



## Virginia Beach City FC Travel Soccer Program Player and Parent/ Guardian Commitment

Welcome and congratulations on joining Virginia Beach City FC! We look forward to having your family as apart of our travel program.

Please read the following rules and guidelines for 9U to 19U travel soccer players in participating in Virginia Beach City FC. When accepting a travel roster spot online with Virginia Beach City FC Parents and/ or Guardians will have the opportunity to read and check that you agree with all items contained in the commitment letter.

### Player and Parent Commitment Confirmation

As a committed Virginia Beach City FC player the Parent/ Guardian recognizes that playing travel soccer requires consistent commitment and dedication on a year round basis. The Parent/ Guardian hereby choose to accept a spot on a Virginia Beach City FC travel team and understand that they are expected to make soccer our priority sport for the fall and spring seasons.

The fall season begins in August and goes until mid-November, and the spring begins in March and goes through mid-June. For players selected to a team that will play in leagues such as VSLI or EDP they can expect events may fall outside of this time frame and the expectation is these events and practices for these events would be top priority. Teams begin practicing up to four weeks prior to the start of each season. That means that any other sport should be secondary to soccer training sessions, games and tournaments during these seasons. By agreeing to accept an offer and make the club fee deposit the Parent/ Guardian understands they are making a year commitment to the team and club (August 1- July 31) and to participate in every event the team schedules.

The Parent/ Guardian also acknowledge that Virginia Beach City FC is a community based soccer organization. The Parent/ Guardian agree and understand that all parents must volunteer at either the team, travel program or club level. In addition, the Parent/ Guardian is aware that all team parents will help with club and team fundraising functions. Teams are highly recommended to run fundraising functions helping to lower costs and assist families that may need financial assistance. The Parent/ Guardian understand that without fundraising and the efforts of team and club volunteers, the cost of travel soccer would be significantly higher.

### General Obligations:

- Accept the coach's decisions (playing time, player position, tactics, etc.) and not be detrimental to a positive playing environment.
- Be responsible for knowing about club and team activities and updates by reading team and club emails and checking team and club websites
- Being on-time and attending all practices, all games and other team events and notifying my coach and team manager in a timely manner if I will be tardy or unable to make a practice, game, or meeting.



- Attending ALL team league games (including Spring break weekend), tournaments (selected holiday weekends) and State Cup play (Saturdays) that my teams participates in.
- Participate in team and or club fundraising events.
- Agreeing to abide by all club, league, tournament and other event codes of conduct, guidelines and policies.
- Not act in any way that is detrimental to the team or the Virginia Beach City FC.

### Player Specific Obligations

- Agree to make soccer your child's priority sport for the fall and spring seasons.
- Communicate frequently with the coaches
- Listen to my coaches and be open minded to constructive feedback
- Have a positive attitude and great work ethic
- Practice soccer skills and conditioning outside of team practices, games and events.
- Respect teammates and only give them positive encouragement.
- Have fun and learn!

### Parent and Guardian Specific Obligations

- Attend and participate in all team meetings
- Pay all Travel Club Program fees and Team fees; turn in all required forms and purchase club uniform kit by their due dates.
- Notify the coach and manager at least 24 hours in advance if your child is unable to make a practice, game or event.
- Notify the coach and manager by email of any serious medical conditions. The parent and/ or guardian understands the club is not liable for the medical condition or the treatment of medical conditions. They need to ensure they attend practices, games and events to help the player administer treatment as needed.
- Be encouraging, supportive, and positive of the players play on the field.
- Gain a general understanding of the Laws of the Games and respect officials and accept their decisions.
- Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent. Parents understand there are severe consequences for dissent and unsportsmanlike conduct such as banishment from their child's future games or future club activities.
- Support the coach, the team and not interfere at any time with the duties and responsibilities of the coach.
- Comply with the rules, policies, directions, and procedures of the team, administrators, and board members of the club as they apply to me.

In addition, all parents and/ or guardians will volunteer their services and talents to the team and club. Examples include volunteer team management positions, team sponsored events, club sponsored tournaments and club sponsored events.

### YEAR LONG COMMITMENT

The Parent/ Guardian understand and accept that the players' and coaches' commitment to travel soccer and to each other is for the soccer year which is August 1 – July 31. Refunds are not issued to players who leave during the soccer year. Parents also understand that if their child decides to leave for



any reason, including injury, during the soccer year, the Parent/ Guardian is still responsible for any monies owed to the team and/or club. The reason for this is expenses to run the team cannot be prorated if your child leaves during the season (Ex. League Fees, Facility Fees, Coach Fees, Office and Administration Fees, etc). The club's current refund policy regarding travel program fees can be found on the club website or by contacting the club administrator.

## FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

The Parent/ Guardian understand and accept the financial terms outlined on the TRYOUT and FEES page of the club website. In addition to the club program fees, each player is responsible for paying their team fees.

Team fees include costs to cover coach travel expenses, winter league or futsal fees, equipment/first aid supplies and tournament registrations exceeding 3 tournaments annually.

Please note: Failure to fulfill your financial obligations will result in the suspension of your son's/daughter's eligibility to play with travel soccer until all payments and applicable late fees are current.

Financial aid may be available for those families that qualify. In order to see if you qualify for financial aid please submit a financial aid application and provide the necessary documentation to Virginia Beach City FC.

## STATE AND LEAGUE POLICIES

It is the policy of Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) that all travel players registered with VYSA are responsible for making payments required in writing by their clubs and/or teams. Accordingly, VYSA will not process a transfer of a player from one club/team to another during the soccer year(August 1 – July 31) if that player is not current on his or her financial obligations, provided that (1) the financial obligation is set forth in writing and acknowledged by the player's family, and (2) the obligation is for the current seasonal year (August 1 – July 31).

If a player fails to meet his or her financial obligations pursuant to a written obligation, a club or team may involuntarily release the player at any time during the seasonal year, provided that the team has followed the process as outlined by VYSA.

### Recruitment:

A player rostered to a team under a Virginia Beach City FC is ineligible to transfer to another team or club due to recruitment within the same seasonal soccer year(August 1– July 31) unless the player has moved to the geographical area of the new club and beyond reasonable travel distance of the old club AND both Club Directors agree to the transfer.