

COMPETITIVE SOCCER PARENT/PLAYER/COACH AGREEMENT

Jupiter Sting Soccer Club 2009-2010

The competitive soccer program is intended to provide a means of ~

- Providing talented young athletes the opportunity to develop their athletic skills and sportsmanship-like attitudes in a more competitive atmosphere.
- Achieving a good feeling about yourself and others.
- Understanding that “perfect practice makes perfect play”.
- Experiencing that good hustle and a strong commitment can accomplish almost anything.
- Realizing there is no “I” in team.
- Preparing to play middle/high school soccer and beyond.
- Creating an opportunity to compete on a state-wide and national level.
- Learning to respect yourself, your teammates and your coaches, no matter what level of success you have on the field.

Soccer is a team sport. The competitive soccer team system is set up to give the team a chance to learn how to win, to be safe and to have fun. In order to meet these requirements, the following rules are enforced:

RULE #1

Be at every practice on time, ready to play. Do not leave early or make it a social gathering.

Reason: Coaches and Trainers have routines for each practice. Being 5 minutes late disrupts the team and reduces efficiency. “Ready to play” means being fully dressed and on the field at the start of every practice. Exceptions: Some conditions warrant excused absences, which must be approved by the coach or team manager ahead of time.

RULE #2

Players are not allowed to criticize other players (or themselves) on or off the field.

Reason: Bad feelings between players reduce good playing. Being mad at your self often rubs off on others and also destroys team play. It is the coach’s responsibility to instill acceptable attitudes at all times. Exceptions: None.

RULE #3

Players are not allowed to be dropped at the field without supervision. No practicing without the coach’s supervision.

Reason: Protects against unforeseen problems and prevents injury. Team managers use this time to update and pass information to players’ parents about upcoming games, locations, etc. Parents should also stay to show their support. Exceptions: Players that are 16 years old and over-

RULE #4

Players will play positions assigned by the coach and will show appropriate respect at all times.

Reason: Playing different positions allows players a balanced experience and teaches respect for teammates and other positions. Parents are expected to support coach’s decisions regarding field positions and other similar situations. Exceptions: None.

RULE #5

Players will be required to travel to all tournaments and stay with the teams and assigned groups.

Reason: Safety – allows team to work as an organized group and promotes team unity while keeping players on time and eating properly. Exceptions: Must be cleared by the Head Coach. Younger players whose families travel to the tournament are also exempt from traveling with the team. However families usually stay at the same hotel as a team.

Overnight Travel

In order to play our best during tournaments, an overnight stay is often required. This is fun, relaxing, and teaches players responsibility. Players will be representing Jupiter/Tequesta and should be on their best behavior. Rules are set for both safety and team performance.

Normal safety rules and good conduct apply when traveling including ~

- No horseplay
- No running in parking lots, halls or swimming areas
- Players must be with their parents or group at all times
- Players are not allowed to leave rooms after lights are out

- Players not accompanied by parents, shall not share a room with any other single adult without previous written parental consent
- Players must not leave with anyone unless approved by coaches/parents
- Players must use safety belts when traveling in cars
- No fighting

Any damages resulting from bad conduct will be the responsibility of the player's parents.

RULE #6

Players, parents and coaches must abide by the Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA) Code of Ethics

Reason: Required by FYSA. Further Information can be found at www.fysa.com. Exceptions: None.

RULE #7

Players/parents must participate in fund-raising efforts. A minimum of 15 volunteer hours per family is required. Each team is required to have at least two parent volunteers on various club boards and committees.

Reason: Our club depends solely on parent volunteers for all of its events/functions. If we don't have volunteers, our children don't have event/functions. Our club cannot exist on competitive player fees alone. We need fundraising event/functions to help support our club's financial responsibilities. There are at least 44 volunteer roles/jobs that need to be filled each soccer year.

RULE #8

Playing time will be determined by Coaches. Every effort will be made by coaches to ensure each player gets playing time. There will be no minimum playing time.

Reason: Jupiter Sting is a competitive, travel program. Coaches have a responsibility to field the strongest possible team at all times. Coaches will determine playing time based on the following criteria: Importance of game, score of game, # of available players, level of play, performance, attitude, attendance at practice, injury.

Coaches and Parents

Coaches and parent should set a high standard of behavior for the boys and girls including:

- Using proper language at all time.
- No differences should be addressed in front of the team or at the field. Constructive criticism is encouraged. Complaints without proposed solutions are not.
- Treat referees with respect – without them we have no games.
- Maintain a respectful attitude toward all players, parents and coaches at all times.
- Coaches are responsible to correct poor play. Fans are responsible for supporting good play with positive comments.
- Must abide by the FYSA Code of Ethics
- Must attend/complete a PAYS class.
- Parents should attend all parent/team meetings. Parents are also urged to attend the monthly Soccer committee meetings (held every 3rd Tuesday of each month at JCP). Each team must have at least one team representative at the monthly meeting. Failure to do so will result in a team fine.

In addition, Coaches agree to:

- Establish a set of team rules and regulations and enforce them equitably throughout the season.
- Hold a parent/coach meeting within two weeks of the final formation of the team. At this meeting:
 - Team rules/regulations will be distributed.
 - The coach will review his/her plans, philosophy, and projected areas of concentration based on evaluations.
 - Select a team manager
 - Establish a team communication network (phone tree)
 - Plans for the season, such as tournaments, will be presented to parents and players, discussed and agreed upon.
- Provide mid-season player and end-of-season player evaluations with the help of the training vendor.

Playing Time

The object of the competitive soccer program is to improve the players' skill levels and to play competitive soccer. It is possible that not all players will play in every game. However, practice will improve every player's skill and this is the building block for his/her future sports achievement and pleasure. Player/parent relationship is critical in supporting this improvement. Teams do not win without good benches. Remember, the coach selected your child because he/she saw potential in their ability. Playing time issues must be addressed off the field and in an appropriate manner. (See Rule #8 above).

Travel Cost

It is the objective to keep player cost to a minimum. No player should be prevented from traveling to a tournament due to cost. Fund-raisers will be used to offset the cost of the player's lodging. A tournament generally requires staying Friday and Saturday nights at the hotel, plus food from Friday night until Sunday lunch. Money will be required for food. Up to two tournament entry fees are included in the cost per player for the competitive program.

Seasons

Early season –mid-July to late October

Regular season – October to late March

It is required that players/parents honor commitments made to Teams and coaches. In order to be a successful competitive, travel soccer program, players/parents must understand that attendance at League play, Seasonal, Regional and State playoffs are necessary for the Team's success.

Field Space

Field space will be provided for practice purposes and games. However, each team must be represented at all Club and Board meetings in order for field space to be allocated. Non-attendance at Club/Board/Soccer meetings could result in team forfeiting field space rights. Not fulfilling Volunteer hour requirements may result in loss of field space privileges. Priority will be given to teams training for play in Early or Regular Season play, Tournament, Regional and State Cup. Scrimmages are allowed only when field space allows.

Volunteer Hours (see Rule #7)

Parental involvement is a very important part of your commitment. Participation is required from parents in order to insure the JTAA Competitive soccer program will continue as well as prosper. There are other expenses for JTAA Competitive soccer beyond what is covered in the registration fee. These volunteer opportunities will be available through various JTAA activities during the year.

Registration Fees

The initial cost for the Sting program is \$400.00. Fees may vary for teams that only play early season, or for teams that use a trainer more than once a week. Uniform Fee \$125.00 for new players or teams/players ordering new uniforms. The registration fee covers FYSA player/coach registration fees, league fees, referee fees, equipment and supplies, JTAA administrative fee, league playoff fees, and 2 tournament fees. Additional tournament fees and traveling expenses for teams and individuals, for both league and tournament play, are additional. The registration fee helps offset some of the costs of training. Your team may choose to incur additional training expenses, payable through team fund-raising efforts. It is the objective to keep player cost to a minimum. No player should be prevented from playing competitively due to the cost. Fund-raisers and team sponsorships can be used to offset the cost of a player's registration fee. Payment plans and individual needs will be addressed in a private manner. Scholarships are available. Remember that no fees are refundable if your player quits or is put off the team due to discipline.

YOU WILL NEED TO SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IF YOUR CHILD IS ASKED TO JOIN A COMPETITIVE TEAM:

Medical information such as insurance policy # and company name/address

Copy of birth certificate (if player did NOT play Sting last year)

PRE - Registration fee plus uniform fee \$150.00.

Checks are to be made payable to JTAA Travel Soccer.

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Date _____

**I, _____, parent of
_____, a player on the
_____ & Under JTAA Soccer Competitive Team, have reviewed and discussed
with the coaches and my child the rules and regulations of the competitive teams.**

**I agree to accept and abide by these rules and will be a positive, supportive
influence to my child, the other players and coaches and the team in general.**

**I have been made aware of the travel schedule and understand the commitment
required as a parent and as a player, and will give 100%. I will be available for
tournaments and will participate with the team.**

Player Signature

Parent Signature

Accepted and approved:

Coach