

# University Place Soccer Club

## MEMBERSHIP POLICY STATEMENT



### I. Purpose:

1. The purposes of this policy statement is to set forth the policies and practices of the University Place Soccer Club ("UPSC") as they relate to membership in the club and the benefits and expectations thereof.
2. All policies and practices relative to membership in UPSC shall be governed first by the current edition of the UPSC Bylaws and second by this policy statement. In the event of a discrepancy between this policy statement and the Bylaws, the Bylaws shall govern.

### II. Definitions:

1. UPSCMember:
  - A. Any youth soccer team that has fulfilled the requirements of membership as set forth below and in the UPSC Bylaws.
2. UPSCAssociate Member:
  - A. Any player, player's parent, coach, team manager or other volunteer associated with a member team.
  - B. Any UPSC assigned referees, UPSC Board Members, Officers, administrators, or other UPSCvolunteers not directly associated with a member team.
  - C. With respect to any individual described above who is a minor, the parents and/or legal guardians of that individual shall also be an Associate Member of UPSC.

### III. Requirements of Membership:

1. UPSC Member:
  - A. To be considered a member of UPSC each individual team must complete a Team Affiliation Form on an annual basis.
  - B. Team Affiliation Forms must be submitted to the clubs Secretary no later than July 1st of each calendar year. Exceptions to this time requirement can be made for non-returning teams that form later than July 1.
  - C. Acceptance for membership shall be by the majority vote of the Executive Board.
  - D. Acceptance or denial of membership may be with or without stated reasons.
  - E. Once accepted, membership will last until August 31st of the subsequent calendar year.
2. UPSC Associate Member:
  - A. An individual will be considered an Associate Member at such time as they meet the definition of Associate Member as described above.
  - B. An individual will cease being an Associate Member at such time as they no longer meet the definition of Associate Member as described above.

### IV. Benefits of Membership:

1. All UPSC Members that are in good standing, as defined below, shall receive the following benefits from UPSC:
  - A. The UPSC Registrar will:
    - 1) Assign new players to the member team who have registered directly with UPSC for teams that do not have their own player selection process (non-select teams).
    - 2) Register players on behalf of the member team in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by Washington Youth Soccer ("WYS"), Tacoma-Pierce County

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Junior Soccer Association ("TPCJSA") and UPSC. UPSC will pay any player registration fees that are owed to either WYS or TPCJSA.

- 3) Process District League or Association League Affiliation Forms on behalf of the member team in a timely manner, provided such forms are completed, signed and delivered to the Registrar by the member team at least one week prior to the indicated deadline. UPSC will pay any District League or Association League affiliation fees.
  - 4) Process any State League Affiliation Forms on behalf of the member team, provided such forms are completed, signed and delivered to the Registrar at least one week prior to the indicated deadline.
  - 5) Process any State Tournament Application Forms on behalf of the member team in a timely manner, provided such forms are completed, signed and delivered to the Registrar, along with payment in full, at least one week prior to the indicated deadline.
  - 6) Prepare and sign team rosters for the member team's use in registering or participating in tournaments or cups.
- B. The UPSC Fields Chair will
- 1) Make a good faith effort to make available practice and game fields for the member team consistent with the UPSC Fields Policy.
  - 2) Make a good faith effort to ensure that the member team's game fields have the appropriate goals, nets, flags and field markings in accordance with the UPSC Fields Policy.
- C. The UPSC Games Chair will schedule the member team's home games at appropriate venues in accordance with the UPSC Fields Policy and coordinate scheduling with the team's league of choice.
- D. The UPSC Webmaster will provide the appropriate team representatives with access to the clubs website and online coaching tools.
- E. The UPSC Uniforms Chairman will assist the member team in purchasing team uniforms through any collective purchasing agreement that UPSC may have in place, consistent with the UPSC Uniform Policy.
- F. The UPSC Referee Assignor will make arrangements for officiating crews at each of the member team's home games in accordance with the UPSC Referee Policy.
2. Associate Members in good standing are entitled to attend and observe all meetings of the UPSC Board of Directors.

### V. Member in Good Standing:

1. To be considered in Good Standing members of UPSC must fulfill all of the following requirements and conditions:
  - A. The team has submitted a Team Affiliation Form for the current seasonal year and been accepted by the Executive Board;
  - B. All debts and fees owed by the team to UPSC are paid and current, it being understood that any amounts more than 30 days overdue are not current;
  - C. All adults on the team roster have current risk management clearance from Washington Youth Soccer and no adults who are not on the team roster are acting as coaches, trainers, assistants, managers or other volunteers;

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- D. There is a minimum of one adult on the team roster who is not currently under disciplinary suspension by Washington Youth Soccer, Tacoma Pierce County Junior Soccer Association, UPSC, or other regulating body having jurisdiction over the team or the league it competes in;
  - E. The entire team complies with the UPSC Sideline Behavior Policy;
  - F. Team uniforms comply with the UPSC Uniform Policy;
  - G. The team assists with maintenance of the practice and game fields consistent with the UPSC Fields Policy;
  - H. All teams older than U8 and younger than U18, meet one of the following volunteer service requirements:
    - 1) At least one parent or legal guardian of a rostered player for the current seasonal year, or an adult on the roster for the current seasonal year is a member of the UPSC Executive Board; or
    - 2) At least one parent or legal guardian of a rostered player for the current seasonal year, or an adult on the roster for the current seasonal year is a chairman or active participant of a committee recognized by the UPSC Executive Board; or
    - 3) An assigned team representative attends the UPSC Annual General Meeting, the UPSC Board of Directors Meeting that immediately precedes the beginning of the fall playing season (the Coaches Meeting), and three additional UPSC Board of Directors Meetings in the current seasonal year.
  - I. The team complies with all other written UPSC Policies.
- 2. Associate Members are considered to be in good standing if the team they are affiliated with is in good standing and they comply with the UPSC Sideline Behavior Policy.
  - 3. Members who do not comply with all of the requirements described above will be deemed Not in Good Standing and will not be entitled to the benefits of membership in UPSC, including but not limited to use of practice and game fields, scheduling of home games, or assignment of referees.
  - 4. Determination of compliance with the requirements listed above shall be at the sole discretion and judgment of the UPSC Executive Board.
  - 5. Any determination that a member is not in good standing by the board of directors will include stated reasons and will remain in effect until the deficiency causing the determination has been rectified to the satisfaction of the UPSC Executive Board.
  - 6. Any determination of a member not in good standing is subject to appeal to the UPSC Judicial Committee

**VI. Miscellaneous provisions:**

- 1. The UPSC Executive Board shall have the authority to deviate from this Policy Statement in day to day practice when deemed, in their sole judgment, to be in the best interest of UPSC.
- 2. This Policy Statement was adopted by a majority vote of the UPSC Board of Directors at a regular board meeting on Monday, April 9, 2012.

This policy statement shall remain in effect in perpetuity, or until modified by the Board of Directors of UPSC.