

**PLAYER & PARENT AGREEMENT:**

Your commitment to the Program and ProSoc is for **one (1) soccer season** or **ten months**, and the fees are NOT refundable. A refund will be only accepted when you PCS with proof of orders or a doctor's note. In case of an event cancellation due to force majeure and/or "Acts of God" an outstanding refund of the participation fee, ProSoc still has the right to a compensation claim for payments already received or payments still outstanding for the cancellation of the event. At the end of each year, your Player is evaluated again. The Club season runs from mid-August to mid-June the following year. During the Club season, Players are expected to make ProSoc ACADEMY Soccer their first sports priority.

The Academy Director and the Director of Coaching in training, scrimmages and games will evaluate Player performance during the season. Only the Director, Director of Coaching and the Team Coach will confer in matters of Player evaluations. The Director does final approvals of Player evaluations. There is no guaranteed amount of playing time and there are many factors that can affect the amount of playing time for a particular Player. The policy of the Club is that playing time is earned and not given. The Coaches will base game playing time on technical skills, dedication, attendance at practices/games, and tactical importance of a particular game. Should you have any questions or concerns please talk with your team Coach at an appropriate time, or the Director and/or Director of Coaching.

You are expected to make all practices and games. We understand that there will be times when conflicts cannot be avoided. In the event, you do need to miss a practice or game, you must notify your Team Coach at the earliest possible moment so they can plan around your absence. It is also important that Players arrive on time for both practices and games so that you are "ready to go" at the beginning of the designated game or practice time.

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 (drink, shin guards, club gear, and cleats) 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, immediately before the practice or game, and such interaction will only be permitted once a Player has been dismissed by the Coach. For the avoidance of doubt, it should be noted that there will be times when the Coach may require the Team to stay together while waiting for the next game.

**PARENT GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS:**

It is the responsibility of the parent to arrange for the Player to be collected immediately after a game or practice session. There will be no coaching by Parents, Parents are not allowed to be on the field during games or training. No matter how good your intentions are, we insist that there be no shouting instructions to Players. We also must insist that there be absolutely no yelling or complaining to the referees or officials during or after games. The club may take disciplinary action if these rules are not followed. The Players are well aware of mistakes they make, and we also teach our Players that overcoming and learning from mistakes are an important part of the learning process. Please respect your team Coach and do not make negative remarks to others about coaching decisions. Club, Team and Player development will sometimes be given a greater priority than winning, especially in the younger years prior to high school. Parents must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Club philosophy to maintain a healthy Team environment. ProSoc Academy believes in and teaches the benefit of having mental toughness to guide their intense focus on the game of soccer. We will instruct Players to ignore adverse conditions such as bad referees, name calling, foul language, rough play, cheating, poor weather, negative behavior by Parents or opponents, etc. We expect our Parents to have this same mental toughness.

1. Let the Coaches coach: Please leave the coaching to the coaches. This includes motivating, after game critiquing, setting goals, requiring additional training etc. You have entrusted the care of your player to the coaches, and they need to be free to do their job. If the player has too many coaches, it is confusing for them, and their performance usually declines.
2. Support the Program: Get involved and volunteer. We are a community-based program with a lot of families moving in and out and there are many ways to assist and become involved.
3. Support your child and be his/her biggest fan: Support your child unconditionally.
4. Support and root for all the players on the team: Teamwork is a key aspect of soccer. When a teammate is performing better than your son/daughter a learning opportunity presents itself. Your child's teammates are not the enemy. Foster teamwork.
5. Encourage your child to talk with his/her coaches: Encourage your child to speak directly to their coaches when they are having difficulties during practices/games, need to miss a practice, etc. Taking this responsibility on will allow your child to assume ownership of their soccer experience and develop skills relevant outside the soccer world.

6. Understand and practice appropriate game behavior: Parents and Supporters are encouraged to cheer and support the players and team through praise and, most importantly, in a positive manner. Research shows that when parents and teachers work together a child tends to do better in school. The same applies in a soccer-learning environment and we want this to be true with your child's experience at ProSoc. Please recognize the commitment the coach has made to your child and their team. Negative comments or body language directed towards the play, player, or team are unacceptable. Please refrain from making comments directed toward the opponent and/or referees. Please allow for ALL the coaching towards the ProSoc players to come only from the ProSoc coaching staff. Do not give your child and/or their teammates instructions. This will only serve as a distraction and will not help the player succeed.

7. Monitor eating/sleeping habits, and your child's stress level: Be sure your child is eating proper foods and receiving adequate rest. Keep an eye on your son/daughter to make sure they are handling stress effectively from the various activities/aspects of his/her life.

8. Keep soccer in proper perspective: Soccer is not the end all be all. If your emotions are strongly linked to you child's performance, please evaluate, and keep them in check. Your relationship with your son/daughter will continue well beyond their competitive soccer experience. Please ensure your goals and needs are kept separate from your child's soccer experience. Remember that the game belongs to the players and the spectators are guests.

9. Have Fun!!!!

**EXPECTATIONS FOR PLAYERS:**

1. Play the game for the game's sake, and not just to please my parents or coaches.
2. Be modest and generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
3. Respect the game of soccer and its laws. Learn these laws and try to follow them and play the game fairly.
4. Work for the good of my team and always give my best effort.
5. Show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I will sometimes disagree with his/her calls.
6. Show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. I understand that soccer is a game, and that the players on the other team are my opponents, not my enemies.
7. Conduct myself with honor, dignity, and treat other players as I would like to be treated.
8. Help my parents and fans understand the laws of the game so they can watch and enjoy the game better. I will be sure they understand that dissent is not permitted in competitive soccer clubs.
9. Control my temper and not retaliate, even if I believe I have been wronged.
10. Not use or possess tobacco, alcohol, or illegal or performance-enhancing drugs.

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**TEAM COACH AND CLUB ACADEMY DIRECTOR:**

PSA instructs its Coaches and Directors to conduct themselves first as teachers. Nothing positive will come of the Club's efforts if we produce excellent soccer players who do not know how to conduct themselves as successful human beings. In this regard, you can expect our Coaches to conduct themselves as role models and display appropriate behavior. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of the Team both on and off the field. There are some Coaches who coach multiple Teams. All such Coaches will attend all Team training sessions and will attend Team games as the schedule permits. There will be times when conflicts occur and, in those situations, another Coach will cover one of the games or practices. Solely the head Coach and Director will determine the decision as to which Team is covered by the head Coach.