EBBETTS PASS FC
INFORMATIONAL PACKET

OUR PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

We believe competitive soccer should help players grow both on and off the field. We value effort, coachability, respect, accountability, and a willingness to learn. Winning matters in competition, but development, character, and team culture matter throughout the experience.

SEASONAL CALENDAR & LEAGUE INFORMATION

Ebbetts Pass FC currently offers two competitive seasons: Fall and Winter.

FALL SEASON | AUGUST – NOVEMBER

The Fall season typically includes NorCal Premier league play, generally on Saturdays. About half of games are expected to be at home at Feeney Park and half away. Away locations may include Turlock, Manteca, Oakdale, and Stockton.

WINTER SEASON | DECEMBER – FEBRUARY

The Winter format may vary by team and coach. Teams may participate in tournament play, a weekly league with consistent games, or a combination of formats.

Schedules may change due to league requirements, field availability, weather, or other circumstances. Families will receive schedule updates through the club or team communication channels.

TRYOUT PROCESS, PLAYER EVALUATION & TEAM SELECTION

Ebbetts Pass FC aims to make team placement fair, consistent, and development-focused. Evaluations help the club identify an appropriate level of challenge for each player while considering team needs and competitive balance. Attending tryouts does not guarantee a roster spot.

The Selection Process

1. Registration: New players seeking competitive placement must register and attend scheduled tryouts or complete an approved coach evaluation.

2. Player Evaluations: Players may participate in individual skill assessments, small-sided activities, and scrimmages. Coaches observe technical ability, decision-making, game awareness, effort, attitude, teamwork, and overall performance.

3. Evaluation Review: Scores and observations may be reviewed using the club's evaluation tiers:

- Tier 1 – Top Competitive Players
- Tier 2 – Strong Competitive Players
- Tier 3 – Developing Players

4. Age Group & Team Formation: The club generally forms teams by natural age group. Adjacent age groups may be combined when player numbers require it. Placement outside a player's natural age group may be considered in limited circumstances for development, safety, or team balance.

5. Roster Selection: Team formation considers evaluation results, age group, development needs, roster availability, and competitive balance.

6. Approval & Notification: Final rosters are reviewed through the club's selection process. Ebbetts Pass FC strives to notify families by email within 12 days of the last tryout. Families may accept or decline a team offer.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tryouts or coach evaluation is required for new players seeking competitive team placement.
- Returning competitive players are not required to attend tryouts but are strongly encouraged to participate, especially for Fall season placement.
- Individual evaluations may be considered for players who are unable to attend scheduled tryouts.

- Coaches may evaluate or recruit additional players after tryouts to fill open roster spots or meet team needs.
- Team placement is not guaranteed. Families are not obligated to accept an offer.
- Fall players who decline a competitive offer may still participate in recreational soccer. Recreational teams are not offered during the Winter season.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER RECEIVING A TEAM OFFER?

1. TEAM OFFER & ACCEPTANCE

Families will receive an email notifying them of the player's team placement decision within 12 days of the last tryout.

Families may accept or decline the offer. Participating in tryouts does not obligate a family to accept a team placement.

2. ONLINE REGISTRATION & REQUIRED AGREEMENTS

Families who accept a team offer will receive instructions to complete competitive registration and any required online agreements.

A player's roster spot is not fully confirmed until the required registration steps and agreements have been completed.

3. FEES & PAYMENTS

Families will receive information about applicable registration fees, payment deadlines, and any additional team expenses before completing their commitment.

4. TEAM COMMUNICATION

Once registration is complete, families will receive information about team communication, schedules, upcoming dates, and expectations from their coach.

COMPETITIVE FEE & FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Understanding registration fees, uniforms, and additional team expenses for Fall and Winter competitive soccer.

FALL SEASON REGISTRATION (August – November)

Players participating in the Fall competitive season are responsible for two registration fees:

EPYSL Fall Registration: $175 per player

- Includes the required recreational registration and uniform.

Ebbetts Pass FC Competitive Fee: $100 per player

- Supports the additional costs associated with participating in the competitive program.

TOTAL FALL REGISTRATION: $275 PER PLAYER

The EPYSL registration fee and competitive club fee are separate charges. Families will receive registration instructions and payment information during the Fall team placement and registration process.

WINTER SEASON REGISTRATION (December - February)

Ebbetts Pass FC charges one flat $100 Winter Competitive Fee per player, regardless of age group. This fee supports the club's Winter competitive program and helps cover league registration, player gear, safety expenses, field use, team equipment, and general club operations.

COMPETITIVE FEE BREAKDOWN

NorCal Winter League Registration: $32
Player Gear Allotment: $25
Medical & AED Safety / Training: $20
Feeney Field Use: $13
Team Equipment: $5
Club General Fund: $5
TOTAL COMPETITIVE FEE: $100 PER PLAYER

ADDITIONAL UNIFORM COST

Uniforms are not included in the $100 Competitive Fee.

- Returning players who already have the required uniform: No additional uniform charge.
- New Winter competitive players: An additional $50 uniform fee.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM & TRAVEL COSTS

TOURNAMENT FEES

Tournament costs are separate from seasonal registration fees. Applicable costs will be communicated by the coach or club before participation.

TRAVEL EXPENSES

Families are responsible for their own transportation, lodging, meals, and personal travel expenses when traveling for games or tournaments.

PAYMENT EXPECTATIONS

- Registration fees and payment deadlines will be communicated during the team offer and registration process.
- Families are expected to complete payments by the communicated deadlines.
- Additional tournament and team expenses will be communicated before payment is expected.
- Outstanding balances may affect a player's eligibility to participate.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT & REFUND CONSIDERATIONS

Accepting a team placement and completing competitive registration acknowledges the family's financial commitment to the program.

Registration fees help cover expenses committed on behalf of the team and club. Refund requests will be reviewed individually based on the circumstances and applicable club policies. Refunds are not guaranteed.

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PLAYER AND PARENT EXPECTATIONS AGREEMENT

Being part of a competitive team is a commitment shared by players and families. Everyone plays an important role in creating a positive, respectful, and supportive team environment.

PLAYER COMMITMENT EXPECTATIONS

Players participating in Ebbetts Pass FC are expected to:

- Bring a positive attitude, give consistent effort, and be willing to learn from coaches and teammates.
- Attend scheduled practices, games, and team events. Communicate absences or schedule conflicts to the coach as early as possible.
- Arrive on time and prepared, with the required uniform, cleats, shin guards, water, and appropriate training gear.
- Listen to coaches, stay focused during team activities, and follow instructions.
- Treat teammates, coaches, referees, opponents, and spectators with respect.
- Take responsibility for personal behavior, equipment, and being ready to participate.

PLAYING TIME & PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Competitive soccer is designed to challenge players in a higher-level environment where development, commitment, and team success are emphasized.

Playing time is not equal and is not guaranteed. Coaches strive to provide meaningful opportunities for players; however, playing time will vary from player to player and game to game. Equal playing time is not an expectation of the competitive program.

Playing time may be based on several factors, including:

- Attendance and commitment
- Effort and attitude
- Performance and participation during training
- Game readiness and preparation
- Position and team needs

- Match circumstances and the coach's decisions

Coaches are responsible for making lineup and playing-time decisions based on the overall development of players and the needs of the team.

Families are encouraged to support player development by focusing on effort, learning, teamwork, and progress rather than comparing playing time with other players.

Players should be encouraged to communicate respectfully with their coach about their development, areas for improvement, and what they can work on to earn more opportunities.

PARENT & SIDELINE EXPECTATIONS

Parents and families play an important role in creating a positive team environment. Families are expected to:

- Encourage all players and support the team in a positive manner.
- Respect coaches' roles and decisions, including team selection, positions, substitutions, and playing time.
- Model good sportsmanship toward referees, opponents, other families, and volunteers.
- Avoid negative comments, coaching from the sidelines, or behavior that distracts players or undermines the team.
- Address concerns respectfully and privately through the appropriate communication process.
- Help create a welcoming environment where players can learn, make mistakes, and improve.

RESPECT THE GAME – REFEREE EXPECTATIONS

Referees are an essential part of the game. Their decisions must be treated respectfully, even when families disagree with a call.

- Do not argue with, confront, or make negative comments toward referees.
- Allow coaches and team officials to address game-related questions through the appropriate channels.
- Never enter the field or approach a referee during or immediately after a match to dispute a decision.
- Remember that players learn sportsmanship by watching the adults around them.

COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS

Ebbetts Pass FC values respectful, open communication between families, players, coaches, and club leadership.

Everyday Questions: Parents are welcome to speak briefly with coaches before or after practices and games for general questions or quick updates.

Longer Conversations: For individual concerns that require more time, parents should request a separate time to meet with the coach.

Appropriate Timing: Avoid discussing playing time, team decisions, or other sensitive issues while the coach is actively supervising players or preparing the team. Keep conversations respectful and private, away from players and other families whenever possible.

Player Communication: We encourage age-appropriate players to speak directly and respectfully with their coach about questions, goals, and development.

24-Hour Guideline: For emotionally charged concerns following a game, allow 24 hours before requesting a discussion. This gives everyone time to reflect. This guideline does not apply to urgent safety concerns or suspected misconduct, which should be reported immediately.

COMMUNICATION PATHWAY:

Team Coach → Competitive Coordinator → Club Leadership

Safety concerns, suspected misconduct, discrimination, harassment, or other urgent matters should be reported promptly through the appropriate club or league channels.

PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS

- Attend scheduled practices consistently and arrive on time, ready to participate.
- Bring cleats, shin guards, water, and any other equipment requested by the coach.
- Notify the coach as early as possible when a player will be absent or late.
- Give focused effort, listen, stay engaged, and treat teammates respectfully.
- Parents should support attendance and communicate schedule conflicts promptly.

GAME-DAY EXPECTATIONS

- Arrive at the designated team arrival time, dressed and prepared with the correct uniform and equipment.
- Be ready to warm up and follow the coach's instructions.
- Show effort, composure, and sportsmanship regardless of the score or outcome.
- Respect teammates, coaches, referees, opponents, and spectators.
- Remain with the team and follow coach instructions during team activities.

PARENT AND SPECTATOR GAME-DAY EXPECTATIONS

Parents and spectators are asked to encourage positively from the sidelines and allow coaches to manage the players and game.

Please avoid giving players conflicting instructions, criticizing referees, or addressing sensitive team matters during competition.

TEAM TRAVEL & TOURNAMENTS

- Families should plan for required tournaments and team events and communicate conflicts as early as possible.
- Follow team travel or hotel arrangements when specific requirements are communicated by the coach or club.
- Arrive on time for departures, check-ins, games, and team activities.
- Players and families represent Ebbetts Pass FC while traveling and are expected to demonstrate respectful behavior.

Unless otherwise communicated, families are responsible for their own transportation, lodging, meals, and personal travel expenses. Tournament fees may be separate from registration and will be communicated before participation.

HOTEL & OVERNIGHT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

When teams travel and stay overnight for tournaments or other team events, players are expected to represent Ebbetts Pass FC with respect and responsibility. Players must respect hotel property, staff, guests, and other teams; follow all hotel rules, including pool safety and quiet hours; keep noise to a reasonable level; and remain in designated areas. Players must stay in their assigned rooms during curfew and may not enter another player's room without permission from a supervising adult. Rooms should

be kept clean, personal belongings secured, and all instructions from coaches and supervising adults followed.

Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children during team travel unless other arrangements have been communicated. Players who damage property, disregard hotel rules, or disrupt other guests may face consequences determined by the coach and club. Families may be responsible for any damage or additional charges caused by their player.

Our expectation is simple: When traveling as a team, players and families represent Ebbetts Pass FC both on and off the field.

ACCOUNTABILITY & DISCIPLINARY EXPECTATIONS

Players and families are expected to follow Ebbetts Pass FC standards and represent the club respectfully.

Misconduct, bullying, unsportsmanlike behavior, or failure to follow club rules may result in disciplinary action, including warnings, meetings with club leadership, or suspension from team activities.

Serious safety, harassment, or discrimination concerns will be addressed promptly. The club reserves the right to determine appropriate consequences based on the circumstances.