



## **FC Long Beach**

### **2015/2016 Player/Parent Agreement**

(August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016)

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In the best interest of the players and their success, we have developed the Player/Parent Agreement.

The following defines what the club expects from its members and will answer some questions you may have about the club procedures and the decision-making process.

*Please take the time to read the following carefully.*

#### **THE CLUB AND THE TEAM**

Members of FC Long Beach agree to put the Club before the Team. What is best for the Club will come before what is best for one particular team when there is a conflict.

#### **THE TEAM AND THE INDIVIDUAL**

Members of FC Long Beach agree to put their Team before the individual player. If conflicts arise between the Team and a Player and/or Parent, the Team Coach will make decisions for the best of the Team.

#### **Players Responsibility:**

- Club Soccer is a year-round commitment and you will train approximately 44 weeks (31 for older teams) out of the year. During the periods of time off, you are responsible, as an athlete, to maintain your fitness level and keep your skills up by training on your own.

- Always give 100% effort to try and improve your skill level for your own benefit and the benefit of the team.
- Remember that training only twice a week will not make you a great player, you must practice on your own as well.
- As important as soccer is to all of us, schoolwork comes first. Do your very best in the classroom in order to participate in training and match days.
- Your commitment to your team is to place all other recreational activities secondary.
- As a student of the game, you must be able to accept constructive criticism as well as praise from your Coach, and work to improve in areas suggested by the Coach.
- All team decisions by the Coach are based on what is best for the team. Be positive in fulfilling your role as a member of the team even if that role has you playing a different position or as a substitute on match days. Always support what is best for your team.
- If you have a problem, feel free to discuss this with your Coach and/or your Team Administrator directly. They are there to help you and work with you.
- Arrive on time with required equipment as set forth by your Coach. Proper soccer gear is mandatory for all training and match days. You will not be allowed to participate if you do not have the proper gear.
- If you are late to training sessions or games, your playing time could be reduced (at the discretion of the Coach).
- You are responsible for informing your Coach if you cannot attend training and/or match day.
- You are obligated to follow all rules as set forth by FC Long Beach, LBYSO, CYSA, USSF, FIFA Laws of the Game and all team specific rules.
- You are expected to represent FC Long Beach and your team in a professional and respectful manner at all times.
- You have a responsibility to your team, in preparing for a match, to have proper rest/sleep before matches.
- You have a responsibility to your team, in preparing for a match, to eat and drink the proper foods and liquids before and during matches.

### Parents Responsibility

- To support the Coach, players and team to develop a fun positive environment, where the players can grow as soccer players without the pressure of match day results.
- Ensure your child attends all practices, games and team functions.
- Agree to pay all Club and Team Fees on time and in full.
- There are no refunds of club fees if you decide to quit playing during the season. The commitment is for the full season.
- The Team/Club budget is an “estimated” budget that is done several months before the start of the season. As circumstances change throughout the year, the budget is also subject to change.

- All fundraising money will stay with the team and not be refunded.
- Make sure your child is picked up promptly at the end of practice.
- Follow all rules as set forth by FC Long Beach, LBYSO, CYSA and all team specific rules.
- At times Coaches will make decisions or give instructions that you as a parent may disagree with. In this situation you are expected to support the team and refrain from voicing your opinion in front of the players (including your own child) and other parents. You are welcome to contact the Coach or Team Administrator to discuss the matter at a later time.
- Line of communication should always be first with your Team Administrator, then your Head Coach, then the Director of Coaching, then the Club President.
- Aside from paid Trainers and Coaches, The Club is run by volunteers. There's a continual need for volunteers and it's expected that all parents support FCLB by giving volunteer hours. Additionally, there will be certain events throughout the year that will require your participation.
- The Club will require a *minimum* of two (2) volunteer hours for each player throughout the year. The total hours from the team will be determined by the amount of players on the team. Examples of this could be helping to line fields for LBYSO (not including your weekly team field lining before your games), FC Long Beach Tournament hours, Opening Day assistance, Picture Day assistance, etc.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the team hours will be due by August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- If a team is short hours, they will pay a fee of \$50 per hour for each hour that is not worked.

#### Sideline Behavior:

- Parents should conduct themselves in a positive manner on the sideline at all times. Support with encouragement.
- Parents should never make comments to opposing team members or referees. Verbal abuse will not be tolerated and you will be asked to leave if necessary.
- You will be held responsible for the actions of your guests.
- Do not give instructions during a match. Although well intentioned, "Go", "Send the ball", "Shoot", etc...are instructions and should not be given during the game. It is important that Players not be distracted at practices and during games by listening to multiple instructions from the sideline.
- Be your child's biggest fan, but don't give him/her false praise. Developing players is a process. When a parent tells them "great job" when running up and kicking the ball down the field really far, that may be the complete opposite of what the Coach wants in that situation. So you just reinforced the very act we are trying to get them away from and the player is now conflicted with different instructions from the parent and the coach.
- Parents are not allowed on the field at Bancroft during training. Please sit to the side on the asphalt or on the other side, but not on the field, even if your team practices in the center. Please leave the playing area to

players only. Please wait until after practice to speak with your coach, not during practice.

### Coach's Responsibility:

- The role of a Coach is to create a positive and safe environment where the players have fun and develop their soccer skills.
- The Coaching goal is to improve the soccer skills of each player to prepare him or her for the opportunity to play at the next possible level.
- The club's top priority is player development, never placing results ahead.
- The Coach shall provide instruction 3 hours per week, and game day instruction.
- The Coach will be responsible for all player evaluations and player selection, to create a team that will play quality competitive soccer.
- The Coach shall make match day playing decisions such as player positioning, playing time, and tactical decisions.
- The Coach shall provide their players with an annual evaluation of their skills given to them in writing or verbally at the end of each season (fall/spring).
- As a representative of FC Long Beach, the Coaches are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner on and off of the field and follow all rules as set forth by FC Long Beach, LBYSO, CYSA, USSF and FIFA Laws of the Game.

### Team Administrator Responsibility

- Assist the Coach in creating a positive and fun environment for our children.
- With the Coach's advice, the TA is expected to plan and develop an annual game and tournament schedule to distribute to the parents. Remember to include the August FCLB Invitational.
- Assist the Coach with all administrative duties, player cards, registration, game and tournament check-in, etc.
- Assist in communication of team issues, direction and goals of the team, as set forth by the Coach, to the parents.
- Attend Team Administrator meetings.
- Manage the collection of club and team dues (a team treasurer should handle the day to day financial activities under the direction of the TA)

### FCLB INVITATIONAL

The FCLB Invitational is our club's August tournament. The tournament is an opportunity to showcase our club and community, and requires every team's participation. We encourage teams to compete and to recruit other club teams to compete. Team duties like field marshalling, field preparation or snack donations are mandatory for every team. Each team must complete the FCLB Invitational Team Volunteer Application. If a

team fails to perform their assigned tournament duty, a \$500 penalty fine will be assessed to the team. Team participation is assigned and evaluated by the Tournament Director.

### TEAM TRAVEL

During the course of the soccer season, Teams will participate in away games. It is the responsibility of the player's parents to arrange transportation to these games. In certain cases, the Team may participate in a travel tournament that will require the Team to stay overnight. The Team Administrator will make suggested travel arrangements in advance. Travel costs are the parent's responsibility and are not part of the club fees.

### FCLB FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

There are three different levels of fees, club fees, team fees and player fees.

**Club Fees** cover the overhead and infrastructure costs of running the club. After the costs are determined for the year, the club expenses are split up among the teams. These are, but not limited to, club coaching and training fees, field rental and maintenance costs, field lighting, field rental through various organizations, player insurance, Cal South registration, club advertising/marketing, club website as well as other club operating expenses.

**Team Fees** consist of tournament fees, any additional team coaching fees, coach travel costs, referee fees and various team equipment. This fee will vary from team to team depending on the amount of tournaments, travel, etc.

**Player fees** consist of the cost of the team uniform and other individual equipment.

### DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

If disciplinary action is necessary, the following steps may be taken:

1. The Coach will discuss the problem privately with the Player, with the expectation that the problem will be corrected immediately.
2. If the problem persists, the Coach and/or Team Administrator will communicate with the Player's Parents to discuss the problem and lack of response on the part of the Player. Parents will have the opportunity to be involved with the correction of the problem at this time.
3. If the problem persists, playing time may be affected or the Coach may temporarily suspend the Player. If the situation warrants, the Coach may ask a player to leave the Club.

I HAVE READ THE 2015/2016 PLAYER/PARENT AGREEMENT AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE POLICIES OF FC LONG BEACH DURING THE 2015 - 2016 SOCCER SEASON. AT THE END OF THIS SEASON, MY COMMITMENT IS COMPLETE AND I AM FREE TO PLAY FOR ANOTHER TEAM/CLUB IF I SO CHOOSE. LIKewise, THE CLUB'S COMMITMENT TO ME IS COMPLETE AT THE END OF THIS SEASON.

PLAYER NAME (print) \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

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