

REAL SO CAL PARENT/PLAYER HANDBOOK 2020 - 2021



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WELCOME

Welcome to Real So Cal (RSC) Soccer!

For all parents, we have attempted to answer in this Handbook some of the recurring questions about the club, its philosophy, and the Club policies regarding practice, try-outs, costs and many other things.

We are pleased that you have decided to participate in what we hope will be a fun and rewarding soccer experience for you and your child. To assist you in getting better acquainted with Real So Cal, we have prepared this Handbook.

Real So Cal brings together parents with greatly differing levels of soccer sophistication. Parent experiences with soccer range from those who played soccer in college or beyond, to those with absolutely no real experience or understanding of the world's most popular sport. For those of you who are less informed about the game of soccer, we have devoted a section of this Handbook to a mini-education in the rules of the game and standards of conduct for players and fans.

The sport of soccer is growing dramatically in this country, and every season brings new ideas at all levels. Therefore our philosophies are also continuing to evolve, and our policies, we hope, continue to be molded and reshaped in ways that will better serve the needs of each player and the Club as a whole. To some extent, and in order to fit unique circumstances, the policies of a particular team may vary somewhat from those set out in this Handbook. Look first and foremost to your Head Coach for direction.

We sincerely welcome your suggestions, as well as your participation in the workings of the Club. It takes a tremendous effort to accomplish all that must be done in order to sustain a successful soccer program including the care of the fields, tournament arrangements, uniform arrangement, state and local registrations, practice organization, and much more. Too often the responsibility falls on the shoulders of a very few. We always are looking for volunteers and earnestly solicit your participation. If you are willing, we have a job for you.

Please read carefully the information set out in this Handbook. Your familiarity with what is contained here will help insure that you and your child have a fun and rewarding Real So Cal experience.

SECTION II

General Information

A. Club Organization

The West Valley Soccer League (Real SoCal's legal entity and league of registration) is a member league of the California Youth Soccer Association (Cal South), which is recognized by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) as the controlling authority for the development of youth soccer in the State of California. The USSF is, in turn, a member of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the world wide administrator of soccer, and the creator of the World Cup. All of our rules and policies are derived from the international FIFA rules with modifications to accommodate our youth players.

Youth soccer in our area is governed by the rules of the California Youth Soccer Association South, US Club Soccer and US Soccer. Our club is divided into two divisions, Competitive ("RSC") and Recreational. The distinguishing factor is all players are guaranteed a place on recreational teams. Competitive teams hold tryouts and team placement is earned. All soccer below the U8 age level is designated Recreational while U8 and above has Competitive and Recreational teams. For RSC, selection to, or placement on teams is done by a committee of coaches known as the "Coaches Committee." Recreational teams are organized by draft for the purpose of player development within the framework of team development. The organization of teams by single age groups is stressed at all age levels.


B. Real So Cal ("RSC")

The player's ability and desire to move to a level of soccer which makes more demands on athletic abilities and heightens skills will come as early as seven or eight, the youngest age at which a player can compete for a spot on a RSC team. RSC teams travel to compete against other teams from around the area, state, and nation.


Selection to an RSC team requires a full season commitment. Players are financially responsible for and expected to participate in the fall league season plus all of the team's scheduled tournaments. Team selections are accomplished through a combination of spring try-outs, and coaching assessments throughout the year. Try outs are open to all players, including players from other clubs, and each team will go through the try-out or re-selection process every year.


C. Team Organization

The organization of soccer teams is necessarily built around the coaching staff. RSC coaches are considered part of the Club support structure, and they may change teams at times to meet the overall Club needs. This "team of coaches" approach to soccer is a major asset of the Club. All RSC coaches are there for the support of all RSC teams. For this reason, we use a club-wide coaching concept, applicable to all ages. Team play is a major objective, and individual players are trained within the team framework. Each team is organized as follows

 **The Head Coach** - A licensed Head Coach will be designated for each RSC team. That coach will have overall responsibility for the team, and he or she should be your first contact in all soccer related matters. The coach is responsible for team discipline, player substitution, and game tactics. Other RSC Coaches will participate, from time to time in your team practices and games. RSC is proud of its Coaches, and we have made every effort to provide your children with the best-available teachers of the game. Please give the coach your support and

assistance. Each Coach at RSC is held to a very high set of coaching rules of conduct and professional standards.

 **Team Administrator** - The properly registered Team Administrator is an invaluable member of the team organization. At the RSC level, the Administrator handles the administrative aspects of the team, such as team roster info, registration, team communication, and other items to help the Coach with all of the time-consuming administrative details. If you are interested in becoming a Team Administrator, or assisting the Team Administrator, please contact your Coach. Although Administrators serve as communication liaisons on many occasions between the parents and the coach and the parents and the club, Administrators do not have the authority to select players, select coaches, remove players or coaches or determine team schedule. All admin questions go to the Administrator. All player questions should be directed to the coach.

 **Other Volunteers** - The demands of running a successful soccer program are tremendous. If you desire to serve, we have an opportunity for you! Help in assisting with transportation, securing hotel reservations, organizing game day needs, volunteering as a chaperone during tournament trips, lining fields, or sponsoring Financial Aid kids, are just a few of the many ways in which a parent can make a very important contribution to a child's RSC team.

D. Fundraising

The battle to meet the rising costs of building and sustaining a superior soccer program is constant. On few occasions, we have benefited from the generosity of contributing businesses and individual friends of the Club. We need that type of special financial assistance on an ongoing basis. If you or your company could help us in meeting this challenge, please let us hear from you. The West Valley Soccer League is a section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and contributions are tax deductible.

As a member of RSC we require all members to donate up to four hours of volunteer service per player throughout the year. One of the ways to fulfill this requirement is by refereeing for our recreational league or by participating in fundraising functions that are determined by the RSC Board of Directors. Fund raising assists with expenses such as facilities, professional coaching, operating overhead, and player financial aid needs. A \$300 fine will be assessed to players whose families do not fulfill their volunteer commitment.

Teams are encouraged to explore their own fund raising possibilities that will help defray the cost of tournament travel and play. At the same time, the club has an interest in assuring that fund raising efforts do not conflict with club activities or policies, or with the activities of other RSC teams. As a result, all fund raising activities must be cleared in advance with the club.

E. Insurance:

The insurance provided through our different league affiliations may change in its exact coverage from year to year. The precise terms of the insurance coverage are set out in a Master Policy on the respective affiliations website. In general, the insurance provides coverage for all players registered with the organization while participating in sanctioned play or practice under the supervision of an authorized official, while traveling directly to and from player practice, and while participating in other scheduled group activities under the direct supervision of an authorized official. The benefits provided include an accidental death benefit

and accidental medical expense benefits. For current and more exact information, or if you have questions, contact the affiliated organization.

F. Tournaments:

Tournament play is an integral part of competitive soccer. Tournaments give you the opportunity to play several games in a short period of time. The opportunity for frequent repetitions of skills and tactics is often the key to improvement for players and teams. In addition, it gives your child the opportunity to travel, and meet soccer players in other cities and states. It also gives the RSC coaching staff an opportunity to be exposed to other programs and to measure the progress of the Club's teaching efforts.

Your team's Tournament schedule must be pre-approved by the Coaches Committee.

Because of the importance of tournament play to the development of a team, all RSC players are expected to participate. This means that all players will share in team tournament expenses. To aid you in planning, you should know that there are several major tournaments which take place every year and in which RSC teams participate. Please plan your child's schedule so as to allow him or her to be available to participate in the tournaments scheduled by your head coach/Administrator.

Parents should look to the Head Coach for more specific information about tournament possibilities. In addition to the primary tournaments in mid July through Labor Day, RSC also participates in tournaments on Thanksgiving weekend, Memorial Day weekend, as well as State Cup Competition. In connection with tournament play, your team may be allowed to take guest players from other teams within the Club or from outside teams. In addition, players from our Club are sometimes invited to appear as guest players with other clubs.

- Caution: You must consult your coach (1) before speaking to a non-RSC player about appearing as a guest player with your team, or (2) before you talk with another team about being a guest with them.

G. Referees:

There is a real shortage of qualified, experienced referees in the State of California. We have some very good soccer referees, but we also sometimes encounter referees who, through lack of experience, do not make proper calls. We teach our players to think of the referee as a part of the soccer field. The field may be hard, bumpy, covered with water, short, long, and so on. The condition of the field and the weather are circumstances over which we have no control. So, we teach your kids not to worry or complain about those conditions over which we have no control. We try to adjust to them, but we do not yell or scream at the rain or the bare spots on the field. Try to think of the referees in the same way.

In order to fill the need for qualified referees in California, all the soccer clubs are encouraging their youth soccer players to become certified referees. Please remember the relative youth and inexperience of some of our referees. Let's not do or say anything which might discourage these kids from continuing as referees, and thereby add to our existing shortage of qualified referees.

H. Soccer Basics:

We believe that parents would be better fans, enjoy soccer more, and be better able to talk with their kids about the sport, if they knew more about some of soccer's basics. Without providing too much detail, we offer the following basic education.

Please note that, in order to allow the Linesman to run up and down the touch-line, spectators are requested to stay at least five feet back from the touchline and ten yards on either side of the center line.

Laws of the Game

Without attempting to provide you with all of the rules of play, let us make an effort to acquaint you with the rules which govern illegal contact and offsides. These two subjects generate more than their fair share of parental confusion and frustration.

- i. The Offside Rule: A player is in an "offside" position if she/he is:
 - a) Ahead of the ball (closer to the opponent's goal line than the ball is), and
 - b) In the opponent's half of the field, and
 - c) There are fewer than two opponents ahead of or even with her/him

(Player is onside if she/he is even with the second to last opponent)

A player in the offside position, described above, may be declared offside if she/he either:

- a) Participates in play, or
- b) Interferes with an opponent, or
- c) Otherwise tries to take advantage of her/his offside position.

The position of the player at the moment the ball is played by a teammate determines whether she/he is offside. For example, if she/he were positioned onside at the moment the ball was passed by a teammate, she/he does not become offside if she/he runs to an offside position while the ball is in flight.

Exceptions: A player in an offside position is not declared offside if:

- a) the ball is last played by an opponent; or
- b) she/he receives the ball directly from a throw-in, corner kick, or goal kick

If a player is declared offside, an indirect free kick is taken by the opposing team from the position of the offside player.

- ii. Penal Fouls: There are nine penal fouls which, in order to be judged foul, must be committed intentionally:

- a) Kicking or trying to kick an opponent;
- b) Tripping an opponent;
- c) Jumping at an opponent;
- d) Charging an opponent violently or dangerously (that is, where either the charging player or the charged player could be hurt);
- e) Charging an opponent from behind [Exception: an opponent who legally obstructs (screens the ball from an opponent while the ball is within playing distance) may be charged fairly from behind (shoulder to shoulder blade), if done safely];
- f) Hitting , trying to hit, or spitting at an opponent;

- g) Holding an opponent;
- h) Pushing an opponent;
- i) Handling the ball, except by the goalkeeper in her/his own penalty area
[Note: handball is a foul when a player touches the ball with any part of his hand or arm while intending to control the ball.]

When a penal foul is committed, the opposing team is awarded a direct free kick, or a penalty kick, if the foul takes place in the penalty area.

iii. Non-Penal Fouls: There are five non-penal fouls:

- a) Dangerous play, such as high kicking near another player's head or trying to play a ball held by a goalkeeper [Note: If a player puts herself/himself in danger, the referee may call dangerous play against that player];
- b) Fair charging (shoulder to shoulder contact without danger to either player) but with the ball out of playing distance (more than about one step away);
- c) Illegal obstruction, i.e., a player intentionally putting herself/himself between the ball and an opponent, when not within playing distance of the ball, to stop the opponent from playing the ball. [Note: the goalkeeper must not be obstructed when attempting to put the ball into play];
- d) Charging the goalkeeper in the goal area when the keeper is neither holding the ball nor legally obstructing an opponent;

iv. A Goalkeeper

- a) Releasing the ball into play, then handling the ball again before another player touches it, or
- b) controlling the ball with the hands when intentionally passed back from the foot of a teammate, or
- c) Otherwise wasting time

When a non-penal foul is committed, the opposing team is awarded an indirect free kick. REMEMBER, HOWEVER, the referee may not stop play to punish a foul if, in his opinion, the fouled team is better off if he allows play to continue. This is called the "Advantage clause."

See FIFA Laws of the Game for the most up to date information and complete details.

SECTION III

REAL SO CAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. Tryouts

Club tryouts may be on a team by team basis, either formally or informally, held annually, and are open to all players who meet the age requirements for the teams in question. Each prospect will be given a fair opportunity to make a team. The Coaches Committee will announce the specific tryout dates and times. The Club reserves the right to call off annual tryouts if the Director of Coaching deems tryouts unnecessary. If the Director of Coaching deem it necessary, additional tryouts may be held during the season, and qualified players who are not committed to any team currently entered in the State Cup competition may be added to team rosters at any time.

Evaluations and selections will be based solely on how players perform in the seven evaluation areas according to the coaching staff. Evaluations take place during the competitive soccer season (games and practices), as well as during tryouts. During the tryout period please give us the same consideration and inform us whether or not you plan to rejoin the Club if asked to do so. The Director of Coaching along with the team Coach(es) will determine which players play on which RSC team, including decisions regarding playing up an age group .

B. Player Evaluation and Selection

Player performance will be evaluated by observing the player in tryouts, training, scrimmages, and/or games. Only the Director of Coaching and the coach(es) will confer in matters of player evaluation and selection.

There are many terminologies used to categorize and describe soccer abilities. Present and potential team members will be evaluated in seven areas:

1. Mental Dimensions (character, discipline, and leadership)
2. Physical Dimensions (endurance, strength, and speed)
3. Technical Competence (skills) pass, dribble , shoot
4. Tactical Awareness (reading the game) Decision making, with/without the ball
5. Ability to adapt to RSC environment
6. Practice attendance, effort, behavior
7. Game performance including offensive/defensive impact, positive team attitude, positive response to coaching

If you have any questions about the meaning of these terms, please ask the coaches. The coaches will base their decisions solely on the seven areas of evaluation and they are responsible for making decisions for the good of the Club and the team. Politics, friendships, personal relationships, and financial contributions to the Club or team will not enter into these decisions.

Your understanding here is important, for just as players and parents have the freedom to select a soccer club without unfair pressure and with a full understanding of what is expected, the Director of Coaching need the same freedom to work objectively. We will not always agree on issues as sensitive as player evaluation and selection. We hope you will respect our attempt to be objective in these matters.

C. Practice Routine

Without regular and proper practice, soccer skills and tactics cannot be mastered. We demand of the RSC coaches a tremendous commitment of their time, and we expect the RSC players to be willing to make the same commitment. We know that many of our players have other interests and demands on their time, but we believe it very important that you make every effort to have them attend each practice session. It is important to come to practice regularly. You cannot miss practice or practice poorly and expect to improve. RSC teams generally will practice two to three times each week during the year. Players are expected to wear RSC practice attire and to bring their bag, water and inflated soccer ball to each practice. It is essential to stay current in your RSC fees to ensure your child's right to train at RSC. Coaches will not train players with fee delinquencies where approval has not been granted by the RSC board. If you have a problem attending a practice, or need to leave a practice early, give your coach a call, in advance.

Proper practice means that you:

- a) Pay attention to the coaches in practice;
- b) Make an effort to improve your skills at practice;
- c) Practice at game speed (learning to do a skill in slow motion will not help in a game); and
- d) Do not distract others at practice (e.g., acting silly while attempting a drill is distracting to others).

D. Player Loan - Real So Cal Loan Player Protocol

1. Our number one priority is to provide developmental opportunities for our players within the program.
2. Additional training and game loan opportunities are constantly provided within our club.
3. Real So Cal competitive schedule is a comprehensive year long curriculum with scheduled downtime built in for rest and recovery.
4. Players need breaks for their mental and physical health.
5. We ask that you respect our no loan policy during your team breaks.
6. If you feel a loan is extremely important, please contact your coach.
7. In the event a player is loaned, the player card/medical release is property of Cal South and must be returned to the team immediately following the loan. (within 48 hours)








E. Uniform Policy

When a RSC player is in uniform, he or she is representing the Club and should wear the uniform properly and with pride. Please read and abide by the following guidelines:

1. Jerseys will always be tucked into shorts whenever you are wearing the uniform.
2. Uniform socks will be pulled up whenever you have them on. Tape on socks must match the color of the sock. Shin guards must always be covered by socks.
3. Have your equipment bag with you at all practices and games. Place your bags in a proper team location at practice. Keep track of your equipment bag and leave all unnecessary valuables at home.
4. Take care of your footwear. Keep your cleats clean.
5. Bring your soccer ball to every practice and every game, properly inflated.
6. Leave your rings, watches, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, other jewelry and hairpins (except for rubber bands or other elastic bands) at home or in your equipment bags.
7. Each game jersey must have a number on it and jersey numbers may not exceed 23.

F. Equipment Bags

The following items should be kept in your equipment bag at all times:

-  All alternate uniforms
-  Soccer ball
-  Soccer Shoes
-  Shin Guards
-  Extra pair of socks
-  Elastic hairbands, headbands
-  Band aids, tape, epi pens, Vaseline, sun screen, etc. (as needed)

G. RSC Drug and Alcohol Policy

It is the firm commitment of RSC to take an active role in the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse. Our policy is no drugs, no alcohol, no smoking and no destructive behavior. We will involve ourselves with the player and parents any time that a situation has an impact on our Club or its members. It is important that we be able to trust our players to obey Club rules, because of the responsibilities that we assume when we travel. Violation of this policy may be the basis for suspension or dismissal from the team, or for requiring that a player return home early from an out-of-town tournament. As our players get older, they are expected to be positive role models for the younger kids, not only on the soccer field, but in all areas of social behavior.

H. RSC Home Games

Pierce College, North Ranch Park, Oaks Christian High School, Oak Park High School, Oak View and Sepulveda Basin are the RSC home field facilities.

I. RSC Facility Rules

We are proud of our facilities. They are maintained through hard work. We hope that you, too, will take pride in these fields. To help us keep the fields in better condition, we ask that you always observe, and remind others to observe, a few special rules.

1. No pets are allowed on the fields under any circumstances even if they are on a leash. Please know that you will be asked to leave the field if you bring a pet with you. Our permits require us to enforce the no pet rule.
2. Whatever you bring to the field, take it home with you at the end of the day. Do not leave trash on the facility ground.
3. Please be especially careful and drive slowly when entering and leaving the facility.
4. Take special precautions when the ground is wet.
5. Soccer nets and goals are expensive –treat them with respect.

Our fields are to be used only for RSC sponsored activities and only by RSC members.

J. Bad Weather Procedures

The club website at www.realsocal.org is your first choice and best source for information about fields. You can also check the mudlines for your field.

First check the website for information on game or practice cancellations, field closure and other special messages. On practice days, we will most likely not post any field closures until after 2:00pm that same day. Also rain days before field usage dates may cause cancellations to protect the fields. Please remember that, although it may be raining in your part of town, it may not be raining at the practice fields. Please check the website or with your team Administrator when in doubt. The Head Coach should call the Team Administrator to report rain-outs. When in doubt, please show up for practice. At times, your coach may schedule an indoor practice or soccer video session in lieu of an outdoor practice.

Games are considered on until called off. Even if it is raining, the games will be played unless there is a threat of lightning or the fields have been closed. This applies to even the youngest age groups. Soccer is a game that is played in all weather conditions, and it is necessary that all players and parents learn that this is part of the commitment to the game. It is the responsibility of the home team to advise the visiting team coach of any game cancellations. Again, please contact your Coach or Team Administrator if you have doubts. If you have not heard from your Coach or Team Administrator, please show up at the game to insure that your team does not forfeit.

K. Procedures for Handling Problems

The RSC Operating Committee is charged with the responsibility for investigating internal club complaints and disciplinary problems brought to them by players, parents, administrators or coaches. When problems are referred to the Committee, a hearing may be held and appropriate remedial measures may be directed at their discretion up to and/or including suspension or dismissal of parent and/or player from the organization.

If you have an issue you would like addressed, please look first to your Coach for the handling of any problems which you encounter. If, after consulting with the Coach, you still feel that additional attention to the problem is needed, then you may refer the matter to the Age Group

Coordinator. If after consulting with the Age Group Coordinator you still feel that additional attention to the problem is needed, you may refer the matter to the Director of Coaching. If after following this protocol you still would like to have the issue further reviewed, you can refer it to the RSC Operating Committee. For the Committee to review any problem, it must be submitted in writing. The RSC Operating Committee will respond within 72 hours.

SECTION IV PARENTS

A. Parental Support

Parental support and involvement in the Club are essential. If your son/daughter is selected and chooses to commit to RSC, your commitment is also necessary. If players are to make a quality commitment to the Club and their team, parents must see to it that players attend all possible Club and team functions (practices, meetings, games, etc.). There will be time conflicts that cannot be avoided, and other more important events occur. The Club's responsibility is to present a periodic schedule to allow time for planning. When parents or players have an unavoidable conflict, the Club expects timely communication to see if the Club or team can make any necessary adjustments. The Director of Coaching or Team Coach will make final decisions on scheduling and adjustments after careful consideration of your needs and those of the Club or team.

B. Sideline Coaching:

There will be no coaching by parents. No matter how good your intentions are, we insist there be no shouting instructions to your son/daughter or yelling (complaining) to officials during games. Your vocal sport and positive encouragement are welcome after a good play. "Go" or "Shoot" are interpreted as instructions, and, as such are not desirable. It is required that players not be distracted at practices or during games, and that players are given instructions before, during, and after practices and games, by the coaching staff or Team Coach only. No one other than those listed on the official game roster may sit on or near the team bench before and during games (please respect the space and privacy necessary for the Coach and team to carry out their game responsibilities).

The Club's first concern is for the long term growth and development of your son/daughter as a person along with their soccer abilities. There will be times that Coaches make decisions and players are instructed to do things parents will not understand. Club, team, and player development may be given a greater priority than winning. And yet as a competitive club we do place emphasis on competing for state and national championships. Parents must understand this and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with a healthy team environment. Parents, always at the appropriate moment and time, should feel free to communicate and ask questions about your son/daughter. Please take the initiative to teach your son/daughter to speak up and communicate for themselves whenever possible. Your coaches will always express their observations and views of an individual using the areas of evaluation outlined in the team selection process.

RSC believes in and teaches players the benefit of having the proper game mentality. We will instruct your son/daughter to ignore adverse conditions such as referees calls, name calling, foul language, rough play, cheating, poor weather, negative behavior by parents or opponents, etc. We expect our parents to have this game mentality.

C. Parent Conduct at Games

Soccer games are as exciting for some parents as they are for their kids. That's great. For many of the spectators, however, soccer is a sport about which they know very little. They want to support the team, cheer for the team, and encourage their child. Occasionally, this enthusiasm combines with a parent's lack of familiarity with the game, or lack of knowledge of the Coach's instruction to the team, in a way which causes problems.

We do not wish to curb your enthusiasm for the game. We do wish to make sure that your enthusiasm is channeled in a way which will be helpful, complies with the rules of the game, and is consistent with the Coach's instruction to the team. In this spirit, please keep these suggestions in mind as you attend RSC soccer games:

1. **DO NOT YELL AT THE REFEREE OR MAKE SARCASTIC REMARKS**– it is our goal to build not only good soccer players, but good sports. Your positive, or negative, example at games will either greatly reinforce, or significantly undermine, that effort. The Coach has principal responsibility, although limited latitude, in speaking with the referee. Let them do their job when, and if, they feel it is necessary.
2. **KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE RULES OF THE GAME** – Sometimes, parental ill-will toward the referee is based upon a parent's ignorance of the rules of the game. Common problems are the understanding and application of the rules governing off – side and illegal contact.
3. **ENCOURAGE – DO NOT CRITICIZE** – One of our goals is to help your child play good soccer. No less important is our goal to make every effort to insure that your child has fun. Your child understands the Club's high expectations and feels the peer pressure to do well. You can best help by confining your talk during the game to positive encouragement. The discussion later in this Handbook on becoming an "All-Star Parent" may be helpful to you in this regard.

If possible, be quietly enthusiastic and supportive. However, for those of you whose participation in and familiarity with other sports (football, basketball, baseball, and so on) have ingrained in you an irresistible need to yell and scream during a sporting event, we encourage you to cheer supportive cheers such as "nice pass", or "great job". Please do NOT yell direction to the player's. Leave this to their coach. It only confuses the player and disrupts what the coach is trying to achieve on the field.

48 HOUR RULE: Parents may feel the need to address RSC directors, coaches, and/or administrators regarding issues that may come up on game day. Our rules require that there be a 48 hour period between completion of play for the weekend and communication between parents and RSC coaches, etc. This period is required to allow for winding down, cooling off, and reflection. If communication is then needed, it can take place in a calm and professional manner. Communication should take place at a time that does not conflict with training and preferably should be scheduled. Coach conduct issues should be reported directly to the Director of Coaching.

D. The Best Players Deserve the Best Parents

A few years ago, Dr. Rob Gilbert wrote an article in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Journal on how to be an all-star parent. As your children move toward more competitive soccer, take a minute to consider Dr. Gilbert's Three B's For Excellence in Parenting:

1. **Be There** - you can never hope to be an all-star parent unless you show up at games. Regardless of the skill level of your child or the success of the team, go to the games. Be supportive. Don't be fickle, fair-weather fan.
2. **Be Positive** - When your child puts on her RSC uniform, stop being a parent and become a fan. There's no trick to learn here. You already know what to do. Remember how you behaved when your child was learning how to walk? You were a fan and a supporter, weren't you? You applauded the "downs" as well as the "ups." You never said things like, "Why are you moving so slowly?" or "How come the kid next door is walking better than you?" or "Why do you keep on making the same mistakes?" Why should it be any different now that your child is an athlete? Your job is not to be the coach or the expert. Be a fan. On the sidelines, if you can't say something positive, don't say anything at all.
3. **Be Seated** – Even though it is good to be positive, it's not good to over do it. Don't stick out. Be an admirer – not a cheerleader. Players should not confuse your voice with the public address system.

Once you start to become a positive, acknowledging fan, an interesting thing may happen. Your child will want you at the games. You will know that you are considered an important member of your child's personal all-star support team.

SECTION V PLAYERS

A. RSC Player Commitment

If your child is selected to become part of an RSC team, you will be asked to sign a Parent/Player Agreement and Volunteer Form. As the form indicates, it is important that, before your child accepts our invitation, they understand that there are obligations which come with becoming a member of a competitive soccer team. At this level of competition, success and fun on the soccer field do not come without some extra effort. The will to compete is not enough; your child also must have the will to prepare to compete. As a result, we ask each of our new players to formally acknowledge that, for their own good and for the good of the team, they will be expected to attend practice, to practice properly, and to do all of the other things which are necessary to become a skilled soccer player and a contributing part of a competitive soccer team.

As a parent, we need your assistance in helping your child understand the nature of the commitment being made and the importance of keeping that commitment. If you and your player reads the RSC Player Agreement below, and treats it seriously, we believe that it will be something of value.

B. RSC Player Agreement



RSC PLAYER AGREEMENT

INTRODUCTION

Over the years we have enjoyed many successes with our involvement in youth soccer. We have learned one key ingredient of success is clear consistent communication between the Club, its teams and coaches, and players and parents. This agreement is one way of explaining our expectations of you as a member of Real So Cal (RSC). It will help answer questions about the Club's decision making process. As you have committed to become a member of RSC, please take time to read the following pages carefully.

THE CLUB AND THE TEAM

Members of RSC agree to put the Club ahead of the team. When the decisions are made regarding conflicts between the Club and a particular team, the Club will come first. Club decisions will be made by a majority vote of the Board. The decisions of the Board will be final and without appeal.

THE TEAM AND THE INDIVIDUAL

Members of RSC agree to put their team ahead of the individual player. If conflicts arise between the team and a player or parent, the team coach under the direction of the Director of Coaching will be responsible for making decisions for the good of the team. These decisions will be made after considering all relevant information and consultation with those involved. The coach's decision will be objective and will be based on their best evaluation of the facts. Once a decision has been made, it is final. Players and parents must agree to abide by the decision.

THE PLAYER

You are not under any pressure to join the Club. Instead, we hope you and your parents will consider all of your options and choose what will be best for you, taking into consideration your goals and aspirations as a person and as a soccer player. Once you commit to join RSC, you agree to abide by the policies of the Club and your team.

This commitment is for one soccer season only. The soccer season is different depending on the age group. At the end of the soccer season your commitment to the Club is over, and you are free to leave the Club if you feel it is in your best interest. The next soccer season you are again free to tryout under the tryout guidelines. Remember, in the event your team qualifies for regional or national competition, we expect you to fulfill your commitment to your team through the end of that competition regardless of your status with the Club for the following season.

We expect our players and parents to be ethical and honest and to honor their commitments, both verbal and written. Therefore, you should make your decisions thoughtfully and carefully. Once your commitment is made, the Club expects your full participation and support for the entire soccer season. Take into account that when you make your commitment, the coaching staff may need to inform other potential players that they did not make the team. Please be sensitive to others and consider your decision carefully.

If you have committed to the Club, the Club will also be ethical and honest, honoring its commitment to you. No player will be cut from a team during a soccer season unless it is for disciplinary reasons or failure to fulfill financial obligations, and Cal South enforces such action. The club can suspend participation at any time, however, if such action is necessary to enforce the collection of fees.

OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT TEAMS: During the soccer season players from RSC will be given the opportunity and are encouraged to tryout for the California South Olympic Development Program (ODP). The player's decision about whether to participate in ODP will be left up to the player and parents. Be aware that players who are selected for the ODP at district, state, regional or national levels will encounter conflicts between Club events and ODP. The ODP policy clearly states that the Club always has priority unless your RSC Team Coach in coordination with the Director of Coaching decides otherwise. And you agree to follow this policy.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT POLICY: In order to promote Club and team unity, it is essential that all players be committed to wearing the designated Nike uniform of the Club in its entirety. The complete uniform and Nike bag are required purchases with the Club designated warm up suit being optional.

CONDUCT: As a member of RSC, you are responsible for your own performance and conduct. Honesty, communication, and reliability will be expected at all times. This requires that you maintain a healthy lifestyle and a healthy team attitude. Any use of drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes is not acceptable to the Club and may result in temporary suspension or even removal from the Club.

In addition, our Club will insist you maintain a positive team attitude and a personal sense of sportsmanship and fair play. At all Club or team functions you will be expected to conduct yourself in a respectable manner and to represent the Club and your team in a positive way.

BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER GAMES GAME DAY

During the soccer season the team and its players participate in practices, league competitions, tournaments, state and national cup. The coaches will make decisions on player selections, game lineup, player positions, amount of playing time, tournament participation, etc. Players agree to be positive in fulfilling the role they are asked to perform for the team at any moment, even if that role has them not playing at all, not being in the starting lineup, not playing a desired amount, or playing a different position.

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 (shoes, proper RSC practice or game uniform, soccer ball, shin guards, etc.) and be ready to practice or play. Practicing and playing requires undivided attention. Therefore, there will be no visiting between players and parents, family and friends, or others who might cause players to lose focus on soccer, from immediately before the practice or game until they have been dismissed by the Coach. This includes half-time and the conclusion of games, when players are expected to get water, then immediately join the team and Coach for game discussion or team adjustments. There will be times between games when the Coach will require the team to stay together while waiting for their next game. When team responsibilities are over, players are free to join family and friends.

Nutrition and rest are also a part of the players' personal responsibility as a member of RSC. We expect players to eat nutritious, healthy food in a timely fashion so as not to interfere with performance. If players have questions about which foods are best for performing athletes, please ask the Team Coach.

COACHING AND THE PLAYER;

The Director of Coaching and Team Coaches are responsible to create an environment where you can play quality competitive soccer. The soccer we play will be taken very seriously. We recognize there are things more important in life than soccer. In terms of priority, family and education come first. However, if the coaches see you are not willing to put your soccer above other recreational activities during the season, it may affect your playtime and/or your status with the Club. As a member of RSC, we expect you to commit to the sport of soccer and your team as your first recreational activity and priority.

Do not expect the coaches to praise everything you do well. After a time there are things the Coach will come to expect from every player. There are times when the coaches will say very little, and times they may yell out instructions. There are times they will be critical of players, and other times they will be generous with praise. Players are expected to take constructive criticism along with praise for a job well done, and be able to deal with both.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Our attempt with this agreement is to present in clear detail exactly what will be expected of you and what you can expect of the Club, the team, and the coaches. If you are uncertain what is expected, it is your responsibility to ask one of your coaches. Knowing and understanding these things, your participation in the Club will be positive for you as you develop your soccer abilities to the highest level possible. We have expectations of the Club, the team, the coaches, and you.

These expectations are really the rules, regulations, and policies for RSC. So that you and every player in our Club can get the maximum benefit, we need you and every player to abide by Club rules, regulations, and policies. If disciplinary actions are necessary, the following steps may be taken:

1. The Team Coach and/or Director of Coaching will discuss the problem directly and privately with the player, with the assumption the problem will be corrected immediately.
2. If the problem persists, the Team Coach, Age Group Coordinator and/or Director of Coaching will communicate with the player's parents in writing and in person discuss the problem and lack of response on the part of the player. Parents will have the opportunity to be involved with correction of the problem at this time.
3. If the problem still continues, the Director of Coaching and/or Team Coach may temporarily suspend the player from training. If the situation warrants, the Director of Coaching may recommend to the Board that the player be removed from the Club. The Director of Coaching will notify the parents in writing of the recommendation.
4. The parents of any player recommended for removal from the Club may request to meet with the Board and the Director of Coaching.

Our desire is to work in a positive, constructive way with our players. Everyone has problems from time to time and we will make every effort to work with you to help solve the problems you may have. After we have exhausted all efforts to solve the problem, we will be left with little choice other than pursue disciplinary action as outlined above.

INTRA-CLUB TRANSFER POLICY

A player making a commitment to a RSC team does so for the entire length of the season. Any player wishing to transfer with-in the club prior to fulfilling their entire commitment must understand that the club reserves the right to approve or disapprove their request. Intra-club transfer will only be granted when all participating parties are in complete agreement. The parties involved are; Player, Parent, Coach of existing team, coach of new team, Director of Coaching, and RSC Board. Any player fulfilling their seasonal commitment to RSC team is free to tryout for any other RSC team at the appropriate time.

C. Player Game Day Preparation

Prepare your child to do their best! Each player pledges to arrive at the game well rested, and mentally and physically prepared to play their best. Your child cannot keep that commitment if he or she does not get proper rest and has not eaten properly. Soccer is a very demanding sport.

1. Avoid spend-the-night parties on the night before a game. More than a few soccer games have been knowingly "forfeited" the night before the soccer match. Fatigue as a result of too little sleep and hydration also raises the risk of injury.
2. Build up body fluid before the game. Start drinking water as much as 24 hours before the game, and try to take in as much proper fluid as possible right up to game time.
3. Eat sensibly, especially on the day of a game. For instance, milk, peanuts, or carbonated drinks before a game will shorten a player's wind.
4. Half-time refreshments should be limited to a moderate amount of water, or perhaps a very diluted Gatorade-type drink. Too much water, or any kind of food and drink containing sugar, will cause the blood to leave the muscles and travel to the stomach, causing your child to be sluggish in the second half. Each parent will be expected to

share in the responsibility for seeing that proper refreshments and ice are available for each game.

5. Make certain that you have proper equipment, and bring them to each practice and game. Proper fitting shoes and shin guards are essential. Earrings, necklaces, rings, watches, and jewelry, should be left at home.
6. Arrive at each game in plenty of time to warm-up properly. The Coach will provide your team with a game schedule. Please leave home in time to have your child at the game, fully dressed, and ready to warm-up substantially prior to game time. A pre-game warm-up to get an abundant flow of blood to the muscles, followed by sensible, slow stretching activities designed to increase flexibility and minimize the possibility of muscle pulls or injury, are of vital importance. Prepare properly to maximize performance and avoid injuries. Communicate injuries with coach and parents.
7. Treat minor injuries promptly and properly. For muscle strains and bruises, remember the principle of “R-I-C-E” – Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation. Your team should arrange to have ice available at every game for quick application to twisted ankles or knees. Let your coach know before practice or game of any condition that might affect your ability to play. Seek early medical help for physical problems that persist. Do not practice or play if you have reason to believe that it may aggravate an injury.
8. Call in advance to tell your coach if you will miss a practice or game.
9. Bring your ball and RSC bag to each practice and to each game.

SECTION VI COACHES

A. The Coach

The coaches for RSC are instructed to conduct themselves first as teachers and second as soccer coaches. Nothing positive will come of the Club's effort if we produce world-class players who do not know how to conduct themselves as successful human beings. In this regard, you can expect RSC coaches to conduct themselves as positive role models and display appropriate behavior. Our coaches recognize they are dealing in an important way with young people and cannot overlook the impact they have on player's lives.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of the team on and off the field when the team is together and part of a club event. We insist our players be polite, well behaved, and respectful. Players and parents can expect honesty, communication, consistency, and reliability from the Coach.

RSC coaches have been responsible for helping develop numerous state, regional, and national caliber players, many of whom receive scholarships and play on top college, professional and national teams. The commitment of the Club and Director of Coaching under no circumstances guarantees players will be offered a college scholarship, or be considered for a state or national team. The Club and the coaches pledge to give players the tools and skills to enable them to become as good as their ability, desire, commitment, and effort takes them.

The Team Coach will be available to provide instruction in soccer for 4-6 hours per team per week. During the later parts of the season instruction hours can go up due to tournament play (sometimes Saturday and Sunday) and state and national cup preparations. The Coach will attend as many games as the schedule permits, but conflicts will occur from time to time. In situations where conflicts do occur, and they will, the team Coach with assistance from the Director of Coaching will designate a Coach to cover that particular practice or game.

The coach is responsible for player selection, player positioning (line-up), player participation (playing time), team direction, team strategy, and team curriculum and schedule. There may be times where you may not understand or agree with their decisions but you have entrusted your coach with these matters.

It is important for players and parents to understand that soccer is a player's game. Once players reach a certain level of skill, maturity, and experience, they become more important to the team's success than the Coach.

B. RSC Coach Commitment Letter

As part of the RSC commitment to excellence, we require that all of our coaches make the following commitment to the Club, its players and parents:

As a RSC coach I recognize my responsibility to provide instruction and guidance, which channels the individual efforts of players and parents into an extraordinary team experience. To achieve the goal of building a competitive and cohesive team, I promise the following:

To plan and supervise practice sessions that are

- fun and instructive.
- To prepare for each game.
- To treat players and parents with respect
- To motivate and teach with positive reinforcement.
- To adhere to the coaches rules attached.
- To observe and apply the rules of the club and our team in an evenhanded manner
- To balance the desire to win with the goal of insuring that all players have the opportunity to develop.

C. Real SoCal Coaches Rules

1. Attend all practices, games and coaches meeting. If a conflict arises, insure that a suitable substitute has been arranged for and properly briefed.
2. Conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times.
3. Insure that players wear their uniforms in a proper and complete fashion. Socks should be pulled up and jerseys tucked in whenever in uniform, not just during the game.
4. No foul language or abusive conduct.
5. No smoking in the presence of players.
6. No alcoholic beverages in the presence of players.
7. When traveling with the team, remain aware of your players whereabouts and behavior.
8. Set schedules and inform directors, parents and players of all activities.
9. Dress in RSC coaches attire when performing coaching services
10. RSC field usage policies:
 - a) All practices and games must be approved by the RSC staff.

- b) Practice spaces and times will normally be assigned by the club, and coaches are expected to cooperate on the use of field facilities.
- c) All teams are responsible for cleaning up after practices or games, and for returning all equipment to its proper place.
- d) All coaches are asked to help in monitoring the activities that take place at the RSC fields, and to assist in keeping our fields clean, safe and secure.

11. RSC reserves the right to terminate contracts for any unprofessional behavior.

12. Meet the obligations called for in the coaching contract.

SECTION VII FINANCIAL POLICIES AND FORMS

A. What Does It Cost to play at Real So Cal?

With the support of a great many volunteers, including parents and sponsors, the cost of being an RSC player is less than might be expected. To aid you in your planning, we are providing the following general outline of the types of costs which can be expected.

RSC Club Fees: You will receive a fee schedule at time of registration. The fees service period runs through the completion of their team's entered state tournament. Fees include Cal South registration fees, League registration fees, Club held tournaments and State Cup registration, maintenance and permits, coaching staff, equipment, etc. We are a non-profit corporation with no city or county support. We make every effort possible to keep our expenses at a reasonable level. Team expenses such as tournament fees, coaches travel expenses and referee fees require that each team maintain a team account that each player family make a payment to that team account at the time of registration of an amount not to exceed \$200. Expenses for the team are then paid from that account. Each Administrator is required to provide an accounting to the players families no less frequently than quarterly. Further funding of that account may be required depending on team activities.

1. Uniforms: We are proud of our RSC uniforms. You can expect to buy an RSC uniform, consisting of 2 jerseys, 1 shorts, 1 practice t-shirts, and socks, a bag and a warm-up sweat suit (optional). Cost of a complete set of the above items is about \$175 excluding warm-up
2. Tournaments: By careful planning, and by taking advantage of volunteer transportation, the cost of tournament play can be greatly reduced. In addition, transportation costs, most tournament fees, and coaches expenses must also be shared by the team. If your team participates in other distant tournaments, hotel housing costs for the team and coach are split amongst the players families.
3. Financial Hardship Possibilities: If your player needs financial assistance or special arrangements in meeting Club costs, you must submit the Financial Aid Request Form along with the supporting documents and send it for consideration to:

Howard Fink,
c/o Real So Cal
6430 Variel Avenue #103
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
Fax # 747-226-3199
finance@realsocal.org

Requests will be reviewed and prioritized at the sole discretion of the RSC Board.

B. Membership Financial Agreement:



Real So Cal Membership Financial Agreement

Dues:

Dues for RSC Soccer season will be determined each year as needed. Fee schedules can be found on the rsc website under “Player Registration”. The fees for the two youngest age groups teams will be reduced. A discount determined by the club officials is allowed when dues and team account fees are paid in full on or before team registration day for all non-academy players. This discount will be reflected on the Season’s Fee Schedules.

Payment Default:

RSC is a membership organization. Unpaid dues represent funds not available to meet Club expenses. Unpaid and defaulting membership accounts information is available to Club members. The Team Administrators are involved in the process of collecting money.

Any player delinquent in dues will be notified by the Club and prohibited from participating in any Club/team training. Non-Payment of dues will be notified in writing and appropriate paper work filed with Cal South.

Players not meeting minimum payments are subject to having training and membership privileges revoked.

Drop Policy:

For whatever reason, if a player drops or is dropped from the Club, a refund may be granted as per the club fee policy letter published each season. We do not prorate for days in a month. Players who wish to drop must initiate the release from the Cal South website. Players who do not respond to requests from the club regarding their status may be released by the club.

Late Adds:

The amount of the membership fee for a late add player is defined in the club fee schedule. Uniform and equipment fees are not included.

Included Services Provided in Club Fees:

Coaching and training, Goalkeeper training, administration, State Cup tournaments, field usage, lights, Cal South, Gaming League Registrations and anything else as determined by the Club Officials each year.

A tremendous amount of work is performed, much of it by volunteers, in addition to the noted services. The membership fee is similar to tuition. If you are unable to attend a tournament, or train due to illness, no refund is due; no adjustment to the membership fee is allowed. Also, as volunteers perform many services, you waive any right of action against the Club or any volunteer as a result of your use of Club services or facilities.

Special Note 1: Club policy is to allow Coaches to train more than one team in the club. Therefore it is inevitable that Coaches will on occasion be unable to attend certain games. Every effort will be made by the Club to arrange for substitute coaches.

Special Note 2: Club soccer is a competitive environment. Efforts are made to attract good soccer players during tryouts and throughout the year. Rosters will change. Your son/daughter may not practice on the day or at the time you desire, play the position you desire, or play the amount of time you desire in a game.

These are realities of Club soccer, none of which have any effect on your commitment to pay the membership dues. By signing the Membership Financial, Player and Volunteer Form, you agree to abide by the rules, policies, and procedures of West Valley Soccer and Real SoCal and be governed by its representatives. The Board meets monthly and encourages members to submit their concerns, comments, etc.

Mission Statement: Real SoCal is committed to becoming the center for soccer excellence dedicated to teaching the game of soccer to youth in a positive environment. Real SoCal is part of non-profit membership organization.

- 1. Membership Financial, Player and Volunteer Form:** This agreement is electronically signed during your online registration. However, this form can also be found at www.realsocal.org under “Player Registration” and is part of the registration package to be completed by all members. Members are required to volunteer up to 4 hours in support of their team’s volunteer requirements. Coaches with players in Real So Cal are required to volunteer up to 4 hours per player in support of that team’s volunteer requirements for the Real So Cal tournament.

Membership Financial, Player & Volunteer Agreement Form 20/21 Season

This document only needs to be completed if the family **CANNOT complete the online registration** which is signed and agreed to electronically when a player is registered.

The detailed volunteer policy can be found at www.realsocal.org under “player registration” and we have agreed to the following option:

☐ *I agree to volunteer up to 4 hours *per player* in support of Real So Cal’s refereeing for WVSL, tournament or other fundraising activities (casino night, silent auction, club picnic, awards banquet, etc.). This volunteer work is in addition to that which may be required for my team throughout the year in lining fields, etc.

☐ I will not participate in volunteering and therefore agree to pay \$200 at time of registration. I have attached the online payment confirmation or a check made payable to Real So Cal.

***Failure to fulfill the volunteer requirement will result in a fine of \$300. A player will be on “STOP PARTICIPATION” until the \$300 obligation is met.**

Signed and Return to Team Administrator

We have read the Real So Cal Parent/Player Handbook and we agree to abide by the policies therein. We agree to complete our financial commitment as indicated on the applicable fee schedule or agreed upon payment plan. The fees service period runs through the completion of team’s entered state tournament. At the end of this season our commitment is complete and player is free to play for another team. Likewise, the Club’s commitment to us is complete at the end of this season. Player is free to attend or to decide not to attend tryouts for next year’s team.

We consent to Real So Cal taking photographs, video recordings, and/or sound recordings in documenting the activities of Real So Cal's programs and services. We hereby grant Real So Cal permission to use the negatives, prints, motion pictures, video/audio tapings, or any other reproduction of the same for Real So Cal educational and promotional purposes in manuals, on flyers, the internet, social media or other publications.

We have read the Membership Financial, Player & Volunteer Agreement and agree to the terms and conditions of West Valley Soccer and Real So Cal.

Sign and Return This Page ONLY to Your Team Administrator

PLAYER’S NAME (Print): _____

PARENT’S NAME (Print): _____

PARENT’S NAME (Print): _____

EMAIL (Print): _____ PHONE # _____

TEAM: BOYS/GIRLS _____ DA, RSC WHITE, RSC BLUE, RSC BLK, NPL, DPL
birth yr

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

Team Account

Payment to a team account, as determined by the team Administrator and subject to club approval, not to exceed \$200 at time of registration. This fee is nonrefundable. Team expenditures may require paying additional amounts later in the season as needed. Failure to remain current with team fees will result in training suspension until fees are paid to the team account.

C. Injury and Illness Policy:

Soccer is a physical sport where injury, though regrettable, is sometimes unavoidable. The club also understands that in club of our size players may contract serious illness. With this in mind the club financial policy is as follows:

“Injury” or “illness”, for these purposes, is defined to include physical maladies causing a player to be unable to play or practice for a minimum of two months.

The club shall act according to all rules and regulations of Cal South and its affiliated leagues fulfilling requirements for reporting injuries to the appropriate agency. A copy of the injury report should also be turned in to the Real So Cal office. In the case of severe illness, the manager shall also turn in a brief report to the soccer office.

Should it be found that a player is unable to return for the remainder of the seasonal year, a player release shall be initiated and appropriate refund issued according to the refund policy.

Should a player be out for 60 days or more, financial consideration will be made as follows:

Younger Policy (U8-U14) & All DA teams	Older Policy (U15-U19)
60-90 days: 10% of the fee for the seasonal year	60-90 days: 15% of the fee for the seasonal year
90-120 days: 20% of the fee for the seasonal year	90-120 days: 25% of the fee for the seasonal year
120-150 days: 30% of the fee for the seasonal year	120-150 days: 35% of the fee for the seasonal year
150-180 days: 40% of the fee for the seasonal year	150-180 days: 45% of the fee for the seasonal year
180+ days: 50% of the fee for the seasonal year	180+ days: 50% of the fee for the seasonal year

Credits or refunds will only be issued to players that have paid their fees in full and are not receiving any form of financial aid from the club. Refunds will only be issued to players being released from rosters and not returning for the following season. Otherwise, credits will be issued to qualifying players to be applied to the following season.

Older Injury or Illness (U15 – U19): For the purpose of this policy, days of injury/illness do not include the months of December, January and February.

Younger Injury or Illness (U8 – U14): For the purpose of this policy, days of injury/illness do not include the month of June.

D. Financial Aid Policy

1. Policy

Real SoCal is committed to excellence in youth soccer. In pursuit of this commitment, we believe that:

- Fees for all players should be kept at the minimum level permitting full Club operation.
- Fund raising by the Club must be pursued with the full support of the membership.
- Sponsorship should be solicited to reduce the costs of Club operations and to provide assistance to players with financial need.
- The funds raised by the Club will be distributed first to offset existing costs to all players and then a portion reserved to provide tuition assistance to those with demonstrated financial need and the statement of the Coach and the Administrator that the player is necessary to the team and is supported financially by the team as needed.
- All financial documentation submitted will be held in the strictest confidence for use only in determining financial need.
- It is Club policy to provide aid of no more than 50% of the fees for the seasonal year and due to the volume of applicants in the past, aid granted normally cannot exceed 33% of the annual fee. Applicants and team members should take these factors into consideration when applying for aid. It is the responsibility of the player for proper fulfillment of financial obligations to the Club.
- It is policy of the Club to limit aid availability only to members in good standing. If other financial obligations are not met, the player may not train and may not register to play the following year.
- Aid credit will be applied as the LAST payment due from the player. If payments are not paid as agreed, aid monies will be forfeited back to the club.
- The Financial Aid Request Form must be completed in its entirety and submitted to Howard Fink, President, before a request can be considered.
- Howard Fink is the only person in Real So Cal authorized to grant financial aid to a player.

2. **Financial Aid Form:** Any player must be filled out in its entirety and then submitted with the appropriate documentation to:

**Howard Fink
c/o Real So Cal
6430 Variel Avenue
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
Fax #747-226-3199
finance@realsocal.org**

The Financial Aid form can be found on our website in both English and Spanish versions.

E. Method of Payment:

Members may choose to pay by check, VISA, Master Card or American Express.

Members choosing to use a credit card should go on line to our website www.realsocal.org and click on “online payments”. Follow the payment prompts. Please check the expiration date of the card to be sure it does not expire prior to the scheduled payments. Print two copies of the payment confirmation. Keep one for your records and include the second copy with your registration paperwork.

Checks should include the player name, team number and age group on the check.

Policy: NSF Checks

Checks returned by the bank for any reason including “Closed Account” and “Not Sufficient Funds” must be immediately replaced by a cashier’s check or money order for the amount plus a \$10 returned check fee. Training privileges will be suspended until the funds are received by the office.

Policy: Credit Denial

Credit authorization denied by the issuing company will revert to cash requirements. The payer shall submit cash or cashier’s check immediately to cover the amount.

Policy: Responsible Party

The responsible party shall be defined to mean the parent or guardian authorizing registration of the player. The responsible party shall be held accountable for all membership dues.

**SECTION VIII
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2017-2018 Board of Directors**

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