

2026-27 SCUSC Player/Parent Agreement

Parents/Guardians - Please read the entire agreement and review the Obligations and Code of Decorum with your player(s).

Our professional staff are committed to our mission to provide high-quality soccer instruction in a safe and fun environment. This contract confers obligations on both the Club, Player, and Player's Parent/Guardian. Players become eligible to be rostered to a team when they are registered to the Competitive Program and Team Fees Program. Financial responsibilities are agreed upon within those registrations. This agreement further outlines the Competitive Player commitment.

OBLIGATIONS

Club Obligations to the Player

- Ensure a safe and developmentally appropriate environment for fun and advancement.
- Provide each team with a qualified Coach.
- Provide each team with a training schedule for field usage during the seasonal year.
- Provide a sufficient number of training sessions with a qualified instructor to allow players to reach their potential.
- Advise players of opportunities within the Club for individual and team growth.
- Ensure teams are registered in a timely manner for the appropriate league and FYSA and/or US Club championship tournaments as determined jointly by the coach and director.
- Ensure communication regarding club operations is readily available via email, website, and/or social media.
- Although we strive to provide quality playing time for all players, there are NO specific guarantees of playing time in any single game for Competitive Team players.

Member (Family and Player) Obligation to the Club

- Payment of all registration and training fees for the entire year according to the payment plan selected when registering, even if the player leaves the club prior to the end of the season.
- Payment of all team fees.
- Abiding by tournament rules and requirements, including Stay to Play.
- Payment of red card fines assessed by the governing league or association in the event the player is sent off - whether league or tournament match.
- Purchase of the designated training gear and game-day uniforms.
- A minimum of ten hours of volunteer service to the team or club per family (unless waived).
- Adherence to the SCUSC Code of Decorum.
- Maintain contact information to ensure receipt of club emails, calls, and Playmetrics notifications.
- Players and their families should anticipate that some holidays may be impacted by tournament play, such as Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving, Winter Break, President's Day, etc.

POLICIES OF NOTE

Space Coast United Soccer Club “Playing Up” Policy

Playing Up: Space Coast United directors will advise if a player is to be considered to play up in the next older age bracket or in the boys' program (if female). This will be initiated by the club and will not be initiated by Parents. Parents shall not approach the coach or the director to request playing up; the player will be identified and asked to attend a number of practices. A decision will then be made on the placement of the player.

Space Coast United Soccer Club Outside Play Policy

- Space Coast United Soccer Club (SCUSC) recognizes that members may choose to create and coach independent small-side (3v3 / 6v6) teams outside of the Club. SCUSC does not permit any players to participate in 3v3/6v6 tournaments during the soccer season unless given permission by the Director of Coaching (DOC).
- At no point will SCUSC cancel regular-season games in order to permit players or teams to play small-sided variations of the sport.
- SCUSC recognizes that members may have opportunities to guest play and/or participate in specialized camps/programs. You must request permission to participate from the Director of Coaching; the Space Coast team to which you've committed must take scheduling priority.
- SCUSC does not prevent players, parents or teams from participating in events during the off-season (May 31-August 1).

Space Coast United Soccer Club ECNL, ECNL RL, Girls Academy Showcase Policy

When ECNL, ECNL RL, and/or Girls Academy teams are participating in any Showcase event, it is the expectation that the player attends every game and does not leave the event early for any reason other than injury. In the event a player chooses to not participate or leave early to play in a high school event, the situation will be reviewed by the executive director, and a decision will be made regarding the future participation of the player with Space Coast United.

Space Coast United Soccer Club Girls Academy and ECNL - Middle School and Junior Varsity Expectations

While participation in middle school and junior varsity soccer is encouraged, it must not conflict with Girls Academy or ECNL training sessions at Space Coast United Soccer Club. Attendance at club training is expected and takes priority. Players are expected to return to club practices within one (1) week of their school season's completion.

CODE OF DECORUM

Space Coast United Soccer Club (SCUSC) is committed to the promotion of the highest standards of behavior in the sport of soccer. The following standards of conduct outline SCUSC's philosophy. SCUSC considers ethical decorum paramount to the game of soccer. SCUSC asserts that every member deserves

to be treated with respect and dignity, on and off the field. Discrimination, violence of any kind, and bullying have no place in the sport of soccer or at SCUSC. Members of SCUSC shall not offend the dignity or integrity of a person or group of people through contemptuous, discriminatory or denigratory words or actions on account of age, race, skin color, ethnicity, nationality, social origin, gender, disability, ability, physical appearance, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, socioeconomic status, education, birth or any other status, sexual orientation, or any other reason. Violation of this rule may result in dismissal from the Club.

At all times, adult members are expected to be role models for the youth involved in the Club and all leagues we participate in, exhibiting good sporting behavior in both victory and defeat. At no time shall any member, their guests, and/or dependents, become involved in any altercation, verbal and/or physical, whether on the sideline or away from the field with other spectators before, during or after any SCUSC game or event (home or away).

Failure to comply with the Code of Decorum can result in disciplinary consequences up to and including dismissal from the Club.

SCUSC Members – Parents/Guardians/Players – I will:

- demonstrate ethical behavior. Ethical behavior includes but is not limited to, accepting all penalties without discussion, no back talk, clean competitive field play, and appropriate conduct on and off the field. Fair play and good sportsmanship are expected as a SCUSC member.
- respect the referees, opponents, spectators, and coaches. Profane or abusive language is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Physical violence is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
 - respect the authority of the referee, even though I may not agree with the call.
 - respect other players, opponents and teammates; mistakes will not be criticized. I will never disparage another player on social media.
 - respect coaching direction and decisions during games. Questions, comments, and concerns can be addressed outside of training and game time after a 24-hour delay. One-on-one electronic communication between adults and minors outside of PlayMetrics is strictly prohibited.
- represent SCUSC as a member of SCUSC, and as such, must not conduct myself in a way that reflects poorly on the Club. This includes my use of social media in reference to the Club, Coaches, SCUSC staff, and fellow members.
- Direct any questions to the coach or director; at the leagues' request, all communication must come through the club and not from individual teams or parents.
- learn the laws of the game. Better understanding of the game will increase my enjoyment of the game and my abilities in the game.
- not bring alcohol, tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco), e-cigarettes, vaping devices, illegal drugs, pets, artificial noisemakers and firearms to any SCUSC training session, games, and/or events (home and away). I will adhere to all posted restrictions at the facilities I attend. I understand no pets are allowed on any SCUSC training grounds per Brevard County Ordinance (Ord. No. 78, § 116, 10-4-12).
- supervise siblings and guests; unsupervised children are not permitted on training grounds
- limit photography/video to my own player; do not post images of other people's children to social media without their parents' consent.

- recognize that soccer is all-inclusive and recognizes everyone as a diversity to be valued. I will embrace the broad definition of diversity that includes but is not limited to age, race, skin color, ethnicity, nationality, social origin, gender, disability, ability, physical appearance, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, socioeconomic status, education, birth or any other status, sexual orientation, or any other reason.

SCUSC implements this Code of Decorum to ensure soccer is enjoyed in a safe, positive, and fun environment. Youth soccer is a time for players to develop their technical, physical, tactical, and social skills. Winning will never be valued over the safety and welfare of all members. Coaches, match officials, and players make mistakes. Together we use these opportunities to learn and grow.

I understand that I am responsible for my actions as a Member of the Club, as well as the actions of my dependents and guests.

I understand that if I do not follow this Code, any of the following actions may be taken by Space Coast United Soccer Club, I may be:

- required to apologize to an offended party
- issued with a verbal warning from a club official
- warned formally by the Board of Directors
- required to meet with a club official or club committee
- obliged to undertake an education course
- obliged to leave the match venue by the Club
- suspended from training
- requested by the Club not to attend future games
- required to leave the club along with any dependents (for the remainder of the season or permanently)

CLUB FINANCIAL POLICIES

ARREARS: Members who become more than 15 days behind in their payments or team fees will incur late fees and will become ineligible to play. If payments are not brought current by April 30, 2027, the account will be placed in “bad standing” with FYSA or US Club, which restricts their rostering with any affiliated club until the balance is paid in full. In addition, the player will not be allowed to tryout for the upcoming season.

REFUND REQUESTS: The Club will consider refund requests for two reasons. 1) The player is unable to complete the season for medical reasons if a player is injured while participating in a SCUSC sanctioned practice, game or activity resulting in the player's inability to complete the remainder of the soccer year. 2) The family has relocated out of the area and commuting to SCUSC facilities would constitute an unreasonable hardship. It is the members' responsibility to contact admin@spacecoastsoccer.org if either of these two reasons occurs. Team Fees are not refunded.

The Registration Deposit is non-refundable. If a registered player decides against joining before season start, any allowed refund will be minus the registration deposit.

No refunds will be given in the event such injury occurs in the final 2 months of the soccer year.

PRORATING OF REFUNDS: The Club incurs fixed costs immediately upon player registration regardless of whether a player is active with SCUSC for one week, one month, or the full year. If a player is determined

to be eligible for a refund due to the exceptional circumstances above, it will be prorated based upon the length of time remaining between the request for release and May 31, 2027 less any incurred administrative and program costs. Team Fees are not prorated.

TRANSFER/RELEASE POLICY: Players are making a one-season commitment, effective upon registration through July 31, 2027. Requests for transfers or release prior to the end of the seasonal year are not guaranteed and will only be executed if it does not negatively affect the team in the determination of the Club President AND the Executive Director. If such a release is granted, the member is still obligated to pay the 2026-27 registration and team fees in full plus a transfer/release fee.

RED CARD POLICY: Red cards incur a fee to the club from the league associated with the event. Members who receive a red card during a SCUSC game will be billed the red card fee.

TO REQUEST CANCELLATION OR REFUND

To cancel or dispute a payment on this registration, contact our Club Administrator at admin@spacecoastsoccer.org. Cancellations during the season are subject to our Refund Policy found in this agreement.

Requests for refunds or credits must be submitted in writing with any applicable documentation using the Request for Refund/Credit form. Visit spacecoastsoccer.org/Forms and will be located in Playmetrics.

If you have questions, contact the Club Administrator at admin@spacecoastsoccer.org or Space Coast United Soccer Club, PO Box 410301, Melbourne, FL 32941.

PlayMetrics Communication Policy

PlayMetrics is designated for essential team communication only, including:

- Practice schedules and updates
- Game and tournament information
- Club-related announcements

It is not intended for ongoing discussions, debates, or non-essential messaging.

To ensure a professional and efficient environment for players, families, and staff, the following expectations apply:

1. Communication Standards

- Messages must remain clear, respectful, and relevant to team logistics
- Repeated messaging, off-topic discussions, or excessive replies are not permitted
- Direct concerns should not be addressed in group chats

2. Chain of Communication

All questions or concerns must follow the proper pathway: Coach → Director → Director of Coaching (DOC). Please allow appropriate time for responses before escalating.

3. Accountability

Failure to follow this policy will result in:

- Temporary suspension of chat privileges (minimum 24 hours)
- Extended restrictions if behavior continues

The club reserves the right to limit or remove messaging access to maintain a focused and respectful communication environment.

REGISTRATION (Club) FEES

These fees are payable to SCUSC and are processed online via credit card (CC) or ACH. Please note that applicable processing fees will be added based on the selected payment method. These fees cover:

- Player registration fees to the Florida Youth Soccer Association, U.S. Club Soccer, USSSA, or Girls Academy providing membership to the governing bodies for program administration and insurance.
- Team registration fees for leagues such as ECNL, Girls Academy, ECNL RL, FCL, GCF, BYSL, and referee fees for regular league play.
- Operational and administrative costs such as field and equipment maintenance, lighting, administrative support, accounting, scheduling, office supplies, marketing, etc.

We are committed to maintaining a safe playing environment and ensuring best business practices for the organization.

- Equipment such as goals, training mannequins, cones, pinnies, nets, etc.
- Licensed and experienced coaching and training staff. The quality of the staff has the strongest impact on the development of the players' skills and their enjoyment of the game. SCUSC understands coaching at this level requires a licensed professional. SCUSC takes the legal and ethical obligation of being a fair employer seriously.
- Seminars and town hall meetings for members throughout the year on subjects relevant to player development.

TEAM FEES

These fees are payable to SCUSC and are processed online via credit card (CC) or ACH. Please note that applicable processing fees will be added based on the selected payment method. Team Fee registration is expected at the same time as club registration. Examples of team expenses are:

- Tournament & Showcase registration fees
- The team fees estimate is based on your expected league travel and attending these events. If any tournaments/events are added, the team will receive an additional invoice.
- Non-league referee fees (e.g. Scrimmage officiated by certified referee)
- Coach travel expenses for out-of-county games and tournaments
- Championship series referee fees (e.g. State Cup, President's Cup, Florida Cup, Commissioners Cup)
- Team administrative costs (Playmetrics, printing, and office supplies)

As team expenses are entirely dependent upon the age group and level of play, especially with respect to the number, type, and location of tournaments, a projected team budget for the year is provided. The Club supports teams by promoting their fundraising events on social media to assist them in offsetting their team-specific expenses, thereby lowering direct costs to members. Fundraising guideline form will be located in Playmetrics when needed.

FAMILY EXPENSES

Costs to participate in Competitive Soccer include Registration (Club), Team Fees, uniforms, and family travel. Most tournaments are "Stay to Play", meaning the teams are required to stay in tournament hotels booked through their provider as a condition for participation. For an overview, see our Competitive Fees web page.

SCUSC AGREEMENT

I understand and accept my commitment to Space Coast United Soccer Club. I/We have read, agree to, and understand the obligations outlined in this agreement. By signing this form, I give Space Coast United Soccer Club permission to register my child in the appropriate governing body (US Club, USYS, USSSA, GA) to play for the August 1, 2026 thru July 31, 2027 season.

I further consent for my child to be photographed or video recorded while participating in Space Coast United Soccer Club activities and for the images to be used for promotional purposes without name identification. (To retract only this part of the agreement, send your request to admin@spacecoastsoccer.org.)

I hereby release any officers, directors, coaches, sponsors, or owners/lienholders of properties used by Space Coast United Soccer Club from any and all claims and causes of action of any kind whatsoever which the undersigned has or might have, known or unknown, now existing or might arise in the future, directly or indirectly attributable to any injury or damage that might result from my child's participation in soccer activities.

This Competitive Player Contract takes effect immediately as of the completion of the player registration and remains in full force and effect until July 31, 2027. All members shall abide by this agreement.