

Repeated violations or severe misconduct may result in suspension or removal from club participation.

Coach Code of Conduct

San Jacinto United FC coaches are expected to represent the club with professionalism, leadership, integrity, and accountability.

Coaches are expected to:

- Prioritize player development and safety
- Create positive and challenging learning environments
- Treat all players fairly and respectfully
- Maintain professionalism during training sessions and matches
- Communicate clearly and respectfully with families and players
- Serve as positive role models
- Promote sportsmanship and discipline
- Follow club policies and technical standards
- Support the long-term development philosophy of the club

Coaches are prohibited from:

- Using abusive or inappropriate language
- Engaging in harassment or intimidation
- Creating unsafe environments
- Demonstrating disrespect toward referees, players, or parents
- Engaging in conduct detrimental to the club or its players

Spectator Expectations

All spectators attending San Jacinto United FC events are expected to:

- Demonstrate sportsmanship and respect
- Support all players positively
- Respect referees and match officials
- Follow facility and league rules
- Maintain appropriate sideline behavior

Spectators may be removed from events for:

- Abusive language
- Threatening behavior
- Harassment
- Fighting
- Disruptive conduct
- Failure to follow club or facility expectations

Social Media & Public Conduct

All club members are expected to represent San Jacinto United FC responsibly on social media and in public settings.

Posts, comments, videos, or messages that harass others, create conflict, damage the reputation of the club, target players, coaches, referees, or families, or contain inappropriate or discriminatory content may result in disciplinary action.

Violations & Disciplinary Action

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to review and address any behavior that conflicts with the mission, values, and standards of the club.

Disciplinary action may include:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Suspension from training or matches
- Probationary status

- Removal from team activities
- Dismissal from the club

The severity of disciplinary action will depend on the nature, frequency, and seriousness of the violation. The club reserves the right to determine appropriate disciplinary action in the best interest of the organization, players, and club environment.

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SECTION VII - PROGRAMMING & PLAYER PATHWAYS

San Jacinto United FC provides multiple competitive pathways for players who are serious about development, high-level competition, and long-term advancement. Our programs are designed to support athletes as they grow technically, tactically, physically, and mentally while preparing for the next level of the game.

From youth competitive teams to advanced pre-professional opportunities, San Jacinto United FC offers a structured pathway for players at different stages of their development.

Competitive Teams

U13-U18

Our competitive teams provide a strong foundation for player growth through quality coaching, structured training, and meaningful match play. Players in this pathway develop the habits, discipline, and game understanding needed to continue advancing.

Program features include:

- Age-specific development in a competitive environment
- Emphasis on technical growth and tactical awareness
- Team-centered culture focused on accountability and improvement
- Preparation for upper-level club, high school, and future pathway opportunities

Players participating within the competitive pathway are expected to demonstrate commitment, discipline, consistent attendance, and a willingness to develop within a structured environment.

UPSL Pathway

U17-U23

Our UPSL pathway, offered through our partnership with Lightning Elite FC, gives older players the opportunity to continue competing at a high level while pursuing college and pre-professional advancement. This environment helps bridge the gap between youth soccer and the next stage of the game.

Program features include:

- Competitive platform for older and advanced players
- Exposure to college and professional opportunities
- Continued development in a demanding match environment
- Direct connection to a proven UPSL program through Lightning Elite FC
- Pathway for players working toward collegiate and higher-level ambitions

Participation within the UPSL pathway requires a high level of commitment, professionalism, accountability, and consistency both on and off the field.

Player Pathway

San Jacinto United FC is committed to offering a clear development model that helps players progress through competitive stages as they mature and improve.

Step 1

Begin in our competitive youth environment and build a strong technical and tactical foundation.

Step 2

Advance into higher-level competitive opportunities for continued development and stronger competition.

Step 3

Continue into UPSL competition and college showcases to pursue college recruiting, exposure, and long-term advancement.

The club recognizes that player development occurs at different rates for every athlete. Placement, progression, and advancement opportunities are based on player development, commitment, performance, attitude, and long-term potential.

What Players Receive

Program Structure

- Cohesive club structure
- Organized programming
- Yearly teams
- Central locations

Training & Competition

- Two weekly 90-minute training sessions
- Local, state, and regional competitions
- Minimum of two tournaments

Coaching & Development

- Experienced Player Development Coaches
- Long-term player development focus

Pathway Opportunities

- College placement assistance and resources
- Participation in college showcases with direct exposure to college coaches and recruiting opportunities

Player Experience & Culture

- Positive and competitive team environment
- Accountability and leadership development
- Strong team culture and identity
- Focus on character, discipline, and growth

San Jacinto United FC is committed to creating a professional and development-focused environment that helps players maximize their potential both on and off the field.

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SECTION VIII - PLAYER & PARENT EXPECTATIONS

San Jacinto United FC believes that player development and team success are built through commitment, accountability, communication, discipline, and consistency. Players and parents play an important role in helping create a positive and professional environment that supports development both on and off the field.

The following expectations are established to help maintain club standards and ensure a productive experience for all members of the organization.

Player Expectations

Players participating in San Jacinto United FC programs are expected to fully commit themselves to their development, their team, and the standards of the club.

Players are expected to:

- Attend training sessions, matches, tournaments, and team activities consistently
- Arrive on time and prepared for all club activities
- Demonstrate effort, discipline, and accountability at all times
- Maintain a positive attitude and willingness to learn
- Show respect toward coaches, teammates, opponents, referees, and spectators
- Wear proper training and match attire as directed by the club
- Bring all necessary equipment to training sessions and matches
- Communicate absences or schedule conflicts appropriately
- Support teammates and contribute positively to team culture
- Represent San Jacinto United FC professionally on and off the field

Players are expected to understand that development is a long-term process that requires patience, consistency, and commitment.

Training Expectations

Training sessions are designed to create a structured, competitive, and development-focused environment.

Players are expected to:

- Arrive early enough to be fully prepared when training begins
- Bring water, shin guards, cleats, and all required equipment
- Wear club-approved training gear when required
- Remain focused and engaged throughout training sessions
- Demonstrate professionalism and respect during all activities
- Compete with intensity while maintaining sportsmanship

Repeated lateness, lack of effort, disruptive behavior, or failure to follow coaching instruction may impact player opportunities and participation.

Matchday Expectations

Players are expected to prepare properly for all matches and represent the club professionally during competitions.

Players should:

- Arrive at designated match times established by coaching staff
- Wear the appropriate uniform and equipment
- Maintain professionalism before, during, and after matches
- Demonstrate respect toward officials and opponents
- Support teammates positively at all times
- Follow team and coaching staff expectations during travel and competitions

Players are expected to compete with effort, discipline, and sportsmanship regardless of match outcomes.

Parent Expectations

Parents and guardians play an important role in creating a positive developmental environment for players.

Parents are expected to:

- Support players positively throughout the development process
- Encourage accountability, discipline, and commitment
- Respect coaches, referees, opponents, and other families
- Allow coaches to coach and players to play
- Ensure players arrive on time and prepared for all club activities
- Maintain respectful communication with club staff
- Follow club communication procedures and expectations
- Support the mission, values, and philosophy of San Jacinto United FC

Parents are encouraged to focus on long-term development rather than short-term results.

Communication Expectations

San Jacinto United FC values clear, respectful, and professional communication between families, players, coaches, and club leadership.

Communication expectations include:

- Respectful interactions with staff and families
- Appropriate response times and professionalism
- Following the club chain of communication
- Addressing concerns constructively and privately
- Avoiding emotionally charged confrontations during or immediately after matches

The club strongly encourages families to follow the 24-hour rule before discussing concerns related to matches or coaching decisions.

Attendance & Commitment

Consistent attendance and commitment are critical components of player development and team success.

Players are expected to prioritize:

- Team training sessions
- League matches
- Tournaments
- Club events
- Team communication

Frequent absences, repeated tardiness, or lack of commitment may affect:

- Team placement
- Playing opportunities
- Team roles
- Player development progression

The club understands that school, family, and personal obligations may occasionally create conflicts. Families are expected to communicate conflicts in advance whenever possible.

Playing Time Philosophy

San Jacinto United FC prioritizes player development while maintaining competitive standards within all programs.

Playing time may be influenced by:

- Attendance
- Effort and attitude
- Training performance
- Commitment
- Tactical decisions
- Player development needs
- Match competitiveness

Playing time is not guaranteed and may vary based on age group, level of play, and competitive environment.

The club encourages players to focus on development, preparation, and growth rather than solely on minutes played.

Multi-Sport Participation

San Jacinto United FC supports well-rounded athletic development and understands that some athletes may participate in multiple sports or activities.

Families are encouraged to communicate scheduling conflicts early so coaches can appropriately manage expectations and player availability.

Team Culture & Accountability

Every player and family contributes to the overall culture and environment of the club.

San Jacinto United FC expects all members to:

- Promote positivity and unity
- Support teammates and families
- Demonstrate accountability
- Respect the development process
- Contribute to a healthy competitive environment

The long-term success of the club depends on maintaining a culture built on discipline, respect, development, and opportunity.

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SECTION IX - TRAINING, MATCHDAY & TEAM OPERATIONS

San Jacinto United FC is committed to maintaining a professional, organized, and development-focused environment across all training sessions, matches, tournaments, and club activities. The following operational standards are intended to support player development, team organization, communication, and overall club professionalism.

Training Operations

Training sessions are designed to provide players with a structured and competitive environment focused on long-term development.

Players are expected to:

- Arrive on time and fully prepared for training
- Bring all required equipment, including soccer ball, cleats, shin guards, water, and proper training attire
- Remain focused and engaged throughout sessions
- Follow coaching instruction and club expectations
- Demonstrate professionalism and effort during all activities

Players should arrive early enough to properly warm up and be ready when training officially begins.

Parents and spectators are expected to remain outside of training areas unless specifically authorized by club staff.

Matchday Operations

Matchdays are an extension of the training environment and should reflect the professionalism and standards of the club.

Players are expected to:

- Arrive at designated match times established by coaching staff
- Wear the correct match uniform and equipment
- Bring both home and away uniforms when instructed
- Demonstrate professionalism before, during, and after matches
- Respect referees, opponents, teammates, and spectators
- Support teammates positively throughout competitions

Players and families are expected to follow all league, tournament, and facility rules during competitions.

Team Communication

San Jacinto United FC utilizes team communication platforms, email, and other approved communication methods to distribute important information regarding:

- Training schedules
- Match schedules

- Tournament information
- Team updates
- Club announcements
- Weather delays or cancellations

Families are responsible for:

- Monitoring communication platforms regularly
- Maintaining updated contact information
- Responding to team communication when necessary
- Communicating absences or conflicts in advance

Clear and consistent communication is essential to maintaining organized team operations.

Team Managers

Team Managers may be assigned to assist with administrative and organizational support for teams when necessary.

Team Manager responsibilities may include:

- Assisting with communication
- Coordinating team logistics
- Supporting tournament organization
- Assisting with player check-in procedures
- Helping maintain organized team operations

Team Managers are expected to support club policies, maintain professionalism, and work collaboratively with coaching staff and families.

Team Managers do not make coaching, roster, playing time, or player development decisions.

Uniform & Equipment Standards

Players are expected to wear club-approved uniforms and training gear during all official club activities.

Uniform expectations may include:

- Official game uniforms
- Training shirts
- Training shorts
- Socks
- Team travel apparel when applicable

Players are responsible for maintaining their uniforms and equipment in proper condition throughout the season.

Jewelry, unsafe equipment, or attire prohibited by league or tournament rules may not be permitted during matches or training sessions.

Tournament & Travel Expectations

Participation in tournaments and travel events is considered part of the club commitment for teams participating in competitive programming.

Families are expected to:

- Communicate availability in advance
- Arrive on time for all scheduled events
- Follow team schedules and expectations
- Represent the club professionally during travel events

Players are expected to maintain appropriate behavior during all club-related travel, lodging, and tournament activities.

Additional team-specific travel expectations may be communicated by coaching staff or team management.

Guest Players & Player Movement

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to utilize guest players or allow player movement between teams when appropriate for:

- Player development
- Roster needs

- Tournament participation
- Competitive opportunities
- Long-term development planning

Player movement decisions are made by club leadership and coaching staff in the best interest of player development and team operations.

Inclement Weather Policy

Training sessions, matches, or club activities may be delayed, postponed, rescheduled, or canceled due to:

- Lightning
- Heavy rain
- Severe weather
- Unsafe field conditions
- Other hazardous environmental concerns

Families should monitor official club communication channels for weather-related updates and scheduling changes.

The safety of players, families, coaches, and staff will always remain the priority when making weather-related decisions.

Facility Expectations

All players, parents, coaches, and spectators are expected to respect club facilities and partner venues.

Individuals are expected to:

- Dispose of trash properly
- Respect facility staff and rules
- Avoid damaging property or equipment
- Leave facilities clean and organized
- Follow parking and access guidelines

Failure to follow facility expectations may result in disciplinary action or removal from club activities.

Club Equipment & Property

Club-issued equipment and property should be treated with care and respect.

Players and families may be held responsible for lost, damaged, or misused club equipment when appropriate.

Operational Flexibility

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to make adjustments to training schedules, match schedules, team assignments, tournament participation, field locations, and club operations when necessary to support player development, organizational needs, facility availability, league requirements, or player safety.

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SECTION X - FINANCIAL POLICIES & REGISTRATION

San Jacinto United FC is committed to operating in a professional and organized manner while providing players with quality development opportunities and competitive programming. Club fees directly support operational expenses including coaching, league participation, field usage, equipment, administrative operations, tournaments, and overall player development resources.

Families are expected to review and understand all financial policies prior to registering with the club.

Registration Procedures

Players are not considered fully registered or rostered until:

- Registration forms are completed
- Required documents are submitted
- Initial payments are completed
- Any required league or governing body registration requirements are satisfied

Roster placement and participation may be withheld until all registration requirements are completed.

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to deny participation to any player with incomplete registration requirements or unresolved financial obligations.

Club Commitment

Participation in San Jacinto United FC competitive programming is considered a commitment to the club and team for the seasonal or yearly term established during registration.

By accepting a roster position, families acknowledge their commitment to team participation, training attendance, match participation, and financial obligations associated with club participation.

The club makes staffing, league, tournament, and operational decisions based on player commitments and roster acceptance.

Payment Plans

San Jacinto United FC may offer payment plan options to assist families with club tuition and fees.

Families utilizing payment plans are expected to:

- Maintain current payment status
- Ensure payment methods remain valid
- Complete payments according to agreed schedules

Failure to remain current on payment obligations may impact player participation status.

Late Payments

Timely payments are necessary to support club operations and team programming.

Accounts with overdue balances may be subject to:

- Late fees
- Suspension from training sessions
- Suspension from matches or tournaments
- Withholding of player cards or registration materials
- Restriction from future registration opportunities

The club reserves the right to determine appropriate action regarding unresolved balances.

Non-Refundable Fees

Certain fees paid to San Jacinto United FC may be considered non-refundable, including but not limited to:

- Registration fees
- Administrative fees
- League registration fees
- Uniform fees
- Tournament deposits already committed by the club

Once payments have been committed toward operational expenses, league obligations, or third-party vendors, refunds may not be available.

Refund Policy

Refund requests must be submitted in writing to club administration.

Refund consideration may depend on:

- Timing of withdrawal
- Outstanding club expenses
- League registration commitments
- Tournament commitments
- Uniform orders
- Operational costs already incurred by the club

Refunds will generally not be issued for:

- Voluntary withdrawal after roster acceptance
- Dismissal from the club due to disciplinary action

- Missed training sessions or matches
- Schedule conflicts
- Injuries occurring during participation after season commencement

The club reserves the right to review refund requests on a case-by-case basis.

Uniform Costs & Equipment

Players are responsible for purchasing required club uniforms, training gear, and equipment unless otherwise specified by the club.

Uniform orders are generally final once submitted to vendors.

Replacement costs for lost or damaged uniforms and equipment are the responsibility of the player and family.

Tournament & Travel Expenses

Certain tournaments, showcases, or travel-related events may require additional expenses beyond standard club fees.

Additional costs may include:

- Travel expenses
- Hotel accommodations
- Tournament entry fees
- Coach travel expenses when applicable
- Transportation costs

Families will be notified in advance regarding expected tournament or travel-related costs whenever possible.

Financial Aid & Scholarship Opportunities

San Jacinto United FC believes in creating opportunities for players and may offer limited financial assistance or scholarship opportunities based on availability of club resources, sponsorship funding, financial need, and player commitment and participation.

Submission of a financial assistance application does not guarantee approval or full coverage of club expenses.

Additional scholarship or aid guidelines may be communicated separately by the club.

Returned Payments

Returned payments, failed transactions, or insufficient fund payments may result in additional processing fees and temporary suspension of participation privileges until balances are resolved.

Families are responsible for ensuring payment information remains accurate and current.

Outstanding Balances

Players with unresolved balances may be restricted from:

- Training participation
- Match participation
- Tournament participation
- Receiving player cards
- Registering for future seasons
- Receiving club-related documentation or release paperwork

The club reserves the right to pursue collection of outstanding balances when necessary.

Financial Policy Modifications

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to modify fees, payment schedules, operational costs, and financial policies when necessary to support club operations and programming.

Families will be notified of significant financial policy changes through official club communication channels whenever possible.

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SECTION XI - PLAYER HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLNESS

San Jacinto United FC is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and supportive environment for all players, coaches, families, and staff members. Player safety and well-being remain priorities during all club activities, including training sessions, matches, tournaments, travel events, and club-sponsored activities.

While participation in sports involves inherent physical risks, the club is committed to implementing reasonable measures to promote player safety and reduce preventable risks whenever possible.

Medical Information & Emergency Contacts

Parents and guardians are responsible for providing accurate and updated emergency contact information, medical history information, allergy information, insurance information, and medical conditions relevant to participation.

Families must notify club staff of any significant medical conditions, injuries, restrictions, or health concerns that may affect player participation.

It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to keep all medical and emergency contact information current throughout the season.

Injury Reporting

Players are expected to immediately report injuries or physical concerns to coaching staff.

Parents should communicate injuries, medical restrictions, recovery timelines, physician recommendations, and return-to-play limitations to coaching staff as soon as possible to help ensure player safety and appropriate participation decisions.

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to limit participation when there are concerns regarding player safety or medical readiness.

Concussion Protocol

Player safety regarding head injuries and concussions is taken seriously by San Jacinto United FC.

Any player suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury during club activities may be removed from participation immediately.

Players may be required to obtain medical evaluation, follow physician recommendations, receive written medical clearance, and complete appropriate recovery protocols before returning to participation.

Players should never hide concussion symptoms or attempt to return to participation before being medically cleared.

Hydration & Heat Safety

Player health and safety remain a priority during all training sessions, matches, and club activities, especially during periods of extreme heat and high temperatures.

Players are expected to:

- Arrive properly hydrated before all activities
- Bring sufficient water or sports drinks to training sessions and matches
- Wear appropriate training attire for weather conditions
- Maintain proper nutrition and recovery habits
- Communicate any signs of illness, dizziness, dehydration, or physical distress immediately to coaching staff

San Jacinto United FC coaches and staff will monitor environmental conditions and player safety during all activities.

Training sessions or matches may be modified, delayed, shortened, or canceled due to excessive heat or unsafe environmental conditions.

Players are expected to follow hydration breaks, safety instructions, and recovery guidelines communicated by coaching staff during all activities.

Player safety will always take priority over training schedules, matches, or competitive activities.

Illness & Communicable Conditions

Players who are ill, experiencing symptoms of contagious illness, or unable to safely participate should remain home from club activities.

Families should communicate illnesses or medical concerns to coaching staff when participation may be affected.

The club reserves the right to limit participation if a player's condition presents safety concerns, health risks to others, or inability to safely participate.

Medication Policies

Players requiring emergency medication during club activities, including but not limited to inhalers, EpiPens, diabetic supplies, or other medically necessary items, should ensure that medications are available and properly communicated to staff when appropriate.

Coaches and staff members may not administer medication unless authorized or required under emergency circumstances.

Return-to-Play Expectations

Players returning from injury or illness may be required to follow medical recommendations, participate within modified restrictions, and provide written medical clearance when necessary.

The club reserves the right to prioritize player safety when determining participation readiness.

Player Supervision

Parents and guardians remain responsible for players before and after scheduled club activities unless otherwise communicated by the club.

Coaches and staff members are responsible for supervising players only during official training sessions, matches, and designated team activities.

Parents are expected to arrive on time for pickup, communicate delays when necessary, and ensure younger players are safely supervised.

Safe Environment Expectations

San Jacinto United FC is committed to maintaining an environment free from harassment, abuse, bullying, hazing, discrimination, and inappropriate conduct.

All players, staff, volunteers, and families are expected to contribute to a safe and respectful environment.

The club reserves the right to investigate and address any conduct that threatens player safety or well-being.

Emergency Situations

In the event of a medical emergency, San Jacinto United FC staff may contact emergency medical services, seek immediate medical attention, and contact emergency contacts provided during registration.

By participating in club activities, families acknowledge and authorize emergency medical response when necessary to protect the health and safety of the player.

Assumption of Risk

Participation in soccer and athletic activities involves inherent physical risks, including but not limited to physical contact, falls, collisions, weather-related conditions, and injuries related to athletic participation.

By participating in San Jacinto United FC programming, families acknowledge and accept the inherent risks associated with athletic participation.

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SECTION XII - COMMUNICATION & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

San Jacinto United FC believes that clear, respectful, and professional communication is essential to maintaining a positive club culture and development environment. Effective communication between players, parents, coaches, staff, and leadership helps support player growth, team organization, and overall club operations.

All members of the club are expected to communicate with professionalism, respect, and maturity at all times.

Communication Expectations

San Jacinto United FC expects all communication between players, parents, coaches, staff members, board members, and club representatives to remain respectful, professional, constructive, solution-oriented, and appropriate in tone and language.

Communication that includes harassment, personal attacks, threats, abusive language, public confrontation, or disrespectful conduct will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action.

Chain of Communication

To promote efficient and professional communication, families are expected to follow the club's chain of communication when addressing questions or concerns.

The recommended communication structure is:

5. Team Coach
6. Technical Director / Program Leadership
7. Club Administration
8. Club Board Leadership (when appropriate)

Most team-related concerns should first be addressed directly with the team coach in a respectful and professional manner.

24-Hour Rule

Parents and players are strongly encouraged to wait at least 24 hours following matches, tournaments, or emotionally charged situations before discussing concerns related to playing time, tactical decisions, team roles, coaching decisions, or match situations.

This policy exists to encourage productive conversations and reduce emotionally reactive conflicts.

Coaches are not expected to engage in discussions regarding sensitive concerns immediately following matches or training sessions.

Appropriate Communication Methods

The club encourages communication through approved communication methods, including team communication platforms, email, scheduled meetings, and official club communication systems.

Concerns should be addressed privately and respectfully rather than through social media, group chats, public confrontations, or sideline discussions during matches or training sessions.

Parent & Spectator Conduct During Activities

Parents and spectators are expected to allow coaches to coach and players to play.

Parents should avoid:

- Sideline coaching
- Public criticism of players or coaches
- Confrontations during games or training sessions
- Entering team areas or fields without permission
- Addressing referees inappropriately

Coaches should be allowed to focus on team management and player development during club activities.

Conflict Resolution Process

San Jacinto United FC is committed to addressing concerns professionally and constructively whenever possible.

When concerns arise, families are encouraged to:

9. Communicate respectfully with the appropriate coach or staff member
10. Allow reasonable time for communication and resolution
11. Escalate concerns appropriately through the communication structure when necessary

The club encourages all parties to approach concerns with the goal of problem-solving, maintaining professionalism, supporting player development, and preserving positive relationships.

Topics Appropriate for Discussion

The following topics are generally appropriate for discussion with coaches:

- Player development
- Training habits
- Attendance
- Communication concerns
- Team expectations
- Player attitude and effort
- Opportunities for improvement

Topics Generally Not Appropriate for Discussion

The following topics are generally not appropriate for discussion:

- Other players
- Other families
- Team selection comparisons
- Coaching decisions made during competition
- Tactical decisions during matches
- Confidential player matters

The club reserves the right to limit or redirect conversations that become unproductive or inappropriate.

Social Media & Public Communication

Club-related conflicts, complaints, or concerns should not be addressed publicly through social media posts, public comments, online arguments, or group messaging platforms.

Public criticism of players, coaches, families, referees, staff members, or club operations may be considered conduct detrimental to the club environment and culture.

Families and players are encouraged to address concerns through the club's internal communication procedures.

Communication Response Expectations

Club staff and coaches will make reasonable efforts to respond to communication in a timely and professional manner.

Families are encouraged to understand that coaches may be managing multiple teams and responsibilities, responses may not be immediate during match days, tournaments, or travel events, and emergencies and scheduling demands may impact response times.

Mutual respect and patience are expected from all parties.

Maintaining Club Culture

San Jacinto United FC is committed to protecting a culture built on respect, accountability, development, professionalism, communication, and opportunity.

All members of the club share responsibility for maintaining a positive and supportive environment that prioritizes player growth and team success.

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SECTION XIII - SOCIAL MEDIA, MEDIA RELEASE & CLUB BRANDING

San Jacinto United FC recognizes the importance of social media, digital communication, and public branding in modern athletics and player development. The club encourages positive and responsible use of social media and digital platforms while maintaining standards that protect the reputation, culture, players, and integrity of the organization.

All players, parents, coaches, staff members, volunteers, and representatives are expected to represent San Jacinto United FC professionally both in person and online.

Social Media Expectations

Players, parents, coaches, and club representatives are expected to use social media responsibly and respectfully.

All members of the club should:

- Represent the club positively online
- Demonstrate professionalism and sportsmanship
- Respect teammates, coaches, opponents, referees, and families
- Avoid inappropriate or harmful content
- Understand that online conduct reflects on the individual and the club

Social media activity that negatively impacts the club environment or reputation may result in disciplinary action.

Prohibited Online Conduct

The following behaviors are considered inappropriate and may result in disciplinary action:

- Harassment or bullying
- Threatening or abusive language
- Public criticism of players, coaches, referees, or families
- Discriminatory or hateful content
- Posting confidential team or club information
- Creating unnecessary conflict or division within the club
- Inappropriate behavior while representing the club in uniform or at club events

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to address conduct that is deemed harmful to the club environment, reputation, or player experience.

Public Representation of the Club

Players, parents, coaches, and staff members are expected to represent San Jacinto United FC professionally during matches, tournaments, travel events, community events, social media activity, and public appearances.

Behavior that damages the reputation or culture of the club may result in disciplinary review.

Club Branding & Logo Usage

The San Jacinto United FC name, logos, branding, graphics, uniforms, and club identity are the property of the organization and may not be altered, reproduced, distributed, or used for commercial purposes without club authorization.

Unauthorized use of club logos, club graphics, club uniforms, club branding materials, or team graphics and promotional materials may be prohibited.

The club reserves the right to manage and protect its brand identity and public image.

Photography & Video Release

By participating in San Jacinto United FC programs, families acknowledge and understand that photographs, videos, and digital media may be captured during training sessions, matches, tournaments, club events, camps and clinics, and community activities.

These materials may be used by the club for social media, marketing, promotional materials, website content, recruiting exposure, and club publications.

San Jacinto United FC will make reasonable efforts to use media content appropriately and professionally.

Families requesting limitations regarding player media usage should communicate concerns directly with club administration in writing.

Recruiting & Exposure Content

San Jacinto United FC supports player exposure and advancement opportunities through positive and professional promotion of player accomplishments and development opportunities.

Players and families are encouraged to represent themselves professionally online, share accomplishments respectfully, maintain accurate and appropriate recruiting information, and demonstrate maturity and professionalism during recruiting interactions.

The club encourages players to understand that social media presence may influence future academic, athletic, and professional opportunities.

Privacy & Confidentiality

Players, families, coaches, and staff members are expected to respect the privacy of others within the organization.

Confidential team matters, player information, internal communication, or organizational concerns should not be shared publicly without authorization.

The club reserves the right to address situations involving inappropriate sharing of confidential or sensitive information.

Media & Club Communications

Official club announcements, statements, schedules, branding materials, and organizational communication are managed through authorized club representatives and communication channels.

Families and players are encouraged to rely on official club communication platforms for accurate information regarding scheduling, policies, team operations, club updates, and program announcements.

Digital Responsibility

San Jacinto United FC believes that digital conduct is an extension of character and professionalism.

All members of the organization are encouraged to use social media and digital platforms in ways that reflect respect, integrity, accountability, leadership, and positive representation of the club community.

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SECTION XIV - TEAM SELECTION, PLAYER EVALUATION & PLAYING TIME

San Jacinto United FC is committed to creating competitive and development-focused environments that support the long-term growth of every player. Team placement, player evaluation, and playing time decisions are made with the best interests of player development, team balance, and overall club philosophy in mind.

The club recognizes that player development is not always linear and that players develop at different rates physically, technically, tactically, and mentally.

Player Evaluations & Team Selection

Player evaluations are conducted through tryouts, training sessions, match performance, coach observations, seasonal evaluations, and overall player development progression.

Team placement decisions are based on multiple factors, including:

- Technical ability
- Tactical understanding
- Athleticism
- Work ethic
- Coachability
- Attitude
- Commitment
- Competitive level
- Long-term developmental potential

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to place players in environments believed to best support their development and growth.

Team Formation

Team formation decisions are made by club leadership and coaching staff.

The club may consider:

- Age group structure
- Competitive balance
- Developmental needs
- Roster sizes
- Training environments
- Player compatibility
- Long-term development pathways

Team structures and placements may change as players continue to develop throughout the season or year.

Player Movement

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to move players between teams, age groups, or training environments when deemed appropriate for player development, competitive opportunities, team needs, training environment quality, and long-term player progression.

Player movement may occur temporarily, permanently, for tournament participation, for guest playing opportunities, or for developmental purposes.

Movement decisions are made at the discretion of club leadership and coaching staff.

Guest Players

The club may utilize guest players when necessary for tournament participation, roster availability, development opportunities, and competitive balance.

Guest player decisions are made by coaching staff and club leadership based on the best interests of players and teams involved.

Playing Time Philosophy

San Jacinto United FC prioritizes long-term player development while maintaining competitive standards within all programs.

Playing time is influenced by multiple factors, including:

- Attendance
- Effort and attitude
- Training performance
- Tactical decisions
- Commitment
- Match competitiveness
- Player development goals
- Team needs

Playing time is not guaranteed.

As players progress into more competitive environments, playing time may become increasingly performance-based and influenced by competitive demands.

The club encourages players and families to focus on development, preparation, consistency, growth, and team contribution rather than solely on minutes played.

Attendance & Commitment Impact

Consistent attendance and commitment are essential components of player development and team success.

Repeated absences, tardiness, missed training sessions, lack of communication, or lack of effort may impact playing time, team roles, leadership opportunities, team placement, and future developmental opportunities.

Families are expected to communicate conflicts in advance whenever possible.

Coach Discretion

Coaches are responsible for making decisions related to match lineups, player positions, tactical adjustments, substitutions, team roles, and training group assignments.

These decisions are made based on the best interests of player development, team development, match competitiveness, and club philosophy.

Coaching decisions should be respected by players and families.

Seasonal Player Development

San Jacinto United FC believes development should be evaluated over long periods of time rather than isolated performances or short-term results.

Players are encouraged to focus on consistent improvement, work ethic, coachability, confidence, technical growth, tactical understanding, leadership, and accountability.

Development opportunities may evolve throughout the season based on player progression and commitment.

Long-Term Development Focus

The club prioritizes creating environments that prepare players for future opportunities, including higher-level club competition, high school soccer, college recruiting opportunities, UPSL participation, and long-term athletic development.

San Jacinto United FC believes that long-term development, character, discipline, and preparation are more valuable than short-term outcomes alone.

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SECTION XV - VOLUNTEERING, FUNDRAISING & CLUB SUPPORT

San Jacinto United FC recognizes that the continued growth and success of the club is strengthened through the support, involvement, and commitment of families, volunteers, sponsors, and community members.

The club values a culture of service, teamwork, and community involvement that helps create positive experiences and opportunities for all players and families.

Volunteer Support

Parents and family members are encouraged to support the club through volunteer opportunities throughout the season.

Volunteer support may include:

- Tournament operations
- Team support
- Club events
- Check-in assistance
- Concession support
- Fundraising events
- Field setup and breakdown
- Community outreach activities
- Club promotional events

Volunteer involvement helps strengthen the club environment and contributes to the overall experience provided to players and families.

Team Support

Teams may occasionally require assistance from parent volunteers to help support organizational and operational needs.

Support roles may include:

- Team communication assistance
- Event coordination
- Travel coordination
- Team meals or activities
- Tournament support

- Sideline setup assistance

Parent volunteers are expected to maintain professionalism and support club policies and coaching staff expectations at all times. Volunteer roles do not include coaching responsibilities or authority over player development decisions.

Tournament & Event Operations

San Jacinto United FC may host or participate in tournaments, camps, clinics, showcases, and community events throughout the year.

Families may be asked to assist with:

- Event setup and breakdown
- Facility organization
- Guest support
- Registration assistance
- Parking or hospitality support
- Concessions
- General operational assistance

Club events rely heavily on teamwork, organization, and community involvement to operate successfully.

Fundraising Efforts

Fundraising initiatives may be organized to help support club growth, player opportunities, scholarships or financial assistance, facility improvements, tournament operations, equipment purchases, and community programs.

Participation in fundraising efforts helps strengthen the club and expand opportunities available to players and families.

Additional fundraising expectations or opportunities may be communicated throughout the season.

Sponsorship Support

San Jacinto United FC values relationships with local businesses, sponsors, and community partners who support the mission and development goals of the club.

Sponsorship support may help provide player opportunities, financial assistance programs, equipment resources, club development initiatives, event support, and community outreach opportunities.

Families and supporters interested in sponsorship opportunities are encouraged to contact club leadership for additional information.

Community Involvement

San Jacinto United FC believes in positively impacting the surrounding community through youth development, leadership, service, mentorship, and community engagement.

Players, coaches, and families are encouraged to represent the club positively within the community and support initiatives that align with the mission and values of the organization.

Volunteer Conduct Expectations

All volunteers and supporters representing San Jacinto United FC are expected to demonstrate professionalism and respect, support a positive club environment, follow club policies and procedures, respect players, coaches, referees, and families, promote sportsmanship and integrity, and represent the club positively during all activities and events.

The club reserves the right to limit or remove volunteer participation when conduct conflicts with club standards or expectations.

Club Growth & Support

San Jacinto United FC is committed to long-term growth and creating meaningful opportunities for players and families.

The support and involvement of families, volunteers, sponsors, coaches, and community members plays an important role in helping the club continue to provide quality programming, positive experiences, and developmental opportunities for all players.

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SECTION XVI - CLUB POLICIES & GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to establish, modify, interpret, and enforce club policies and procedures when necessary to support player development, organizational operations, safety, and the overall best interests of the club.

The policies outlined within this handbook are intended to support a professional, organized, and positive environment for all members of the organization.

Policy Modifications

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to modify policies, update procedures, adjust operational standards, revise programming structures, and change scheduling or organizational requirements when deemed necessary by club leadership.

Policy changes may be communicated through official club communication platforms, email communication, team communication systems, club meetings, or updated handbook versions.

Participation in club programming constitutes acknowledgment and acceptance of current club policies and procedures.

Facility Access & Usage

All players, parents, coaches, spectators, and visitors are expected to respect all club facilities and partner venues.

Individuals are expected to follow facility rules and guidelines, respect restricted or authorized areas, dispose of trash properly, leave facilities clean and organized, respect staff, officials, and facility personnel, and follow parking and traffic procedures.

Unauthorized use of fields, facilities, or equipment may be prohibited.

The club reserves the right to remove individuals from facilities for behavior that violates club or facility expectations.

Parking & Traffic Expectations

Families and spectators are expected to follow designated parking guidelines, respect neighboring businesses and properties, avoid blocking entrances, exits, sidewalks, or traffic flow, and follow directions provided by event or facility staff.

Unsafe or disruptive parking behavior may result in removal from club activities or facility restrictions.

Equipment Responsibility

Players and families are responsible for maintaining personal equipment and uniforms required for participation.

San Jacinto United FC is not responsible for lost personal belongings, stolen items, unattended equipment, or damaged personal property.

Club-issued equipment should be treated respectfully and returned when requested.

Families may be held financially responsible for lost or damaged club equipment when appropriate.

Lost & Found

Lost items recovered during club activities may be placed in designated lost and found areas when available.

Items not claimed within a reasonable period of time may be discarded, donated, or removed at the discretion of the club or facility.

Families are encouraged to clearly label personal items and equipment.

Guest & Sibling Supervision

Parents and guardians remain responsible for supervising siblings, guests, and non-participating children during all club activities.

Children should not enter training or match areas without permission, interfere with club activities, or create unsafe situations around fields or facilities.

The club is not responsible for supervision of non-participating individuals during club events.

Travel & Transportation

Families are generally responsible for player transportation to and from training sessions, matches, tournaments, and club events.

San Jacinto United FC does not assume responsibility for player transportation arrangements unless specifically communicated otherwise.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to communicate transportation plans clearly when players travel with individuals outside their household.

Outside Training & Player Recruitment

San Jacinto United FC supports player development opportunities while also protecting the integrity of the club environment.

Unauthorized recruitment, solicitation, or attempts to encourage players or families to leave the club for another organization during club activities may be considered conduct detrimental to the club.

Outside trainers, organizations, or individuals may not use club facilities, events, or communication platforms for solicitation purposes without authorization.

Club Communication Platforms

Official club communication platforms are intended solely for team communication, club announcements, scheduling updates, operational information, and approved club-related purposes.

Club communication systems may not be used for unauthorized advertising, solicitation, personal business promotion, inappropriate communication, harassment, or conflict.

The club reserves the right to monitor and manage communication platforms to maintain professionalism and organizational integrity.

Administrative Discretion

Certain situations may arise that are not specifically addressed within this handbook.

San Jacinto United FC reserves the right to make decisions and enforce policies based on club philosophy, player safety, organizational needs, competitive requirements, operational considerations, and the overall best interests of the club and its members.

All decisions made by club leadership regarding policy interpretation and operational matters shall be considered final.

Commitment to Club Culture

San Jacinto United FC is committed to maintaining an environment built on respect, accountability, development, integrity, professionalism, and opportunity.

All members of the club share responsibility for supporting and protecting the culture and standards of the organization.

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SECTION XVII - ACKNOWLEDGMENT & AGREEMENT

By participating in San Jacinto United FC programs, all players, parents, and guardians acknowledge that they have reviewed, understand, and agree to abide by the policies, procedures, expectations, and standards outlined within this handbook.

Participation in San Jacinto United FC is considered acceptance of the club's mission, philosophy, code of conduct, operational procedures, and organizational expectations.

Handbook Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that I have received access to the San Jacinto United FC Player & Parent Handbook and understand that it contains important information regarding club policies, player and parent expectations, code of conduct, safety procedures, financial obligations, communication standards, operational procedures, and club philosophy and culture.

I understand that it is my responsibility to review and remain familiar with the contents of this handbook.

Agreement to Club Policies

I understand and agree that participation in San Jacinto United FC programming requires adherence to all club policies, procedures, and expectations outlined within this handbook.

I understand that failure to follow club policies or behavioral expectations may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from club participation when deemed necessary by club leadership.

Financial Responsibility Acknowledgment

I acknowledge responsibility for all financial obligations associated with participation in San Jacinto United FC programming, including registration fees, tuition or payment plans, tournament-related expenses, uniform costs, and other approved club expenses.

I understand that unresolved balances may impact participation status and future registration eligibility.

Assumption of Risk

I understand that participation in soccer and athletic activities involves inherent physical risks, including but not limited to physical contact, falls, collisions, weather-related conditions, and athletic injuries.

I voluntarily accept and assume the risks associated with participation in San Jacinto United FC activities.

Medical Authorization

In the event of an emergency, I authorize San Jacinto United FC staff, coaches, or representatives to seek appropriate emergency medical care for the participating player when necessary.

I understand that reasonable efforts will be made to contact emergency contacts provided during registration.

Media Release Acknowledgment

I understand that photographs, videos, and digital media may be captured during club activities and may be used by San Jacinto United FC for social media, marketing, promotional materials, website content, club publications, and recruiting exposure.

I understand that families requesting limitations regarding media usage should communicate those concerns directly with club administration in writing.

Code of Conduct Agreement

I acknowledge and agree to uphold the standards of conduct established by San Jacinto United FC, including expectations related to sportsmanship, respect, communication, social media conduct, team culture, and club professionalism.

I understand that all players, parents, spectators, coaches, and representatives are expected to contribute positively to the club environment.

Electronic Acknowledgment

Participation in San Jacinto United FC programming constitutes acknowledgment and acceptance of the policies, procedures, expectations, and standards outlined within this handbook.

Parents, guardians, and players may also be required to complete additional electronic acknowledgments, waivers, registrations, or consent forms through approved club registration platforms.

Failure to complete required electronic forms or acknowledgments may impact player eligibility and participation status.

San Jacinto United FC is committed to building an environment where players can develop confidently, compete passionately, and grow into strong individuals both on and off the field.

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APPENDIX A - UNIFORM GUIDE

Players are expected to maintain a professional appearance and wear approved club attire during all official club activities.

Required Match Equipment

- Official club jersey
- Official club shorts
- Official club socks
- Shin guards
- Cleats

Training Expectations

Players should arrive to training in appropriate athletic attire and with all required equipment. Players may be required to wear club-approved training shirts, shorts, socks, or other designated gear when communicated by the club or coaching staff.

Uniform Care

Players and families are responsible for maintaining uniforms and replacing lost or damaged items when necessary. Uniform orders are generally final once submitted to vendors.

Players should bring the appropriate uniform pieces to all matches and tournaments and should keep uniforms clean, complete, and in good condition throughout the season.

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APPENDIX B - COMMUNICATION FLOW CHART

San Jacinto United FC encourages families to communicate respectfully and professionally while following the appropriate communication structure.

Recommended Communication Structure

1. Team Coach
2. Technical Director / Program Leadership
3. Club Administration
4. Club Board Leadership

Most team-related concerns should begin with the team coach. If a concern cannot be resolved at that level, it may be elevated to the appropriate club leadership level.

Families should observe the 24-hour rule before discussing emotionally charged concerns related to playing time, team roles, or match decisions.

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APPENDIX C - PLAYER EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Players are encouraged to bring the following items to all training sessions and matches:

- Soccer ball
- Cleats
- Shin guards
- Water bottle
- Practice uniform or training gear
- Match uniform when applicable
- Weather-appropriate clothing

Players should arrive prepared for each session or match and should take personal responsibility for their equipment.

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APPENDIX D - TOURNAMENT & TRAVEL CHECKLIST

Families should prepare appropriately for tournaments and travel events.

Recommended items include:

- Match uniforms
- Extra socks and gear
- Water and snacks
- Recovery items
- Personal hygiene items
- Team travel information
- Emergency contact information

Families are encouraged to communicate travel plans and availability in advance whenever possible.

Players are expected to represent San Jacinto United FC professionally during all travel events, including at hotels, fields, restaurants, and public areas.

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APPENDIX E - WEATHER & FIELD DELAY PROCEDURES

Training sessions, matches, or club activities may be delayed, postponed, rescheduled, or canceled due to:

- Lightning
- Heavy rain
- Severe weather
- Unsafe field conditions
- Extreme heat
- Other hazardous environmental conditions

Families should monitor official club communication channels for weather-related updates.

Player safety will always remain the priority when making weather-related decisions.

Hydration and heat safety procedures may also be implemented during high-temperature conditions, including water breaks, modified sessions, shortened activities, or cancellations when necessary.

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