

**GREATER LONG BEACH
SOCCER CLUB
RULES & REGULATIONS**

The Club and The Team

Players of the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club agree to put the Club ahead of the Team. When decisions are required regarding conflicts between the Club and a particular Team, the Club will be given priority. Club decisions will be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The decisions of the Board of Directors are final and not subject to appeal.

The Team and The Individual

Playing Time: It is important to understand that Greater Long Beach Soccer Club's playing membership does not guarantee equal play or specific position. The Player's playing time and position on the field will be determined by the coaching staff and decisions will be made in accordance with the best interest of the entire Team and Club in mind. Players of the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club agree to put their Team ahead of the individual Player and must be positive in fulfilling the role they are asked to perform for the Team.

Players or Parents with genuine concerns may express these concerns to the Coaches with intent of learning what a Player might or can do differently to achieve more playing time. Every effort will be made to address all concerns accordingly; however situations may arise when the solution is for the individual Player to seek another team for the following season.

There may also be situations where playing time is withheld from a Player as a disciplinary tool and for being late to practices or games.

Conflicts: If conflicts arise between the Team and the Player or Parent, the Team Coach under the direction of the Director will be responsible in making decisions for the good of the Team. These decisions will be made after gathering all relevant information and consultation with those involved. The Coaches' decision will be objective and will be based on their best evaluation of the facts. Once the Coach and or Director have made a decision, it may be appealed in writing to the Board of Directors. The Players and Parents must agree to abide with the final decision.

Player Commitments: The commitment on both parties (Club and Players) is for one reason. At the end of the season Players will be evaluated by the Club and informed of their status with regard to the following season. During this evaluation period, the Player shall give the Club the same consideration and inform the Club whether or not he/she plans to rejoin the team if selected for the following season. The Club expects Players and Parents to be ethical, honest and honor their commitments; therefore the Player should make his/her decision carefully. If a Player has committed to the Club, the Club will also be ethical and honest, honoring its commitment to the Player for the entire season including State or National Cup.

Organization

The Board of Directors administers Greater Long Beach Soccer Club as the only official voting members. It is a California Non-Profit Corporation with recognition by the IRS as a 501c3 Corporation for Federal non-profit tax purposes. Greater Long Beach Soccer Club is affiliated with CYSA-SOUTH and is recognized as the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club for registration purposes.

The Board of Directors administers the Club by establishing or approving the annual budget, agreements, coach's contracts, player fees, Club Activities Calendar including sponsorship activities and appoints committee chairpersons and managers as non-voting associate members. The Board of Directors may delegate certain responsibilities to associate members.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the selection and evaluation of all coaches and on-field activities. The Board shall approve all team managers and recommend the coaching and training budget.

Directors: The President may select on or two Directors to supervise teams, select coaches, approve scholarships and selection of players on each team. Directors or their designate will register teams in all tournaments and State Cup/National Cup.

Coaching Staff: Each team will have a USSF licensed (or equivalent) coach dedicated to soccer excellence. The President will supervise each Coach.

All coaches have had distinguished playing and/or coaching careers prior to joining the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club. The variety of coaching experiences and philosophies provided by the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club coaching staff exposes players to different soccer coaching styles and techniques employed throughout the world.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of the team on and off the field when the team is together and part of a club event. The Club requires all players to display polite, well behaved and respectful manners both on and off the field. Respectively, players and parents can expect honesty, communication, consistency, and reliability from their coaches.

The Director and Team Coaches will be responsible for creating an environment conducive to playing quality, competitive soccer. The coaching staff will take the training and the game of soccer very seriously and reciprocation from the players will be required.

The Greater Long Beach Soccer Club reserves the right to appoint/remove coaches based on the best interest of the Club, the team and the players. Greater Long Beach Soccer Club will designate a team's head coach at the time of the team's registration meeting. Coaches are contracted on a year to year basis.

Team Managers: Managers are nominated by the Directors and approved by the Board of Directors. They are the official representatives of the team to the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club, CSL and CYSA-South meetings. They will register the players with the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club Registrar. They will attend CSL pre-season meetings to receive the CSL League Schedule, the CSL Annual General Meeting, and the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club Annual General Meeting and regular meetings with the Board Manager Liaison.

The primary role of the Team Manager is to administer the team, maintain CYSA-South forms and player cards, complete “game cards”, collect club dues, submit club dues to the Club Treasurer, assist the Club Treasurer as needed in connection with the club dues and communicate to the team information from Greater Long Beach Soccer Club, CSL and CYSA-South tournaments. Team Managers are also responsible for obtaining referee fees from the Club Treasurer for payment at appropriate CSL games.

Any concerns regarding coaching issues shall be addressed directly to the Team Coach or Director, or in writing to the Board of Directors and not to the Team Manager.

PLAYER/PARENT REQUIREMENTS

1. The player/parent or guardian must abide by all rules and regulations established by FIFA, USYSA, CYSA-South, CSL and the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club as outlined in this handbook.
2. The player will be selected to a team by the coaching staff based on both his physical and mental abilities.
3. The player and parent/guardian agree to financially support the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club per the Financial Schedule and sign a Greater Long Beach Soccer Club Waiver of Responsibility.
4. The player/parent or guardian shall complete the CYSA-South registration form.
5. The player/parent or guardian must maintain a current balance on their account. Any default or delinquency may result in player ineligibility.
6. The player/parent or guardian must provide or arrange a means of transportation for training sessions, matches, and tournaments.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY

As a player you are responsible for your own performance and conduct. Honesty, communication and reliability will be expected at all times. The Club asks that you care about yourself and the sport of soccer. This requires that you maintain a healthy life style and a healthy Team attitude. Any use of drugs, alcohol or cigarettes is not acceptable. The Club will insist you maintain a positive Team attitude and a personal sense of sportsmanship and fair play.

At all Club or Team functions you will be expected to conduct yourself in a respectable manner and to represent the Club and your Team in a positive way.

From the designated arrival time at all practices and games, Players are expected to concentrate on soccer. Players must arrive on time with required equipment (shoes, uniform or practice gear, soccer ball, shin guards, etc.) and be ready to practice or play. Since practicing and playing their best requires undivided attention, there will be no visiting between Players and Parents, family, friends, pets or others (who might cause Players to lose focus on soccer) from the time immediately prior to practice or game until they have been dismissed by the Coach. This includes half-time and the conclusion of games, when Players are expected to get water, then immediately join the Team and Coach for game discussion or Team adjustments. When Team responsibilities are over, Players are then free to join family and friends.

We recognize that there are things more important in life other than soccer and in terms of priority family and schoolwork should come first. However, if precedence is given to other extra curricular activities during the regular season, it may affect the Player's playing time and/or the Player's status with the Club. As a member of the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club we expect the Player to commit to the sport of soccer and the Team as the main extra curricular activity and priority during the Club season.

THE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Greater Long Beach Soccer Club is dedicated to providing the training that will help our athletes achieve their goals. We believe that there are different stages of development in competitive soccer.

The Club's training program is designed for the youth athlete who is serious about soccer and interested in playing at the highest competitive level available. The Club is interested in athletes who are considering making soccer their primary sport, particularly in High School. Teams can expect to play against the most competitive teams in the state and at the highest level available. The training program is geared to prepare the players to compete both technically and tactically at the highest levels.

Individual Players will normally play within their age group but upon approval of the Coach and within league rules, it is possible that a Player may play up with an older age team. In addition, occasionally the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club strongly encourages and facilitates cross training between teams. This is an opportunity for players to participate with more weekly training sessions in a team setting if desired. Moreover, if specific training for an individual is recommended the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club offers specialized training. First, the Club arranges a 3rd night of training open to all age groups with specific times called Open Training. This program focuses on the technique, individual and small group tactics, physical and mental aspects of the individual player in a non-team setting. Secondly, the Club has several coaches who offer separate specialized training programs designed to improve the individual player in a small group setting.

Season training sessions (normally two per week in an overall period of approximately 9 months) will be determined and announced by the Coach, Director or Team Manager. Every effort is made to establish regularly scheduled sessions. However, this is not always possible, due to training availability, daylight savings time, weather, and coach availability. Players should always be dressed and ready to start practice on time. Practice is mandatory. If for any reason the Player is unable to attend training, the coach should be contacted at the earliest possible time prior to the start of practice. Every effort should be made to schedule other activities at times that will not interfere with training.

THE ROLE OF THE PARENT

Parental support and involvement in the Club are essential. If your son is selected and chooses to commit himself to the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club, parental commitment is also necessary. If Players are to fulfill their quality commitment to the Club and their Team, Parents must see to it that Players attend all possible Club and Team functions (practices, meetings, games, etc.) There will be times when conflicts cannot be avoided and other more important events occur. The Club

requires the families' communication, planning and understanding in order to minimize these conflicts. It is the Club's responsibility to present a periodic schedule to allow families adequate time for planning ahead. When Parents or Players have an unavoidable conflict, the Club expects timely communication to see if the Club or Team can make any necessary adjustments. The Director or Team Coach will make final decisions on scheduling and adjustments after careful consideration of the families' needs and those of the Club or Team.

1. Communicate through your Team Manager, Coach or Director for information or to ask questions concerning team management or Club decisions.

Questions concerning your child's playing time, development etc., should be directed to the Coach or the Director. Concerns, criticisms, or recommendations are welcome at the appropriate time.

If you have serious issues regarding the Coach and/or Director with whom you feel have not properly or fully resolved your concerns, please address them to the Board of Directors in writing. The Board of Directors will address the issue appropriately and respond in writing. You may ask your Team Manager to advise the Board Manager Liaison.

2. Volunteer Club Support Volunteer, as you are willing and able for the Club's Activities Calendar. If you have special skills such as computer, financial, sponsors, etc., please notify your Manager or contact a Board Member.
3. Sideline Coaching There will be no coaching by Parents. No matter how good your intentions are we insist there be no shouting instructions to your son or yelling (complaining) to officials during games. Your vocal support and positive encouragement are welcome after a good play. "Go" or "Shoot" etc. are interpreted as instructions and as such are not desirable. It is important Players not be distracted at practices (Parents and friends please stay off the designated practice area, including the goal mouths) and during games, and the Players are given only one set of instructions by one voice before, during and after practices and games. For this reason, the Club insists the Director or Team Coach be the only voice at all games and practices. No one other than those listed on the official game roster may sit on or near the Team bench before and during games (please respect the space and privacy necessary for the Coach and Team to carry out their responsibilities).

The Club's first concern is for the long-term growth and development of your child as a person along with their soccer abilities under pressure. There will be times Coaches make decisions and Players are instructed in a manner that parents

may not understand. Club, Team and Player development will sometimes be given a greater priority than winning, especially in the years prior to high school. Parents must understand this and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with a healthy Team environment. Remember, playing only to win without taking healthy Club, Team and Player development into account will not result in a solid foundation in which your child will be prepared for winning.

DISCIPLINE

The Greater Long Beach Soccer Club is unalterably committed to its players and officials exhibiting exemplary behavior. The Club will abide by USYSA, USClub, CYSA-S and CSL regulations governing suspensions and the Board of Directors of Greater Long Beach Soccer Club will review all suspensions.

The purpose of this Handbook is to present in clear detail exactly what will be expected of the Player and what the Player can expect of the Club, the Team and the Coaches. If you are uncertain of what is expected, it is your responsibility to ask your Coach or Director. We have high expectations of the Club, the Team, the Coaches and the Player.

These expectations are essentially the rules, regulations and policies for the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club. In order for each and every Player in the Club to receive the maximum benefit, we need each and every Player to abide by the Club rules, regulations and policies. If disciplinary actions are necessary, the following steps may be taken:

1. The Team Coach or Director will discuss the problem directly and privately with the Player, with the assumption the problem will be corrected immediately.
2. If the problem persists, the Team Coach or Director will communicate with the Player's parents to discuss the problem and lack of response on the part of the Player. Parents will have the opportunity to be involved in the correction of the problem at this time.
3. If the problem still continues, the Director or Coach may temporarily suspend the Player. If the situation warrants, the Director may recommend to the Board of Directors that the Player be removed and the Board of Directors, if it approves, will recommend the suspension to the Board of Directors for action. The Parents will be notified by the Board of Directors of the final decision.

4. The Parents of any Player recommended for removal from the Club may request to meet with the Board of Directors and the Director.

Our desire is to work in a positive, constructive way with our Players. Everyone has problems from time to time and the coaching staff and the Club will make every effort to work with the Player and the Parents to help solve any problems that may arise.

CLUB DUES

The Player is required to make an initial deposit of 50% of the total Club Dues or 1st installment approved by Coach and Director before June 1st for ages U8-16 and the remaining 50% provided on September 1st or remaining installment dates approved by Coach or Director. The Club reserves the right to prohibit a Player from Team and Club participation in the event that a Player's financial obligations are not met in a timely manner.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN PLAYER FEES?

Membership in Greater Long Beach Soccer Club includes the following:

- CYSA-S Fees and Insurance
- CSL Fees
- Referee fees
- Training sessions
- Coaches fees
- Facilities rental
- Team picture
- Parent Social Night
- Tournaments (all ages):
 - a. 4 tournaments as determined by the Board of Directors plus CSL Cup and State/National Cup
 - b. Coaches tournament expense allowance for Club designated tournaments.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

The following is a partial list of additional expenses not covered by Club Dues and Sponsorships associated with participation in the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club.

1. **Tournaments/Travel Expenses:** Individual teams have the option with the Director's approval to add tournaments at that team's additional expense including coaches' per diem expenses.
 - Requires 75% approval of team's signed players.
 - If tournament is out of CYSA-S area or Country
 1. Requires team meeting attended by member of Board of Directors
 2. Requires proposed budget that covers expenses of coach
 3. Requires a "secret" ballot of 75% of current members to approve
 4. Players who choose not to go are not obligated for any expenses associated with the tournament or travel
 5. If tournament is after tryouts for next season, then agreement by ballot on rebate (if any) to players not invited to the team for the next season and policy for new players added to team to be adopted.

2. **Player Equipment Expense:** Each player is responsible for and must furnish other appropriate equipment approved by the Board of Directors such as practice shorts, shirts, socks, shin guards, tape, shoes, sweats and bags. Replacement or additional uniforms may be purchased through the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club. Contact your team's manager for prices.

3. **Olympic Development Program (ODP):** Expenses for participation in the U.S. Olympic Development Program is an individual player's responsibility. Costs for participation may include registration, travel, equipment and camp fees. Team commitments shall come before ODP commitments.

4. **Referee Fees:** Individual teams are responsible for referee fees for non CSL league games, friendly games or scrimmages.

GREATER LONG BEACH SOCCER CLUB NAME AND LOGO

The Greater Long Beach Soccer Club name and logo belong to the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club and may be used only as expressed herein or with the expressed written approval by the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club Board of Directors. Any reference to or use of the name must be with expressed written approval of the Board of Directors.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY AND PROCEDURES

General Policy – The goal of the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club is to make the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club experience available to all qualified soccer players who have the talent and commitment to participate in the Club. However, since the financial resources of the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club are limited, the availability and amount of scholarships is also limited to true financial hardship situations.

Amounts – Players receiving financial aid and their families are required to exert a maximum effort to do volunteer work for team or Club sponsorships or functions as are requested. Failure to do so may result in a review of the financial aid granted. All scholarship applicants are expected to pay the reduced Player Fees on the same payment schedule as other players unless approved otherwise by the Coach and Director.

Scholarship Approval – The Team Coach and Director shall review and approve all Scholarship cases.

Commitment of Scholarship Players – Scholarship recipients will be expected to conform fully to the policies of the Greater Long Beach Soccer Club regarding behavior and demeanor. In the event a scholarship player fails to perform all agreed sponsorship activities and other volunteer activities, attend training sessions, matches, tournaments or other Greater Long Beach Soccer Club activities, the scholarship may be withdrawn immediately in whole or in part.