

SYNERGY SOCCER

CLUB POLICIES

1. Player Agreement / Tuition:

Term - All players accepting a position on a team are agreeing to a 1 year commitment, unless specified and agreed upon prior to registration. Regardless of full or partial year commitment, all tuitions are expected to be paid in full prior to first game with 1/3 of total tuition required at registration.

Sibling Discounts - 10% Discount for 2nd child; 20% Discount for 3rd Child

Tuition Reduction / Waiver - The Synergy Soccer Club Board of Directors may vote for tuition reduction or waiver upon request by a family based on financial hardship. Parent of player(s) requesting reduction / waiver must present written request at or before time of registration. Additional supporting documentation may be required for approval. Financial hardship will be the only reason for reduction or waiver taken into consideration.

Refund Policy - Tuition payments are non-refundable. The Synergy board of directors may vote to make exceptions based on health issues or other hardships. No refunds will be given in the event of a player deciding not to continue playing or moving to another club.

Board Members Tuition Reductions – Parents may be asked to fill management and/or administrative roles for the club in exchange for reduced tuition. Tuition payments must be paid in full in accordance with the above schedule. Refunds will be distributed throughout the seasonal year as responsibilities are met. The Synergy board of directors may vote to make exceptions based on previous year performance. No refunds will be given if the Board of Director determines responsibilities have not been met or in the event of a player deciding not to continue playing or moving to another club.

2. Attendance / Playing Time

Attendance - Synergy Soccer Club players are given the opportunity to take part in (2) soccer practices and (1) strength and conditioning class per week during the Fall & Spring seasons. Players are expected to attend at least 2 out of 3 of their teams training sessions, however, all 3 are preferred. If a player consistently fails to meet the 2 out of 3 rule, playing time may be reduced.

Playing Time - Synergy Elite team players should be given a minimum of 20% playing time in any seasonal games. In post season, playoff and tournament games a minimum of 10% playing time can be expected. Younger teams should be given no less than 40% playing time if possible. Final playing time is at the discretion of the coach

Playing Up - Players will generally be expected to play in their appropriate age

groups. Players may request to "play up" based on superior playing ability. A mutual decision must be determined by the coaches of both age groups and the Board of Directors in order for a move to take place. Player/parent will only be informed of the decision as a whole and may not be present for discussion.

3. Tournaments and Indoor Leagues

Required Tournaments - Synergy Soccer Club includes (2) Weekend Tournaments in its Yearly Tuition Fee. Columbus Day Weekend and Memorial Day Weekend Tournaments are the norm. Attendance is expected of all players whose team are entered into tournaments.

Optional Tournaments - Any additional tournaments are optional and are not included in regular tuition payments. Team manager will calculate costs of tournament based on players committing and relay information to parents. Payment is expected at least 2 week prior to tournament dates. Any player who commits to playing in an optional tournament and later backs out will be responsible for payment of their share of tournament fee. An additional amount above actual tournament fee may be included as compensation for coaches.

Included Winter Indoor League - Synergy Soccer Club includes (1) Winter Indoor League in its Yearly Tuition Fee. Particular session and location will be determined based cost and location by Synergy board of directors.

Optional Indoor Leagues - Any additional leagues are optional and are not included in regular tuition payments. Team manager will calculate costs of additional leagues based on players committing and relay information to parents. Payment is expected at least 2 week prior to league play. Any player who commits to playing in an optional league and later backs out will be responsible for payment of their share of tournament fee. An additional amount above actual league fee may be included as compensation for coaches.

Hotel Stay for Tournaments - Synergy Soccer Club Tournament Manager will coordinate hotel arrangements for away tournaments and relay information to team managers. It is recommended that players stay in the same hotels for tournaments as it encourages team bonding. Hotel expenses/reservations are the responsibility of each family and not the responsibility of the team manager, coach or club.

4. Dual Rostering Policy

Synergy Soccer Club players are encouraged to play and practice soccer outside of club games and practices. Town, school and ODP teams are acceptable, but Synergy teams should remain the priority. It is not permitted for any Synergy player to be member of, play or practice with any other club soccer program while a member of the Synergy Soccer Club. Synergy soccer Club supports U15 and older players' participation in High School soccer. It is understood by

Synergy Soccer Club and coaches that high school soccer takes precedence. Town sports programs shall never take priority over club practices or games.

5. Player Conduct

Synergy players understand that he or she is representative of Synergy Soccer Club and will abide by the rules and policies of the club and will conduct themselves in a way that reflects well on the club. I also understand that my playing rights are dependent on my adherence to the following.

- At all times, I will respect the game of soccer and its rules.
- I will make every effort to attend all team practices, training and games.
- At all times, I will respect referees, coaches, players and parents.
- I will always put the success of my team first.
- I will show good sportsmanship to my opponents before, during and after games.
- I will practice on my own what I learn each week in order to improve my skills to better the team.

6. Parent Conduct

Synergy Parents understand that he or she is representative of Synergy Soccer Club and will abide by the rules and policies of the club and will conduct themselves in a way that reflects well on the club. winning is important, I recognize that fair play is the essence of the game.

I will set a good example for my child and his/her teammates by conducting myself in an appropriate manner at all times in accordance with the the following:

- Understanding that winning is important and fun but, fair play and respect is the essence of the game.
- I will not criticize the referees, coaches or players before, during or after games.
- I will not engage in arguments with opposing players, parents or game officials.
- I will only give positive feedback to players on both teams.
- I will be respectful of our opponents when cheering in one-sided games.
- I will demonstrate sportsmanship at all times.
- I will do my very best to have our child on time and prepared for every match.
- I understand that improper behavior may result in being asked to leave the field or the event by a referee, coach or team manager.

- I understand that, upon review of improper behavior by the Board of Directors, a parent can, and will if necessary, be suspended from watching their child play should such behavior be considered rude or otherwise offensive.
- I will give a minimum of 48 hour notice to my coach should my player be unable to attend a team event.
- I will wait a mandatory 24 hour period after any game or event before approaching a coach regarding any issues with my child.

7. Sideline Behavior / Zero Tolerance Policy

Synergy Soccer Club expects parents and other spectators will always act in an appropriately manner. Parents are also representatives of the club and should abide by the same rules as players. Negative comments, criticizing referees, players or coaches will be discouraged. Parents should restrain from coaching any players from the sidelines. It not only can contradict the directions of the coach, but is also a major distraction for players. Comments and cheering should be encouraging, positive and respectful.

All Synergy Soccer Club players and parents are expected to abide by the Zero Tolerance Policies set forth by Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association.

8. Chain of Command

Parents and player should present concerns in the following order

1. Team Manager
2. Head Coach
3. Club President or Club Director
4. Board of Directors