

Handbook Central California Soccer Alliance

INTRODUCTION

Central California Soccer Alliance (Alliance) is committed to teaching and developing players of all ages so they level while also developing and maintaining self-excellence, and a strong respect for teamwork and fair play.

This handbook is presented to provide you with a concise overview of the club's standards and expectations for our players. Once you have read the handbook and have decided that you are going to commit to Alliance, we ask that you sign the final page of this document.

CLUB OBJECTIVES (Our commitment to our players)

1. Alliance will provide competent coaches who will be committed to developing strong technical skills.
2. We will develop each player to may have the opportunity to provide opportunities for selection to the Olympic Development Program [ODP], and to provide opportunities for players to earn a college scholarship and/or advance to the professional level. We have had, and will continue to have, a successful track record of accomplishing these goals.
3. Alliance will assist its players with college searches by helping to match skill levels to the appropriate colleges and help individual players communicate with the college coach, scout, or representative. Alliance will provide p and players with a "College Night" seminar, with various level college coaches in attendance, to discuss college recruiting in detail.

CLUB STANDARDS (Your commitment to us)

1. **RESPECT** We expect all players to treat their coach, teammates and referees with respect and dignity. Each player will put the needs of the team above their own needs, and will put the needs of the club above the needs of the team.
2. **HONOR** We expect our players and parents to be ethical, honest, and to honor their verbal and written commitments made to join Alliance. Once your commitment is made, the Club expects your full participation and support for the entire season. Guest playing on teams outside of Alliance may be allowed.
3. **DISCIPLINE** When an Alliance player is in uniform or training kit, he/she represents the club, and should wear the uniform properly and with pride. Jerseys must always be tucked in.

We expect each player to attend all practices and games, and commit to playing their best at all times. We are a premier soccer club, and this should be demonstrated by each of our players.

Players can be dismissed for any conduct that is deemed unethical, unsportsmanlike or any other violation of club rules. Dismissal will be reviewed by the player's head coach, appropriate assistant coaching director and head coaching director.

CLUB RULES

1. Under the Coaches and Directors discretion, players will be placed on appropriate teams. A player may be guided to a higher or lower level team at any point in the season to gain more playing time, more confidence, and provide a better overall environment for his/her skill level. Parents must understand the first job of our organization is to make sure players are in the proper place to succeed and develop.
2. The head coach of each team will, at their sole discretion, select the appropriate playing position for each player. We expect each player and their parents to respect the coach's decision, understanding that the needs of the team are assessed above the needs of the player.
3. The head coach, at their sole discretion, will determine the amount of playing time each player will earn. Generally, players in age groups U11 and younger will be given an opportunity to play approximately 50% of the time on average.
4. Parents will treat the coach with dignity and respect, and should expect the same in return. Any concerns a parent may have will be addressed privately and respectfully with the coach, at a time that is determined by the coach. In the event that an acceptable resolution is not reached, the parent may discuss the concern with the gender appropriate Associate Coaching Director. If no resolution is reached there, then the parent may discuss the situation with the Head Coaching Director for the club.
5. Parents will represent the club with honor, treating all referees, players and other teams with respect.
6. All associated with Alliance will treat fields and facilities with respect. Garbage of any kind will be picked up.
7. No coaching from the sidelines will be tolerated. No inappropriate or disrespectful behavior from the sidelines will be tolerated. The coach has the authority to remove any spectator from the sidelines in the event he/she is determined to be an inappropriate distraction.
8. Alliance may allow players from other clubs who are not based within Region 7 to guest play on Alliance teams. Alliance may allow its registered players to guest play for other clubs who are based outside Region7. . All guest playing must be approved by the Coaching Directors. It is expected that Alliance players will refrain from training with other clubs during the season.
9. All families are responsible for the timely payment of registration and applicable team fees. If registration fees are not paid by the due date, the individual's player card will be withheld and the individual will not be able to participate in games or tournaments. Players/Parents will be responsible for team tournament fees for scheduled tournaments regardless of attendance. Exemption only for tournaments scheduled after initial team meeting.
10. All registration fees are non-refundable, unless approved by the Alliance Board of Directors.
11. Each team's tournament schedule will be determined by the head coach, in consultation with the Coaching Directors. All families are responsible for the timely payment of tournament fees, as determined by the Team Manager or Team Treasurer. All parents are responsible for providing adequate supervision for their player at all times, including during tournament weekends.

12. Alliance coaches are compensated by each of the players on the team. The payments will be made directly to the coach, in an amount approved by the Alliance board of directors, commiserate with the coach's license level. Payment of the coaching fee may be waived for those players on scholarship, or by agreement from the coach.

13. Only Alliance approved gear is acceptable to be worn at games or during practices. Players or their parents may not purchase any items bearing the Alliance logo at any merchant other than those approved by the Alliance Board of Directors.

14. Jerseys must always be tucked into shorts whenever you are wearing the uniform [not just during the game]. Any and all clothing that may be visible from under the uniform must be the same color as the uniform and not have additional markings that are not Alliance approved (i.e., tournament T-shirts, clothing with logos belonging to other organizations) .

15. Shin guards must be worn at all practices and games. No exceptions.

16. Each player will be responsible for bringing a properly inflated, appropriately sized soccer ball to each practice.

17. Each player will be responsible for bringing an adequate water supply to all practices and games.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Alliance youth teams are registered through US Club Soccer. US Club Soccer are a National affiliate member of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). California is broken into two states for youth soccer due to its large size; Alliance will be a part of Northern California to compete for State Championships. The Central San Joaquin Valley is recognized as Region 7 in Northern California. Alliance is also affiliated to NorCal Premier Soccer League and NorCal National Premier League (NPL).

To learn more about US Club Soccer go to www.usclubsoccer.org. To learn more about NorCal Premier Soccer League go to www.norcalpremier.com.