

# Cajun ush

## *Rules*

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## **Introduction**

### ***Vision Statement***

The Cajun Rush (“Club”) will be a leader in the soccer community through the development of a comprehensive youth competitive program which maximizes technical skill, knowledge of the game and sportsmanship within a team structure. Cajun Rush will strive to instill:

- An individual’s love of soccer by allowing the athlete to participate within their own ability and desire.
- Local, regional, and national exposure of our athlete’s.
- Professional growth for our technical coaching staff.
- Positive growth of soccer programs throughout our service area.

### ***Family Participation***

One aspect of all non-profit organizations is the continuous need for volunteer workers to fill roles as organizers and participants in the general operations and administration of the Club. Our Club consists of volunteers who dedicate a considerable amount of their time to make sure the Club functions smoothly and provides the best environment possible to players and parents. Volunteers act as team managers, and event workers who help with activities at both the Club and team levels. Without volunteers, the Club would struggle to exist. We encourage parents to become involved in our activities.

### ***Manager***

Represent the team’s interest with Cajun Rush. In conjunction with the Club’s coaches, specific duties include, but are not limited to:

- Team administrative management (communications, tournament registration, book hotels, gather and maintain league paperwork, organize team meetings, etc.)
- Support coach with sideline conduct of parents.
- Distribution of team schedules for practice, tournaments, league play, and any changes or updates in these schedules.

### ***Parent and Spectator Behavior at Games***

Cajun Rush wishes to project a positive image to both the soccer and local community. An attitude of good sportsmanship and positive support for the players, coaches and officials is essential for this type of image. The following should be used as guidelines for behavior.

- Only words of encouragement should be shouted from the sidelines; being positive at all times. The cheers from the sidelines should be restricted to non-coaching comments. Even repeating the coach’s instructions or instructing your child where to position themselves on the field can cause detrimental distractions to the play of the game. The coach must handle this aspect of the game, and in accord with an accepted soccer training guideline even this instruction should be kept to a minimum.
- Refrain from any comments, especially negative comments, about the

officiating. Even if you feel the quality of the officiating was poor, please do not verbalize your opinion. There is a general shortage of qualified officials, and the association attempts to institute methods to identify and deal with poor officiating. It is a nice gesture to thank an official for a well-called match.

- If there are any aspects of a particular game that you would like to discuss with your coach, request a meeting at a later time through your coach or manager. Follow the 24 hour rule when contacting the coach.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

**The following Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced. Make yourself familiar with it and adjust your behavior accordingly.**

The Cajun Rush Code of Conduct ("Code") applies to ALL representatives of the Club, including but not limited to, players, parents, coaches, and all other Club volunteers (individually, "Cajun Rush Representative"). By participating in the Club (e.g., registering a child with the Club, joining a team, participating in training, agreeing to coach, watching a game, traveling with a team, serving on the Executive Committee, volunteering at an event, etc.), a Cajun Rush Representative acknowledges and accepts the applicability of the Code to him or her. **This Club will not tolerate loud, crude, profane, vulgar, argumentative and/or belligerent behavior or language. Remember, we are the primary role models for our children.**

### **Cajun Rush Parent or Representative shall at all times:**

- conduct himself/herself in an appropriate manner consistent with the Club's goals of promoting integrity and good sportsmanship; respect all officials and accept their decisions
- treat others with fairness, decency, and respect by using encouraging, supportive and positive comments to all players
- respect and abide by the rules, policies and procedures of the game, team and Cajun Rush by familiarizing yourself with the Laws of the Game; Do not interfere with the duties and responsibilities of the coach or manager
- refrain from participating in, teaching, or encouraging dangerous play or unsportsmanlike conduct
- refrain from using intimidating, harassing, offensive and insulting language at a player, official, parent or Coach at any Club activity. Never use noise-making or amplifying devices
- refrain from acting in a manner that would bring disrespect to the club
- understand that making physical contact with any coach, player (except hugging my child or attending to injured players), or official will result in expulsion from the club.
- discuss matters regarding your child:
  - only with the coach or Director of Coaching
  - not with any other person & not in the presence of others
  - only at a time mutually agreed upon by the coach or Director of Coaching - never prior to, during, or directly after a game
- support the team, coach, manager and the club by volunteering your time and talents when possible
- refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages on the sidelines

**I understand that by accepting these expectations and norms I am agreeing to support and promote this code of conduct agreement. Further, my failure to**

**comply with this agreement may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from Cajun Rush.**

**Cajun Soccer Club Player shall:**

At all times:

- train & play to the best of their ability
- have a positive attitude & never quit
- win and lose with class and a positive attitude
- respect all officials and accept their decisions without question
- exemplify good sportsmanship
- be encouraging to fellow teammates
- attend & be prompt to all games & practices
- immediately report any injury to their coach
- respect their coach, elders & opponents
- learn and obey the laws of the game, notify the coach or team manager if they will be tardy or unable to attend a game, training session, or team meeting
- learn the rules, policies & procedures of the team and Cajun Rush

Agree to Never:

- engage in condescending remarks directed toward an official
- use profane or vulgar language on the field of play
- use a controlled substance (drugs) unless prescribed by a physician
- participate in dangerous horseplay
- leave a game, or practice session without permission from my coach
- make excuses if my team loses a game
- forget that I represent the Cajun Rush and all its members
- engage in unlawful activities that could lead to arrests and/or criminal charges

There will be “zero tolerance” for assault upon, hazing, disorderly conduct toward, harassment of, intimidation of, or discrimination against another player or damage of another player’s property.

**Misconduct Actions:**

Cajun Rush has adopted a zero tolerance policy pertaining to infractions of the Player and Parent Codes of Conduct. If any player and/or parent of the Cajun Rush at any time or place while associated with Cajun Rush, violates the Code of Conduct, it will be reported to the Cajun Rush Executive Director for disciplinary measures as set forth by the LYSA/Cajun Rush bylaws.

## **CLUB INFORMATION**

### ***LEVELS OF PLAY***

The Club places its players on teams that compete in one of three levels of play:

#### **Academy Team**

- Top tier level of play of the Louisiana Soccer Association (LSA). Teams travel to play other LSA teams within the LA League and play ability level.
- Compete in highest level of Gulf States Premier League
- Travel to College Showcase Tournaments
- Play is at the highest level of competition.
- There is no guaranteed minimum play time (no 50% rule) for Competitive players.
- For the most up to date information on the LSA Competitive League please go to [www.playlouisianasoccer.org](http://www.playlouisianasoccer.org).
- Train a minimum of 3 times per week

#### **Competitive Team**

- Proper level of play of the Louisiana Soccer Association (LSA). Teams travel to play other LSA teams within the LA League and play ability level and in and out of state tournaments.
- Play is at the highest level of competition.
- There is no guaranteed minimum play time (no 50% rule) for Competitive players.
- Player selection is based on ability and team requirements.
- For the most up to date information on the LSA Competitive League please go to [www.playlouisianasoccer.org](http://www.playlouisianasoccer.org).

## **CLUB RULES**

### **300 11.1.1 INTRODUCTION**

One of the key ingredients for a successful Club is to provide clear, consistent communication between the Cajun Rush, the coaches, the players and the parents. This document explains our expectations for our members. Please read the following pages carefully.

### **300 11.1.2 THE CLUB AND THE TEAM**

Members of Cajun Rush agree to put the Club ahead of the team. When decisions are made regarding conflicts between the Club and a particular team, the Club will come first. Club decisions will be made by the appropriate member of the Cajun Rush staff.

### **300 11.1.3 THE TEAM AND THE INDIVIDUAL**

In most cases, members of Cajun Rush agree to put their team's interests and needs ahead of the individual player. If conflicts arise between the team and a player or parent, the team coach under the direction of the Director of Coaching will be responsible for making decisions for the good of the team. Player development is a priority for Cajun Rush. Individual decisions for player development will be made by the Director of Coaching with the players best interest in mind.

### **300 11.1.4 PLAYER EVALUATION AND SELECTION**

Player performance will be evaluated by observing the player under the pressures of practices, scrimmages, games and sometimes tryouts. The professional Cajun Rush coaching staff and the team coach will confer in matters of player evaluations primarily in the "four pillars":

- Technical (dribbling, shooting, heading, ball handling skills, etc.)
- Tactical (runs, reading the game, decision making, etc.)
- Physical dimensions (endurance, strength, and speed, etc.)
- Psychological dimensions (attitude, character, discipline, leadership, etc.)

We may not always agree on issues as sensitive as player evaluation and selection, but it is important that our professional decisions in these matters be respected.

### **300 11.1.5 PLAYER PLACEMENT PROCESS**

The main objective of Cajun Rush is to develop soccer players at all levels. Evaluations will be based on the "four pillars" in addition to player and family commitment, attendance, attitude, team chemistry, and consistency. The Director of Coaching will have the final selection of the teams. Player placements will be conducted for the 10U-19U age groups. All players must attend a player placement session in order to make a team for the next seasonal year with the exception of injuries. In such case, a players previous years evaluations can be used. Player placements will be held with the purpose of forming appropriate level teams to develop all Cajun Rush players.

### **300 11.1.6 PLAYER PLAY-UP POLICY**

Cajun Rush will evaluate each case on its own merits based on the player's abilities, the

level of play of the teams the player may play with and common sense. Any parent that would like their player to be considered to play up must submit the request in writing to the Director of Coaching. The Director of Coaching will make the final decision.

### **300 11.1.7 GUEST PLAYER POLICY**

The Director of Coaching will decide if a Cajun Rush player can guest play for any other team. We believe that it is important that other clubs follow the proper procedure for requesting Cajun Rush players to “guest” play with their teams. For this reason, we will usually deny a player’s request if the player was contacted by another club’s team representative directly. A request must be made to a member of the technical staff involved with the player in order for the request to be considered. The Director of Coaching will then review the request and inform both affected teams’ coach/manager of his/her decision regarding the approval or denial of the request.

### **300 11.1.8 PLAYER COMMITMENT/DEDICATION**

Every competitive player and their family must be fully committed in developing his/her potential to its maximum in order to set and achieve the highest goals as a team. At a minimum, each player must do the following:

- Attend all training sessions. Even if players are injured, they should attend in order to remain familiar with team tactics and progress.
- Arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of each session to begin warm-up activities.
- Train and compete with 100 percent effort and intensity.
- Attend all Club, league and tournament games. Coaches will be recording player attendance on a weekly basis.
- Attend at all team meetings and events.
- Lead a healthy lifestyle and refrain from the use of illegal social and sports enhancing drugs.

### **300 11.1.9 PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLAYER PICKUP AT ALL CAJUN RUSH EVENTS**

Cajun Rush events frequently occur at public facilities that are open to any member of the community. Parents are responsible for ensuring that players are picked up immediately upon the conclusion of any Cajun Rush events in which the player participated (e.g., games, practices, try-outs, etc.). Cajun Rush cannot monitor players upon the conclusion of an event and cannot be responsible for the safety of a player once that player has been dismissed by his/her Cajun Rush coach. Please understand some sessions may run over time.

### **300 11.1.10 EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM TRAINING SESSIONS AND GAMES**

A player may be absent from either team training sessions or games only in extraordinary circumstances and with the coach’s permission. Acceptable reasons include the following:

- Family emergencies. Please contact team coach/manager as soon as convenient
- Attendance at a mandatory school function directly affecting an academic grade

- Religious functions
- Illness

**When a player misses training or a game(s) whether it is excused or unexcused the players playing time could be adjusted to reward those team members that were in attendance. All circumstances will be evaluated and acted upon under the coach's discretion.**

### ***300 11.1.11 NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCES FROM TRAINING SESSIONS AND GAMES***

Notification is required for all absences. Please make every effort to notify your team manager/coach as early as possible. Ideally, a minimum 72-hours prior notice should be provided for training sessions. Planned absences from games require at least a ten (10) day advance notice. Missed training sessions should be made up at other team training sessions where available. In the case of the Academy team, if absences become an issue the player can be moved from one team to another at any point throughout the year.

### ***300 11.1.12 PLAYING TIME***

Playing time is evaluated on a weekly basis based upon **attendance, effort, behavior, and performance** at team training sessions, previous games, and player and family commitment to all team events. If all commitments, attendance and behavior policies are followed, then performance will be the sole factor considered when determining playing time. In all situations, the team coach will determine playing time on game day. If the team coach is not present on game day, the team assistant coach or other professional coach attending the game is responsible for following the policies of the Club on playing time.

### ***300 11.1.13 PLAYING TIME FOR COMPETITIVE TEAMS***

After the Club's policies on attendance and behavior are taken into account, the coaching staff will make playing time decisions based on player performance, commitment and what is in the team's best interest. It is very important to understand that the players should utilize a team's training session as a place to excel and to demonstrate their abilities. Each player is expected to compete for playing time at team training sessions through attendance and performance. A player's failure to attend any of his/her team events, meetings and training sessions demonstrates a lack of commitment and playing time will therefore be awarded to those that did attend. The coaching staff will make substitutions when it benefits the team. Substitutions will not be made to simply provide playing time. This is especially true for close games as multiple substitutions may disrupt the team's play and affect the team's performance. Players who do not play as much in certain situations as others should support the team in a positive manner as should the parents of those players. Also be aware that players will be asked to play in different positions to aid in their development and in certain situations to help the team. This will happen to all of our players. In this situation, they are expected to do their best for the team by putting aside their individual goals and focus on the team. As a staff, we will make every attempt to play all of our players if it

benefits the team.

### **300 11.1.15 GAME DAY PROTOCOL**

- Players must be at the field of play dressed and ready to play according to your coach's game day protocol.
- The team or staff coach has in his/her discretion the ability to start a game with a reduced number of players should a large number of players fail to follow the game day playing time protocol.
- Each team is encouraged to provide a tent for their team bench.
- Players must bring their own water bottle to the game. To avoid disruption, we ask that parents not bring these items to the players during the game. Water and sports drinks should never be shared with fellow players as this is not hygienic and can spread germs.
- Players must continually re-hydrate their bodies before and after games, especially during tournament play. Soda or other caffeinated drinks should be avoided as they dehydrate the body further.
- Players should eat a post-match meal/snack within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the game. Again, junk food should be avoided.
- Players are responsible for cleaning the team bench area following each game.
- A post-match stretching and cool down session may be held to help the players prepare for the next game.
- Players must stay out of the heat/sun between games. At no time, should players sit in hot tubs and/or saunas because of the risk of further dehydration. Players should rest and relax when not playing a game.

### **300 11.1.16 BEHAVIOR AND CONDUCT**

All players should compete with toughness and intensity within the rules of the game. Sportsmanship toward teammates, opponents and officials is expected at all times. All Cajun Rush players, parents, guests and staff must demonstrate good sportsmanship, honesty, integrity, respect for others, dedication and commitment. We will instruct players to ignore adverse conditions such as poor calls made by referees, name calling, foul language, rough play, cheating, poor weather, negative behavior by parents or opponents, etc. Our parents and other guests should have this same approach. The failure of a Cajun Rush Member to behave in an appropriate manner consistent with the Club's expectations, follow Club rules, or meet his/her financial obligations may result in his/her being disciplined up to and including dismissal from the Club. The Executive Director shall review and approve any disciplinary actions that involve temporary suspension. The Executive Board shall review and approve any disciplinary actions that involve dismissal from the Club.

### **300 11.1.17 Olympic Development Program**

During the soccer season, players from Cajun Rush will be given the opportunity and encouraged to try-out for the Olympic Development Program and other elite programs. ODP and Rush Select Teams shall always have priority unless the DOC states otherwise.

### **300 11.1.18 UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT POLICY**

All players must wear the designated uniform of the Club. Uniform numbers range from 0-99. Cajun Rush assigns numbers to incoming players. Each player must have the following equipment for each team training session:

- Appropriate shoes.
- Club practice gear
- Shin guards are required for team training sessions and games.
- Ball that is properly inflated.

### **300 11.1.19 HEALTH**

Players should maintain a healthy lifestyle. Any use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is unacceptable and will result in discipline and possibly dismissal from the Club. Nutrition and rest are also part of the players' personal responsibility. Players should eat nutritious, healthy food in a timely fashion so as not to interfere with performance. If a player has questions about which foods are best for performing athletes, please ask the team coach.

### **300 11.1.20 BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE GAMES**

Before, during and after the games the players are under the supervision and guidance of the coach. Parents must refrain from coming over to the team side of the field until the coach dismisses the team. Players need to come prepared with everything they need for the game. In case of injury, if the coach needs a parent's assistance, he/she will ask the parent over to assist their child.

### **300 11.1.21 TEAM TRAVEL AND CONDUCT**

In some cases, a team may need to stay overnight for an out of town tournament. During overnight trips, team members should stay together unless otherwise agreed upon by the coach. Decisions regarding team travel, including timing of arrival and departure to and from locations (hotels, restaurants, game fields, etc.) will be approved by the team coach or the manager of the team. Arrival the night before can ensure all team members are present in case of any last minute tournament schedule changes. If a player does not decide to travel, the player is still responsible for his/her share of the coach's expenses and the tournament fee. If a player travels, and a parent does not, then the parent is responsible for organizing player supervision. Because players represent the Club, they should dress in an appropriate manner. Please avoid cut offs and clothes with disrespectful wording, slogans or political statements, as well as clothes that are too tight or too loose.

- Players are responsible for bringing all of their equipment. Should air travel be required, all equipment should be carried on and not included with checked baggage.
- No soccer balls can be kicked inside hotel lobbies, hallways or rooms.
- Players should act in a manner that will reflect positively on the team. There will be no running through the hallways or excessive noise at any time. In addition, there will be no misconduct in the elevators.

- Players will be held responsible for any items that are damaged on the hotel property and responsible for notifying the team manager/coach and hotel management.
- Players are expected to follow all team curfews and attend team meetings on time.
- No member of the opposite sex that is not an immediate family member shall be allowed in a player's room.
- All telephone charges will be the responsibility of the player or parent.

**Playing time will be adjusted based on players not following the above points within the coach's discretion.**

### ***300 11.1.22 THE PARENTS***

Parental support and involvement in the club is essential. If a player is selected and commits himself/herself to Cajun Rush, the parent's commitment is also necessary. Parents should make every effort to ensure that players attend all possible Club and team functions. At times, conflicts cannot be avoided and other more important events will take precedence. The Club requires your communication, planning, and understanding so we can minimize conflicts. The Club will periodically present a schedule to allow time for your planning. When parents or players have an unavoidable conflict, the Club expects timely communication.

### ***300 11.1.23 SIDELINE COACHING***

Coaching by parents is not allowed. No matter how good a parent's intentions, instructions should not be shouted to players. Vocal support and positive encouragement are welcome after a good play. Parents are not allowed on the sideline of the coaching staff and team bench at any time. After all events please allow coaches to address team and players without interference before they are dismissed. If a player is injured, the coaching staff will evaluate the injury. If a parent's presence is needed, the coach will ask for the parent at that time. No smoking in areas where players are present, and where fields are designated as "Smoke Free".

### ***300 11.1.24 COMMUNICATIONS***

Please be cautious in your discussions with your son/daughter in regards to the team and their teammates. Comments should be constructive. The professional coaching staff is always willing to respond to any concerns and to answer questions regarding a player. It is very important, however, that these discussions occur at the proper place and during the proper time. If parents have issues or concerns regarding the technical aspect of their child's game, they should contact their team coach via e-mail, personal appointment or phone call.

Parents should not approach coaching staff at the training field or game site to discuss concerns. In addition, parents should wait 24 hours prior to making contact with their team coach should an issue arise from game play. If you need to take your issues to a higher chain of command then Cajun Rush has a system in place. Please follow the

following system:

- Head Coach
- Director of Coaching
- Executive Director
- LYSA/Cajun Rush Executive Board

If parents have administrative issues or concerns, they should contact their team manager. Should further assistance be required, they should contact the Director of Coaching or competitive administrator at the LYSA/Cajun Rush office.

### ***300 11.1.25 SUMMARY***

Cajun Rush believes that organized athletics is an essential component of a child's or young adult's development. The lessons and skills learned in sports (e.g., the importance of commitment, teamwork, sportsmanship, etc.) help a player overcome other challenges in life. The Club's aim is to help its athletes become solid citizens who contribute to society and behave in a way that affects others in a positive light. A joint commitment is needed to accomplish our goals. For this reason, both parents and players acknowledge their receipt and understanding of this document by registering for a Cajun Rush competitive team .

## AGE REQUIREMENTS



### Birth-year registration and season matrix

Season	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
<b>Birth Year</b>									
2020									
2019									U-6
2018								U-6	U-7
2017							U-6	U-7	U-8
2016						U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9
2015					U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10
2014				U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10	U-11
2013			U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10	U-11	U-12
2012		U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13
2011	U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14
2010	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15
2009	U-8	U-9	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16
2008	U-9	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17
2007	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18
2006	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19
2005	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19	
2004	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19		
2003	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19			
2002	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19				
2001	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19					
2000	U-17	U-18	U-19						
1999	U-18	U-19							
1998	U-19								

Age brackets for youth players authorized by USYSA are listed above. When a sufficient number of players with a competitive ability are available, the Club will strive to form as many competitive teams as possible in each age bracket.

## FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

**Team Fees: Tournament entry fees are divided equally among all players on a team, regardless of participation by individual players.**

Since training is set up in advance and the trainers expect to be paid regardless of participation, training fees must be paid whether or not the player attends each session. In an attempt to lessen the financial burden, the Club has adopted a payment plan.

All team dues will be paid through the LYSA/Cajun Rush Office (200 Sonny Roy Ln. Lafayette 70507) and paid according to the club dues fee schedule outlined below. All payments are due to the LYSA/Cajun Rush Competitive Administrator on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month (August through December).

Dues are considered late on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If player dues are not received within 60 days of the original due date, that player will be considered as **NOT IN GOOD STANDING** and will be subject to suspension from the team until dues are paid up to date. (Please note – this rule will be strictly enforced this year.) \*Any needs for financial assistance must be submitted to the Executive Director in writing. It is the goal of Cajun Rush to keep players on the playing field. Cajun Rush does not want temporary financial hardships to detract from this goal and offers financial assistance to qualifying families.

Fundraising through the club or team may be applied to the player's club dues; however those funds must be received according to the club dues fee schedule.

### PROGRAM FEE AND DESCRIPTION

#### **9U Program**

\$800.00 (all inclusive – no team fees)

Training 2 days/week, Tournaments, Festivals, and Friendlies

#### **10U Program**

\$800.00 (all inclusive – no team fees)

Training 2 days/week, Tournaments, Festivals, and Friendlies

#### **Competitive Team – 11U-19U - Lafayette**

\$1400.00 (all inclusive – no team fees)

Training 2 days/week, Tournaments, Friendlies, and Louisiana Classic Soccer League with a possibility of Gulf States Premier League

#### **Academy Team – 15U and below**

\$1600.00 (all inclusive – no team fees)

Training 3 days/week, Showcase Tournaments, Friendlies, Gulf States Premier League, and Louisiana Classic Soccer League

#### **Academy Team – 16U and above**

\$1700.00 (all inclusive – no team fees)

Training 3 days/week, Showcase Tournaments, Friendlies, GSPL, and Louisiana Classic Soccer League

## **UNIFORMS**

Uniforms will be purchased online through Capelli Sport. Once the rosters are set you will receive an email with your jersey number assignment and instruction to purchase the uniform kit and other Cajun Rush spirit wear. **All Cajun Rush players are required to purchase a competitive uniform kit which includes:** 2 jerseys, 2 shorts, and 2 pairs of socks through Capelli. Training tops (2) will be purchased through Third Coast Soccer.

Optional items will be available as well. Cajun Rush is an official partner of Capelli Sport; therefore players will not be permitted to have non Capelli gear at Rush events, league games, and tournaments with the exception of cleats and keeper gloves.

### **Capelli Uniform**

Royal (striped) jersey (1) and white jersey (1)

Royal shorts(1) and white shorts (1)

Royal socks (1) and white socks (1)

All Cajun Rush teams will be in the Capelli uniform stated above. Capelli Sport will have mandatory, optional, and spirit gear available for purchase through the Cajun Rush online store.

*\*Club approved practice shirts, sweatshirts, or any other Spirit gear (Fan Gear) will be available to purchase through both Capelli Sport and Third Coast Soccer.*

## **TOURNAMENTS AND OTHER EXPENSES**

Teams are responsible for tournament expenses, Coach's travel, meals and hotel cost, referee payments and other miscellaneous items. The team will allocate these fees to each player on the roster. If a player on the roster does not attend a tournament they are still responsible for all tournament fees.

## **REFUNDS**

Cajun Rush has a NO REFUND Policy. Once a player has accepted a position on a team that player/family is responsible for the total amount of club and team fees. Refunds will ONLY be considered in the event of an injury with documentation by a physician.

## **DELINQUENT PAYMENTS**

Players whose dues are 60 days delinquent are considered **NOT IN GOOD STANDING** with Cajun Rush. Those players will be subject to suspension from the team/club until dues are paid up to date. A player considered **NOT IN GOOD STANDING** with Cajun Rush cannot play for any other LSA club.

## **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS/FUNDING**

Parents are encouraged to solicit corporate sponsorships for either the Club or individual teams. Any monetary donations for an individual team must process through Cajun Rush to comply with non-profit organization requirements.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Cajun Rush is offering 3 ways to participate in Fundraising:

- 1) Player Sponsorship Letters - Players are encouraged to send letters to friends, family, and businesses asking for sponsorships. These funds are credited to the player's individual player account.
- 2) Cajun Classic Sign Sales - Players have the opportunity to sell signs that will be placed on selected fields at a cost of \$250.00. Individual players will have approximately \$230.00 credited to their individual player account.
- 3) 4x8 Field Sign - Players have the opportunity to sell \$2500.00 a year Field Sign to businesses. Players will receive a \$1,000.00 credit to their individual player account.

Individual teams are allowed to hold additional fundraising events to assist players with the payment of Club and team dues.

## **CAJUN RUSH TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION**

The Cajun Rush Tournaments (Cajun Classic & Lagniappe) are the primary fundraiser of the Club and take place in Mid-Sept and Mid-March. The tournament's proceeds are used in the general operation of the Club helping to lower fees paid by all members. Since these events are critical to the financial health of the organization, it is expected that all Club teams will participate in the tournaments. Participation means that teams will play in the tournaments and also provide parent volunteers during the weekend. If a team refuses to play, the team is still responsible for providing volunteers. Cajun Rush teams will pay a discounted tournament fee.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

Directors will seek to place teams to play in quality tournaments taking into consideration strength of opposition, prestige, number & length of games, dates of play and availability of coaches.

A. Team Participation - All teams will play in quality tournaments specifically chosen by the DOC. Two of the tournaments are our own Cajun Rush tournaments.

B. Player Participation - All players are expected to play in the tournaments in which their team participates, just as each player is expected to play in all scheduled league games.

C. Tournament Expenses - All players on a team's roster are responsible for tournament fees, regardless whether or not the player is able to attend that specific tournament.

D. Club Pass Players – Club Pass Players are important to allow directors to identify those players ready for advancement to a higher level team as well as to assist teams in need. In accordance with LSA regulations, players are not allowed club pass on another team when their primary team has a game scheduled. **NO PLAYER MAY PLAY ON TWO ROSTERS IN THE SAME DAY.**