



An Annual Commitment

Parents and players should understand that club soccer is an annual commitment (with the exception of high school-aged teams that may only play in the spring). This goes in both directions: from the club to the player and from the player to the club. There are occasionally extreme circumstances that could lead to a player needing to quit mid-year, such as a serious injury or a family move a great distance from the club's training fields; or that could lead to a team needing to drop a player, such as a serious or repeated violation of the club's code of conduct. Absent these special circumstances, quits and transfers are strongly discouraged because a player leaving a team can have serious negative consequences on their teammates, including the possibility that players are left without a team to play on for the remainder of the year.

Mid-Year Voluntary Quit

If a Monroe Premier F.C. player and their family determines that continuing to play club soccer isn't in the best interest of the player (such as for academic or social reasons), we ask that:

1. The player communicate this directly to the club director, their coach(es).
2. The parents ensure that the player's account is in good standing financially (i.e., all payments due to that point have been completed).
3. The player returns their uniform to the club (to be used for a replacement player or guest player).
4. The quit/transfer form will need to be filled out and sent back to the club director.
5. There are no refunds for any quit/transfer.

Mid-Year Transfer to Another Club

Although Monroe Premier F.C. firmly believes in the players right to choose, the intent is for that choice to be made *once per year* after careful consideration, not on a whim. Monroe Premier F.C. discourages mid-year transfers (out of our club) for a number of reasons.

- We feel that allowing a player to back out of a commitment because they are not happy about something sends the wrong message to our young people.
- A player leaving can have serious negative impacts on their teammates, including the possibility that players are left without a team to play on for the rest of the year, and a team that can't fulfill tournament or league commitments.
- The club signs contracts and takes on costs on an annual basis for uniforms, player registrations, field rentals, leagues & tournaments, and administrative fees. These don't go away if a player leaves.
- There are no refunds for any quit/transfer.

If a player wishes to transfer mid-year, we first ask that the player and family consider the above reasons and perhaps choose to exercise their player's right to choose during the normal tryout period at the end of May. If the decision is still to request a transfer, we require the following in order to transfer out of Monroe Premier F.C.:

1. The player communicate this decision directly to the club director, their coach(es).
2. The parents ensure that the player's account is *paid in full for the year* (note: we may consider waiving the final payment in some circumstances, such as when the player can be fairly easily replaced by a new player).
3. The player returns their uniform to the club (to be used for a replacement player or guest player)
4. The player completes the quit/transfer form and turns back into the club director.
5. There are no refunds for any quit/transfer.

Mid-Year Transfer to Another Team within the Club

If a Monroe Premier F.C. player and their family determines that continuing to play on the existing team isn't in the best interest of the player, we ask that:

1. The player communicate this directly to the club director, their coach(es).
2. The parents ensure that the player's account is in good standing financially (i.e., all payments due to that point have been completed).
3. The player may keep their uniform, however, if the player is accepted on a new team and there is a number conflict it's the responsibility of the family to correct the challenge.
4. This is allowed to happen 30 days after the end of a season (Fall).
5. The quit/transfer form will need to be filled out and sent back to the club director.
6. After approval, the player may tryout for another team within the club, however there is no guarantee of being placed on a team.
7. A coach on another team may not extend an offer until after a quit/transfer form is approved and the player tries out for the new team.
8. Any existing credits or debts cannot be transferred and must stay with the team. For example, team fees for an upcoming tournament or anything paid for in advance.
9. There are no supplemental tryout fees since they were paid for the entire year.