

IYSA COMPETITIVE TEAM HANDBOOK

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For Players and Parents

INDIALANTIC YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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This handbook is to be considered an overview and does not include all rules and regulations that are set forth by Florida Youth Soccer Association and the Brevard Youth Soccer League, as well as any additional guidelines enacted by the club itself before and after the production of this handbook. 2

PHILOSOPHY

Player development is the core focus of the IYSA competitive program's philosophy. Optimum player development is achieved through a combination of soccer training, personal fitness, play time in multiple field positions, and first-class competition. Teams will be entered in league play and in tournaments commensurate with their ability. The coaching staff will make every effort to win games through judicious fielding and substitution of players.

Parents should register their child for the IYSA competitive program if the child has average to above-average athletic ability and speed, a competitive nature and a love for the game of soccer. Competitive soccer is by its nature very competitive.

ATTENDANCE:

Players selected for a competitive team are frequently chosen over other potential candidates because of their abilities, attitude and skill. If a player chooses to participate on a competitive team, they are making a commitment to the team for a one year period. This commitment extends to attendance at all practices, scrimmages, games and tournaments. IYSA believes that this commitment is a significant responsibility both on the player and the parents to achieve all of the goals over the entire soccer year.

Teams generally practice 2-3 times per week. Arrive dressed and ready to practice with all appropriate equipment.

Attendance at practices and games is considered mandatory. They should only be missed in the event of illness, religious obligation, or special circumstance. Please inform the coach in advance if you cannot make the game or practice.

Coaches use practices to teach techniques and tactics of the game.

Players and parents should recognize that competitive soccer is not unlike other learning environments that promote skill and discipline. Poor skill development due to low attendance at practice sessions not only affects the player but could also adversely affect the performance and enjoyment of the rest of the team.

GAME AND TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

The competitive teams typically play in 4-5 weekend tournaments. Typically, the teams participate in tournaments and games which may require travel. Scheduled games and tournament dates will be provided in advance but may be subject to change.

TRYOUTS AND TEAM SELECTION

Team tryouts will begin the week after State Cup Finals. IYSA will post all dates, times, and locations of tryouts at least one week before tryouts on the club website. Teams will be selected via the tryouts. Players will tryout through their gender and appropriate age group.

Player evaluation and selection may include but is not limited to:

- Mental Dimensions (character, discipline, and leadership)
- Physical Dimensions (endurance, strength, and speed)
- Technical Competence (skills)
- Tactical Awareness (ability to read the game)

It is the policy of Indialantic Youth Soccer Association that politics, friendships, personal relationships and financial contributions will not enter into team decisions.

TEAM AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Each team is age-based. The age of the player on July 31 of the playing season determines the age group in which they are eligible to play. See website for current age group breakdowns.

Playing Down: A player cannot play on a team younger than their age appropriate division.

Playing Up: It is the opinion of IYSA that it is in the best interest of the player and IYSA that a player compete at their age appropriate level. If a player feels they can successfully compete at an older age, and that level of competition is in the best interest of the IYSA, they can make a

formal request. Making a request does not guarantee approval. The player can only play up to the next available older team.

COMPETITIVE REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline:

Once the players have been selected, all documentation must be submitted including but not limited to:

- Registration form (online if code has been provided or hard copy registration form)
- Registration fees (made payable to IYSA)
- Player Conduct Form
- Parent Conduct Form
- Parent and Player Acknowledgement of Guidelines Form
- Copy of Birth Certificate or other legally acceptable form of birth verification
- Any other forms and fees required by the individual competitive team

These forms are due no later than June 17th, this will allow time for spots to be filled and for those who decided not participate to register for Fall Recreational Soccer. Earlier dates may apply at the discretion of the coach.

Fees:

Player fees may include but are not limited to:

- Player Registration (good for one year August 1-July 31)
- Uniform Cost
- Referee Fees
- Trainer Fees
- Tournament Fees

Uniform and Player's Equipment:

All teams must wear the "club chosen" uniforms. The player pays for the uniform, and it is theirs to keep. Players must provide their own soccer shoes and shin guards. Shin guards are required for practices and games. Each player should bring a soccer ball and water to practice. If you wear glasses, you must have protective eyewear, including a safety strap, approved for sporting activity. Jewelry is prohibited during games. Alterations to the uniform (including any alternate jersey) are not allowed.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

IYSA believes that this commitment is a significant responsibility both on the player and the parents to achieve all of the goals over the entire soccer year. In addition to the responsibilities on the field, players are also expected to maintain a high level of fitness and develop individual skills during their free time. Players must adhere to the Player's Code of Conduct as specified by the Florida Youth Soccer Association and as adopted by the Indialantic Youth Soccer Association. Players must review and sign the acknowledgement form on a yearly basis.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Competitive soccer is a team sport and requires the participation of everyone: players, coaches and parents for a successful outcome. As a parent of a competitive player, you are promising to make every effort to get your son or daughter to the field on time for all events, dressed and ready to play. You are also expected to respect referees, coaches, staff, players and other parents from your own team or any other team that you may engage at our field or any other field.

Parents must adhere to the Parent's Code of Conduct as specified by the Florida Youth Soccer Association and as adopted by the Indialantic Youth Soccer Association. Parents must review and sign the acknowledgement form on a yearly basis.

FYSA/BYSL/IYSA REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Indialantic Youth Soccer Association follows the guidelines set forth by Florida Youth Soccer Association and the Brevard Youth Soccer League, as well as any guidelines enacted by the club itself. A few 4

guidelines are listed below regarding frequently addressed issues. This is a synopsis of the guidelines. Please visit any of the organizations mentioned to see these and other rules in more detail.

DUAL ROSTER

Players wishing to dual register to play on two soccer teams may request such status from the coach of his/her current team. By FYSA rules, the two teams must not participate in the same league under the same age group. Should there be a conflict; the player's commitment to the primary team must take precedence. There is a fee required for dual registration payable to the primary team club. The current fees are posted on the IYSA website. It is at the discretion of the coach to approve a dual registration for submittal to the Club Registrar. If there is no rule violations and both clubs agree to the outlined terms, then a dual roster will be approved and generated.

GUEST PLAYING

FYSA teams may include guest players, if allowed by the rules of a specific competition. These guest players must be registered with FYSA or another US Youth Soccer affiliate organization. FYSA players may be allowed to guest play with another FYSA team or with another US Youth Soccer affiliate, if proper permission is granted by that player's original registering club.

Permission of the player's current primary affiliate must be granted in writing by use of the FYSA guest player form.

Permission to guest play may be denied by the affiliate at its discretion.

Players who guest play shall not be allowed to transfer to the team or affiliate with whom he/she has been a guest player for the remainder of the seasonal year unless written permission is granted by the original affiliate. (Intra-club transfers are exempted with permission of the affiliate.)

Playing a "guest player" without proper permission may result in a charge of playing an ineligible player under Rule 401.3 and/or falsification of a roster as defined under Rule 505.4.

Guidelines Guest Playing BYSL Spring Season only

Competitive teams that play in the BYSL Spring Season will be allowed to use players from their own clubs recreation as guest players for a maximum of 3 games each.

No player from other clubs or competitive teams will be allowed.

No player previously registered to a competitive team at any time during that seasonal year, is allowed to guest play in the BYSL Spring Season

No more than 2 guest players are allowed, per team, per game.

PLAYER RELEASE

Players may decide that he/she no longer wishes to participate as a competitive player on an IYSA team. This player can request that he/she be dropped from the roster by the coach. Since this is a team sport, a drop request places pressure on the remaining players on the team and therefore will not be taken lightly. If the drop action reduces the team size below a required minimum, this action may render the team ineligible for league or tournament play.

Any player wishing to drop from an IYSA team must first request the change of status in writing from the coach of the team.

If the coach refuses to allow the drop, the player can request a review from the Competitive Coordinator and then the IYSA Board of Directors.

In all circumstances the player is responsible to the team for all registration, tournament entry, equipment and training fees owed prior to release from a team.

There is a fee required for a Player Requested Release payable to IYSA Soccer. The current fees are posted on the IYSA website.

In rare occasions, there may be irreconcilable differences between the coach and a player that is affecting the performance of the team. The coach may deem it necessary to release the player from the team. Any player release must be carefully documented and approved by the competitive team coordinator and director of coaching. If a player is released for non-payment of fees, IYSA may request that the player pass is suspended by FYSA until all fees are paid in full. 5

Solicitation and Poaching

It is against FYSA rules to solicit a player that is registered to any other club in Florida (whether competitive or recreational) unless that player has been released from their team and is in the uncommitted pool. In the event that a team has room for additional players and a player has become available (due to release, relocation or availability) that player may be selected for the competitive team. It is expected that any player selected was not available at tryouts and that no effort was made to circumvent the tryout process.

If a player or parent registered in FYSA solicits parents or coaches on an IYSA team for consideration, the player's current coach or current registrar must be notified in writing of the player's intent to join an IYSA team. This player must not practice, play or participate in any IYSA sanctioned events without express permission from the coach. In all cases, the current FYSA rules apply to transfers and dual registration.

Disciplinary Action

On rare occasions, there is a need for disciplinary action of a player due to a display of behavior inconsistent with the spirit of youth soccer. These actions include but are not limited to persistent fouling in games, persistent yellow cards, red cards, or disrespect of coaches, parents or other players. Disciplinary action is at the discretion of the coach and may involve reduced play time, or even suspension from games.

Dispute Resolution

If any dispute arises between the coach, his staff, parents or players that can not be amicably resolved, the disputing parties can request resolution from the competitive team coordinator. Should this dispute be unresolved to the satisfaction of all parties, the IYSA board of directors shall be the final resolution of all disputes. 6

INDIALANTIC YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION COMPETITIVE HANBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

I acknowledge that I have received and been given the opportunity to read the Indialantic Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) Competitive Handbook and have had the opportunity to ask questions regarding its application to our involvement with the IYSA. I understand that the Handbook is not a contract, express or implied, with the IYSA.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the IYSA's policies and agree to abide thereby including, but not limited to the Player's Code of Conduct and the Parent/Spectator Code.

PARENT PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE DATE

PLAYER PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE DATE

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

REGISTRAR SIGNATURE OF RECEIPT REGISTRATION YEAR

TEAM CODE COACH NAME PLAYER PASS NUMBER