



Player/Parent Agreement

Mission Statement

- ◆ To develop young soccer players' skills, tactics and understanding of the game with an emphasis on educating our players that the enjoyment of competing is worth the dedication, training and conditioning.
- ◆ To teach players that hard work is its own reward.
- ◆ To encourage mental and physical toughness and the value of good sportsmanship.
- ◆ To ultimately place our players at their highest possible level according to their abilities.

The Teams

Teams: All teams will have licensed coaches who will provide high quality instruction and training to each age group. A coach must meet certain requirements relating to his/her soccer background and be professionally licensed prior to coaching for TVSA Hawks. Our players will be expected to commit to a soccer season which may run eight to twelve months and will involve participation in local and out of town tournaments and State Cup. There is a serious physical, emotional, and financial commitment involved when participating at the club level.

Coaching Staff: The TVSA Hawks coaching staff shall behave as role models for our players, their parents and the soccer community. They understand their role as representatives of TVSA Hawks and will act accordingly. They are bound to specific codes of behavior as defined in the TVSA Hawks Coaching Contract. Coaches will demonstrate respect for the game and for all of those who are involved with the game itself. TVSA Hawks coaches shall provide an environment that is safe and conducive to learning for all of its players.

Try-Outs and Selection

The TVSA Hawks coaching staff, led by the Directors of Coaching will conduct open try-outs to any interested, committed soccer player. Two to three try-outs may be scheduled for each age group. A coach may need to hold an additional "call-back" if necessary. Player selection will then be made by the coach assigned to that team after consulting with the Director of Coaching. Selection will be based on evaluations gathered from the staff present at try-outs and other player evaluations and recommendations. If a player attends two try-out sessions, a coach will notify him/her of the try-out results. If needed, players may be added to the roster after the team has been formed, pending the approval of the coach and Director of Coaching.

Player Commitment

Player Commitment: As a player in the TVSA Hawks club, we expect you to make a one-year commitment to the team for the entire seasonal year once you sign the player registration form. After the season is over, we understand that you may seek to play for other soccer clubs that you feel may be better suited to your development as a soccer player. At the end of that year, just as

you are free to look into playing for other soccer clubs, so too may the team choose to consider other players.

Practice: By making a commitment to the TVSA Hawks, you will be making a commitment to your coach, your teammates and yourself. This means you should do everything in your power to attend all practices and games. If a conflict arises, it is your responsibility to notify your coach well in advance so accommodations can be made. Your playing time may be affected if you do not attend all practices. This could include losing your starting position for that week, reduced play time or possibly no play time that week. Players who make it a habit to miss practices will experience a significant reduction in their play time and position on the team.

In addition, it is your responsibility to come to the games and practices at the times defined by your coach and be prepared to play both mentally and physically. Mentally you must come rested, with a positive attitude that is receptive to learning and performing at your best; mental concentration is the key to reaching full potential as a soccer player. Physically, be prepared to play by having the proper equipment including cleats or soccer shoes, shin guards, uniforms, etc. When one player is unprepared either mentally or physically, the whole team may suffer.

Also, proper nutrition and rest are your responsibility. Eat nutritious food that will enhance your performance; it can be an advantage for the demands placed on you during a game or tournament. Ask your coach if you need nutritional information.

Extra Training: As part of your commitment to soccer, you should do extra training on your own to reach your full potential. Practicing two to three times a week with your team is not always enough. Your coach may suggest ways that you can work on your own, away from practice, to improve your performance. Remember, the best players are not only the ones who play to their strength but also work to turn their weaknesses into strengths. Additional training may be accomplished by attending clinics and camps offered by TVSA Hawks and doing off-day conditioning and skills training on your own.

Behavior: As a player in the TVSA Hawks club, you not only represent yourself but also your team, the Club, your parents and your community; so act accordingly. Improper behavior toward teammates, coaches, parents, referees, and any opposing side shall not be tolerated. As a player you will be taught to maintain your composure under extreme conditions. Such composure and focus is necessary for your development as a successful soccer player. All focus should be on the game and your team, and outside influences should be ignored. Show respect to the game of soccer and all those associated with it.

Discipline: Improper behavior and/or poor attendance at practices may result in decreased playing time at games. Additionally, you may be involuntarily released from the team for the following reasons, (USSF Rule 4072.8:

- The player has violated rules of USSF or USYSA or CYSA-S through which the player is registered.
- The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes reasonable travel is subject to definition by CYSA-S.
- The player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to practice for the remainder of the season.

Should the TVSA Hawks find the conduct of any member, player coach or fan not to be in the best interest of your soccer, a trial board shall be convened by the TVSA Hawks and can be appealed through CYSA-S and USYSA (CYSA-S Rule 3-3). Should an allegation of referee assault or abuse occur, the matter shall be taken up directly by CYSA-S. No CYSA-S league, club, coach, administrator, team referee, player or member, or their representative may invoke the aid of the Courts of the State of California or the United States without first exhausting all remedies set forth in USSF Rule 4020.7. To obtain a copy of the aforementioned rules, please check the Cal South website.

Transfer Request: If a player requests a transfer BEFORE the end of the season (elimination from State/National Cup) they will be required to turn in their jerseys and have their fee's current BEFORE the transfer will be signed and the card returned to the player.

Parent Commitment

Practice/Games: You must understand that it is not only your son/daughter who is making a commitment but you are as well. During the season, soccer should take priority over other sport activities. It is your responsibility to ensure your child arrives at all practices and games on time. Encourage, not force, your child to develop good practice, rest and nutritional habits that will carry over on the field. Scheduling conflicts should be avoided if possible. If conflicts cannot be avoided, please contact the coach immediately; so accommodation may be arranged.

Your Child's Coach: He/she has been selected for many reasons and plays a vital role in the development of your child's soccer skills. Throughout the course of the season, conflicts may arise between your child and his/her coach. Should this happen, first encourage your child to discuss the problem with the coach; this is an important part of a player's development. Should this not be appropriate, then you should approach the coach. This should be done after a practice (at a time that doesn't disrupt the practice itself) or at least 24 hours after a game. If this is not appropriate or ineffective, then consult with the Director of Coaching. If the problem or situation is still not resolved, then you may take your concern to a member of the TVSA Hawks Board. Do not discuss concerns in front of other team members or parents, and avoid critical comments of the coach that may create a negative atmosphere for your child and the team. The Board of the TVSA Hawks is available to assist and support you and your child. Generally, though, immediate and direct communication with the coach and/or Director of Coaching is usually the best way to resolve a situation.

Sideline Behavior: Appropriate behavior on the sideline is expected of parents at game time. Ten yards from the midfield line is reserved for the coaching staff and players. Please refrain from coaching your child at games; that is the responsibility of the coach. An effective soccer coach does not have to be running up and down the sideline "working the referees" and/or screaming instructions to his/her players. Instructions from parents such as "Shoot" or "Pass the ball" or "Kick it out" are considered coaching and are just distracting to the players. Cheering for good plays and for teamwork help to encourage players and the team, and are not distracting. You are urged to support all members of the team. Do not make negative comments about your coach or players; this is inappropriate and negatively affects team morale. Treat referees and all opponents with respect; refrain from making comments to either. Inappropriate behavior such as shouting, using foul language or threatening behavior towards any player, coach, parent, or

referee will not be tolerated and will be cause for immediate ejection/suspension from the game/team.

Volunteer/Financial Responsibility: Each year, TVSA Hawks hosts various fundraising events and tournaments. These events rely on parents and other volunteers to help make them a success. Money earned through fundraising plays a major role in reducing the cost to our teams. Each TVSA Hawks parent/team is expected to volunteer a specific amount of time to perform some of the tasks necessary for them to be successful. Parents agree to volunteer for a 2 hour shift during the TVSA Hawks Shootout. More information will be given to your team manager, detailing your responsibilities. Failure to honor these obligations may result in financial penalties to your team.

Financially, it is your responsibility to make your payments on time; it is the Club's responsibility to keep financial obligation to a minimum. Should you need help in meeting your obligations, please notify the Club Treasurer immediately so arrangements, if possible, can be made. If financial arrangements are made, terms will be put in writing; failure to meet these obligations could result in a player suspension. Regarding tournament costs (which are a team expense), if you are not able to make a tournament you are still responsible for the player fee's as the coach may need to borrow another player who is not expected to pay tournament costs.

In closing, it is our desire to create a positive experience for everyone involved; through consistent communication between players, parents, and coaches, our program will enjoy continued success.

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(Sign and return to your Team Manager)

I have read this Player/Parent Agreement, and I agree to abide by the policies of the TVSA Hawks for the 2011-2012 season.

Player Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Coach Signature

Date