



DEVELOPING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE!

Loudoun Soccer ECNL Commitment Letter 2020-2021

Congratulations! Loudoun Soccer is very excited to welcome you as a player and a family to the Loudoun Soccer ECNL program for the 2020-2021 seasonal year. Please find below a brief overview of the program's plans for, and expectations of, players and families. Providing they are acceptable to you, please sign and return the final page to program administration.

Player and Parent Commitment Expectations:

1. Commitment to the Loudoun Soccer ECNL Program: Recognizing that soccer is a demanding sport, and that playing travel soccer requires commitment and dedication, we hereby accept a spot on a Loudoun Soccer ECNL team. All players and parents should be aware of the commitment required as a member of a Loudoun Soccer ECNL team. The team is a year-round team and will train a minimum of three times a week as well as playing games on the weekend (spring/fall) and various winter training commitments. The number of practices and the requirement for attendance at practices and games will necessitate a high degree of dedication on the part of all team players and their parents. Hard work and commitment are qualities needed to excel in any sport. We expect our players to adopt that attitude when participating in the programs Loudoun Soccer offers. By agreeing to accept an offer to play on a team in Loudoun Soccer, a player is promising to give their best efforts to participate in every event the team schedules. That promise will greatly increase a player's chance to become the best player possible and to assist the team in reaching its goals.
2. Commitment to Loudoun Soccer's Vision, Mission and Values: Loudoun Soccer is dedicated to "Building Champions for Life". Our Mission statement "To create soccer players, coaches and teams of strong character, committed to achievement on the field and within the community" sets the foundation for our expectation that Loudoun Soccer coaches will focus on player development both on and off the field. Further, all players will be expected to understand our core values:
 - Stewardship – of the Game and the Community
 - Teamwork – Stronger Together
 - Integrity – Character and Principled
 - Fairness – Sportsmanship and Inclusiveness
 - Fun! – Its why we play

As part of the teamwork and stewardship values, ALL Loudoun Soccer Travel players and families are expected to "give back" for Loudoun Soccer events or fundraisers. The volunteer requirement will usually be in the range of 4-6 hours per family each season. Loudoun Soccer is a nonprofit and a few events make up our fundraising efforts. Club events include the Loudoun Soccer Gala/Casino Night, the Loudoun College Showcase tournament, the Loudoun Premier Cup, the Loudoun Soccer U7/U8 Jamboree, the annual 5K race, etc .

College Showcase Volunteer Commitment: As part of the volunteer requirement each player family on a Loudoun Soccer ECNL team is required to donate a minimum of four (4) volunteer hours towards the tournament (preparation, set up, event management, clean up). The 4 hours may be worked by parent, a grandparent or other adult family member. Loudoun Soccer reserves the right to charge any team that does not live up to this commitment an additional fee to cover the hiring of temporary help to work the tournament. Thank you to all for understanding and volunteering.

ECNL and Travel Program Fees Policy

We (the undersigned) certify we have read and agree to accept the terms of the 2020-2021 Loudoun Soccer ECNL and Travel Financial Policies. This document clearly outlines the financial policies for accepting a position on a Loudoun Soccer team.

Club Registration Fees

I understand acceptance of a spot on a Loudoun Soccer ECNL team is a commitment to the Club and team for the entire 2020-2021 seasonal soccer year. I also understand that should my child decide to leave for any reason, I am still responsible for any monies owed to the team and/or club to cover all known expenses for the seasonal year. I understand the Loudoun Soccer ECNL and Travel Financial Policy provides for only special situations in which a pro-rated portion of Club fees will be refunded to a family. These situations and pro-rated percentages are clearly outlined in the Loudoun Soccer Travel Financial Policy.

ECNL Team Fees

ECNL: Team fees vary according to each team's specific training and tournament plans. Fees cover team equipment costs, team events/tournaments, coach travel, strength and agility training, administration, etc. Any funds raised by team fundraisers (see Loudoun Soccer ECNL and Travel Financial Policy) belong to the team and become part of the team budget. Players and parents are expected to fulfill their financial commitment to the team by paying team fees in a timely fashion. Any money remaining in the budget at the end of the season will be used to offset the cost of the team's budget the following season. There are NO refunds for a player who chooses to leave a club before, during or at the end of the season. There are NO refunds for money earned via fundraising (from sponsors, field lining programs, etc.) As there is no Team Treasurer for ECNL teams, team fees will be collected by the Club, generally in three or four payments throughout the seasonal year. All players selected for Loudoun Soccer club organized travel are responsible for paying the weekend travel fee. Personal travel costs for player and family are not covered by team fees.

Player Transfer Reminders

- A player rostered to an ECNL team is ineligible to transfer to any other ECNL team within the same seasonal year.
- A player rostered to a team in a CCL (Club Champions League) club is ineligible to transfer to any other team affiliated with a different CCL club within the same seasonal year except as follows: the player has moved to the geographical area of the new club and beyond reasonable travel distance of the old club AND both Directors agree to the transfer. This includes players in a CCL Club that participate in another league (ECNL, NCSL, ODSL, EDP, etc..).

2020-2021 Statement of PLAYER Commitment

As an ECNL player for Loudoun Soccer I agree to:

- Always be on time and attend all training sessions
- Always be on time and attend all league games and team events.
- Notify my coach in a timely manner if I will be tardy or unable to make a practice, game or event
- Attend all team league games (including school break weekends if necessary), all Regional and National showcases and festivals (recognizing they may occur on holiday weekends). Be personally responsible for staying up-to-date on Loudoun Soccer Club and team scheduled activities and updates via TeamSnap and team emails.
- Listen to my coach and communicate directly if I have questions
- Accept my coach's tactical decisions (player positioning, play time, etc.) without complaint or debate
- Focus and work hard during all team events
- Take ownership to be my personal best by practicing soccer skills and conditioning on my own
- Respect and support my teammates at all times, on and off the field
- Abide by the player code of conduct for my club, ECNL and/or any tournaments or events

- Review and understand the Loudoun Soccer Mission and Values statements
- Never use team practices or events as an excuse for being behind in academic or family obligations
- Participate in annual team fundraiser
- Behave always in a way that honors and demonstrates pride in being a member of a Loudoun Soccer team

2020-21 Statement of Parent Commitment

As parent of an ECNL player, I agree to:

- Abide by the Loudoun Soccer Parent Code of Conduct at all times
- Give my child and his or teammates my support in a positive manner, avoiding criticism and negativity
- Nurture independence in my child and provide them ownership of their actions by:
 - Having them pack their own bag and equipment and maintain their gear in good condition;
 - Having them communicate directly with the coach regarding issues, concerns and conflicts (as appropriate);
 - Allowing them to participate in practice and games without my active presence, pressure and instruction
- Ensure that my child fulfills all required academic responsibilities and understands that soccer is not an excuse for not performing expected academic responsibilities; and, in doing so, also help my child to manage time between school and sports wisely
- Ensure that my child and his or her team mates act in a way that honors both players' families and Loudoun Soccer, specifically refraining from bullying and the use of foul language, alcohol, drugs, nicotine and banned supplements damaging to one's condition as an athlete
- Provide transportation to and from all practices, games and tournaments, ensuring players are safe and prompt not only in arriving, but also departing
- Treat all club members, opponents, officials and coaches with courtesy, respect and good sportsmanship
- Never bring disagreements and criticism with the coach, officials, parents, opponents or club directors into a public place, instead channeling all input and questions directly to the coach constructively and respectfully, making sure players are not present and observing the "24" rule (wait 24 hours to cool off!)
- Discuss all issues and concerns first with the coach and then, if dissatisfied, bring to the attention of the ECNL Director
- Communicate scheduling conflicts to team officials and attempt to determine potential conflicts (Homecoming, band concerts, etc.) in a prompt fashion
- Honor all financial commitments associated with being a member of Loudoun Soccer and pay as scheduled, in doing so adhering to the Loudoun Soccer ECNL and Travel Financial Policy
- Inform my coach and/or ECNL Director of my child's tryout plans for next year prior to those tryouts, in order to facilitate a dialogue of questions, concerns and information about available options
- Remain with Loudoun Soccer, and not transferring to another club, during the season unless extenuating circumstances (ex: relocation), which must be documented, exist
- Notify my coach and ENCL Director if a member of another soccer organization—whether coach, club official, player or parent—approaches me, my child or another club family for purpose of recruitment
- Have a healthy perspective on youth sports, and help reinforce the lessons learned from losses and difficult and challenging circumstances
- Represent Loudoun Soccer with values, principles and ethics of the highest standards, both on and off the field

2020-2021 Loudoun ECNL – Final Considerations

Loudoun Soccer and the ECNL program must reserve the right to make player participation decisions on short notice due to certain opportunities and circumstances – player development, player distribution, and player (or parent) behavior considerations. As a result, we draw your attention to the following guidelines; please initial each on behalf of yourself and your player.

- ___ All ECNL players are subject to being moved to any team in the Loudoun Soccer development pathway at any time of the year.
- ___ Multi-sport athletes will not be given an additional allotment of excused absences. All players will be held to the same attendance standards.
- ___ Parent/ Player behavior and/or misconduct are grounds for a player to be terminated from the Loudoun Soccer ECNL program.
- ___ I received and signed the Waiver/Release for Communicable diseases including Covid- 19 document.
- ___ I understand and agree that, as part of the volunteer requirement, each Loudoun Soccer travel team family is required to volunteer a minimum of four (4) hours for the Loudoun Soccer College Showcase March 5th through March 7th 2021.

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2020-2021**

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the Loudoun Soccer ECNL Commitment Letter requirements, the Loudoun Soccer ECNL and Travel Financial Policy, the Player Commitment, and the Parent Code of Conduct.

_____ Player Name (Print)	_____ Player Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent Name (Print)	_____ Parent Signature	_____ Date
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