

## Parent/ Player Contract

On behalf of the Staunton SC we would like to welcome you to our club!

The club is dedicated to providing a competitive level of soccer in a variety of opportunities. It is our goal to help improve your player at every stage of their career from U9-U15. Below you will find a summary of our parent and player expectations. Please take time to read through this document and make sure you have a clear understanding of what is expected from you and your player(s). Once you have read the information below please sign and return the last page of this document.

### PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

#### **Determination of Playing Time:**

- Performance on the field
- Training attendance
- Attitude, Effort/Work ethic and focus in both training and games

Playing time will not be equal in the Staunton Soccer Club. Players should understand that this is a competitive environment and there is NO guarantee of minimum playing time. The Club will encourage coaches to allow all players an opportunity to play, but Coaches will make the final decision on how much time a player will play for their team in a particular game.

**Sportsmanship:** All players are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner during training, games and at any club events. Any player that fails to do so will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension by Staunton SC.

**Attendance:** Players are required to attend all team events (practice, game, etc.) on time unless excused by the Coach in advance. Players are expected to be on-time and arrive ready to begin at the times designated by the head coach. Live by the 15 minute rule. Players that fail to do so will be subject to disciplinary sanctions. Players MUST notify the coach of a missed team event or if they will be late to a team event. Players are requested to inform the coach at least 24 hours in advance. If a player has an unexcused absence from a team training session, they will not be allowed to start the next game. If two training sessions are missed in a one-week period, players will not play during the first half of the next game. If absences are excused, they may be made up in a manner approved by the Club training staff. Typical excused absences include: sickness, death, family emergencies, a required school function or event or a school sporting event. Conflicts created by school sport schedules must be negotiated with the coach in advance of the beginning of the season. All efforts should be made to take vacations before or after the season. In season vacations can be counted as an unexcused absence unless the coach is notified in advance and is agreed upon in advance by the coach. Player and Player's Representative understand that Player is being accepted by

Club as part of a unit and unexcused absences make it difficult for other players to benefit from the Club training and games. Player and Player's Representatives also understand that one of the benefits of youth sports is teaching responsibility and honoring commitments and this provision is designed to help Player learn responsibility and the need to honor commitments. Players with excessive unexcused absences could be asked to leave the team. Excessiveness is determined at the discretion of the coach.

**Communication:** Players are encouraged to be the first line of communication with coaches. Players may only talk with a coach about playing time or positions *outside* of game or practice time.

**Commitment:** Players are committing to play for the Staunton SC only and will not compete with other competitive soccer clubs without prior consent from the Staunton SC Advisory Council. Any player that fails to do so will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension by the Staunton SC.

## **PARENT EXPECTATIONS**

**Conduct:** Parents are expected to represent the Staunton SC program in a positive manner at all Club sponsored events. Parents will encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and training. Parents will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent. Any parent not meeting these expectations will be subject to review before the Club Advisory Council and may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension from attending Club sponsored events.

**Sideline Coaching:** While the club encourages all spectators to enjoy and cheer on their team. The Club will not tolerate sideline coaching. Please allow the Coaches to instruct the players as they see fit. Parents in violation of this rule will be subject to being asked to leave the playing area. If the violation persists after their initial warning, the parent/parents may be suspended from Club events.

**Playing Time:** I understand that since this is a premier competitive environment, there is NO guarantee of minimum playing time. Tournament teams are selected by Coaching staff, based on player performance. Not all players will be selected to travel to tournaments.

**Communication:** Allow your child to be the first line of communication with their coach. If communication goes through the coach first from the child, then a guardian may set up a pre-scheduled meeting in which the player must be present to discuss playing time or development. Never discuss playing time before, during or after a game. There is a 24-hour "No Contact Rule" in place after games regarding contact with a coach, face to face, via e-mail, or phone after the game. Any needed discussion concerning a player should be face to face at a

pre-scheduled meeting per the above guidelines and not through email or text. There should be no discussion or negativity on other players, teams or organizations on any social media forum (Facebook Twitter, etc.)

**Coaches:** All coaches are volunteers and are not paid for their time with their team. Please respect the dedication that these individuals have provided for your child. If you have an issue with the coaching staff you must follow the 24 hour “No Contact Rule”. If issues cannot be resolved at that time, then you may contact a member of the Staunton SC Advisory Council.

**Club Fees:**

Payment of Fees Registration Fee shall be paid as follows: **Payment of \$150.00** is due upon completion of player registration. Registration forms and fees must be paid by **June 15, 2019**. After this time your players spot will be offered to the next eligible player. League Fees shall be paid as follows: Fall, Winter and Spring season league fees will be paid prior to each season. Deadline for payment will be set and announced by coaching staff. League Fee must be received on or before set deadline in order for player to compete in league play.

Note: A modified payment structure may be granted by the Club based solely on financial need. Such requests must be submitted to the Club officers in writing and are approved on an as needed basis. Players being granted scholarships may have additional obligations to Club that are conditions of the scholarship.

**ALL PLAYER FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE & ARE TO BE PAID IN FULL.**

Acknowledgement: I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the standards and terms as defined in this document. I will ensure that my child follows the guidelines set forth by the Staunton SC program.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Players Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
*Staunton Soccer Club*  
*PO Box 65*  
*Staunton, IL 62088*

**Please enclose check and last page of parent contract.**