



FC Long Beach

2009/2010 Player/Parent Agreement

(August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010)

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 42 weeks (31 for older teams) out of the year (9.5 months) and have 2.5 months off. 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.
- Have fun with your team. 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, school-work 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 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 with 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.
- Make sure your child is picked up promptly at the end of practice.
- To commit to the team for a full year.
- Follow all rules as set forth by FC Long Beach, LBYSO, CSL, CYSA and all team specific rules.

- There will be times Coaches make decisions and Players are given instructions that parents may not agree with. In this event, parents must conduct themselves in a manner that is still supportive of the team. Such disagreements should never be expressed aloud in front of other players or parents. You may contact the coach or team administrator at an appropriate time before or after training or matches (but not in front of other players including your son/daughter)
- The Club is operated by volunteers and we continue to need volunteer hours and fundraising throughout the year to keep the club running. There will be certain club fundraisers throughout the year that will require your participation.
- Each player is responsible to purchase 3 community discount cards as a fundraiser. These cost \$10.00 each, \$30.00 total.
- The Club will also require a *minimum* of ten (10) volunteer hours from each team throughout the year. These hours should not come from the coach, team administrator or any other person that is already giving time on your team. Examples of this could be helping to line fields for LBYSO (not including your weekly team field lining before your games), Opening Day assistance, Picture Day assistance, volunteering for our yearly fundraiser, etc.

Sideline Coaching:

- Parents should conduct themselves in a positive manner on the sideline at all times.
- 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. Please ensure that they follow our rules.
- Do not give instructions during a match. All instruction is to be given by the coach only. Although well intentioned, “Go”, “Send the ball”, “Shoot”, etc...are instructions and should not be yelled 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. We are trying to develop players and it’s a long process. When a parent tells them “great job” when running up and kicking the ball down the field really far, that is probably the complete opposite of what we’re trying to teach. So you just reinforced the very act we are trying to get them away from and the player is now confused as the coach probably told them to handle that situation differently.
- Support through positive encouragement is welcomed after a good play. The kids love it when they hear positive comments from the sideline. Be their biggest fan.

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 4-6 hours per week including match 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, CSL, CYSA, USSF and FIFA Laws of the Game.
- The coach will discuss and address concerns with parents over development issues with their children.

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.
- 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)

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.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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

1. The Coach 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 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, the Coach may temporarily suspend the Player. If the situation warrants, the Coach may ask a player to leave the Club.
4. The Parents of any Player asked to leave the Club may request to meet with the Director of Competitive Play and/or the Competitive Play Committee to discuss the matter at any time.

I HAVE READ THIS PLAYER/PARENT AGREEMENT AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE POLICIES OF FC LONG BEACH DURING THE 2008 - 2009 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 _____

DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

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