



**“Welcome to the Nordic Soccer Club 2011-2012 season!”**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

“The mission of Nordic Soccer Club is to provide our players with the highest level of soccer, coaching, facilities, and play available.”

“Our **Premier** teams consistently strive for State Cup and Super Y League championships and to competitively represent Vermont at the Region I tournament. Our **Club** teams focus on significant player development toward the goal of playing at the premier level and participating in competitive play within Vermont and New England. For our experienced **Nordic Junior** players, we offer more structured training and opportunities for competitive play. For our youngest **Nordic Juniors**, we introduce soccer, the world’s most beloved sport, and teach our children in a fun-filled and physically healthy environment.”

NSC is committed to the development of the individual within the program, both skill-wise and personally. The combination of talented, dedicated players, supportive parents, quality coaching, and strong management equals a successful program.

NSC is dedicated to the development of soccer players to the highest level possible. Because of that goal, Nordic must maintain standards that enable the club, coaches, and players to participate at what is considered the highest level of youth soccer. Participating at the highest level of competition requires ability, commitment and behavior that go far beyond that of a recreational focus. *Therefore, to help establish and maintain that guideline of standards, this Player/Parent contract must be read, fully understood, and agreed by all Nordic players and families.*

**ATHLETES AS ROLE MODELS**

All athletes are expected, as members of the NSC, to be positive role models on and off the field.

**EXPECTATIONS OF OUR PLAYER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING**

1. Consistently participate in the training sessions, matches and meetings:
  - *Winter (indoors)* - Expected - Nordic understands that there are many activities going on during the winter months. However, it is our expectation that you attend at least 75% of the weekly training sessions. The training requirement can be met by attending your regularly scheduled team training; another age appropriate team training, goalkeeper specific training, or one of the additional training sessions. (Players attending private school or otherwise away from the area in the winter should discuss their training with their staff and/or team coaches.) Failure to meet or address these requirements will result in a review of your roster position by the coaching staff and may lead to your expulsion from the team.

- *Spring/Summer (outdoor)* – **Mandatory.** Make Nordic soccer your team of priority during the outdoor season. (April to mid-July/beginning of August for Y league teams.) (Only exceptions as per discussed with head coach).
- 2. Every effort should be made to make soccer your sport of priority during the outdoor season.
- 3. Always do your best.
- 4. Stay physically and mentally fit.
- 5. All absences or lateness must have prior approval of the head coach.
- 6. Actions and language deemed inappropriate will not be permitted.
- 7. Appropriate behavior and language are expected at all times, exhibited by positive and cooperative attitudes and actions.

### **OUR SCHEDULE WILL APPROXIMATE THIS FORMAT**

- Winter meetings, one to two weekly indoor training sessions and games--November to April.
- Regular outdoor weekly training sessions beginning in late April (2-3 sessions per week).
- Non-league (friendly) matches beginning in April.
- League play: (League play usually consists of 8-14 matches.)
  - Vermont Soccer League - May to Mid-June. Abbreviated schedule for SYL teams.
  - Y -League - April to beginning of August (mostly June and July.) (U13 to U15 Premier Teams - TBD on a team by team basis)
  - Region 1 league – March to May (U16 and U17 Premier teams)
  - College Showcases – TBD by individual teams.
- Typical tournament schedule, beginning in April/May:
  - Memorial Weekend** - tournament (CT, MA, or NH -depending on team)
  - 1st weekend in June** - State Cup (In-State event)
  - 3rd weekend in June** - Nordic Cup (our tournament).
  - Late June/Early July** – Regionals for Vermont State Champions: Hershey, Pa.

\*\*\*Most teams participate in 2-4 tournaments. Generally, most teams are at a tournament on 3 or 4 of the 5 dates listed above. The final schedule will be discussed at the team meeting. Nordic expects 100% commitment to the tournament schedule unless there are extra-ordinary circumstances.

- Approximately a total of 25-35 matches between league play, tournament play, and friendly matches.
- Season wrap-up in mid-to end of June (early August for SYL players). Some teams may choose to go beyond the end of June (team decision).

### **NORDIC SOCCER CLUB'S AGREEMENT TO YOU**

#### **OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU:**

1. Prepare and provide theme based training session.
2. Provide an organized approach to training and traveling.
3. Play our part in developing the “whole” individual through the medium of sports.
4. Provide age appropriate technical and tactical training.
5. Encourage an open communications policy.

#### **WHAT WE WON'T COMMIT TO:**

1. Equal playing time.
2. Allow players to play the positions they want at the expense of the team.
3. Compromising the greater good of team or club to satisfy a player/parent.

### **CURFEW AND OTHER RULES**

- All players will follow curfews, set by coaches.
- Socializing with members of the opposite sex will take place *only* outside of hotel rooms. The coach or his/her representative will not make any exception to this rule.
- Coaches may set rules or regulations as deemed necessary.
- All players on teams must room with at least one parent.  
\*\*Failure to abide by the above regulations will result, for the first violation, in suspension from the next tournament game. The next violation will result in immediate removal from NSC for the duration of the playing season upon review of the Board and with forfeiture of all fees.

### **DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

Use or possession of any alcohol, tobacco product, or any illegal substance, at any Club sponsored function, by any Nordic player, will result in immediate removal from NSC for the duration of the playing season (upon review of the Board). Forfeiture of all fees may result.

### **PARENT/FAN SUPPORT**

Parents/fans understand that once the game begins, their role is to support the athletes and the coaches. Parents/fans are not to interfere or undermine, in any way, the play of the game. Parents who "sideline" coach and/or act in an un-sportsmanlike manner, risk having their child "benched" by the coaching staff until the problem is corrected. Further action may be taken if necessary.

### **PARENT VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION**

Nordic is a non-for-profit volunteer organization. A parent of each player is required to volunteer within their team's organization, management, and structure. There are many roles that parents volunteers have to take on in order for their child's team to be successful. Please be aware that every parent will be asked to volunteer at some point. The team manager will decide what volunteer positions are needed and these will be discussed at the team meetings. (Nordic Soccer is a non-for-profit organization and does not hire outside help. We rely on parent volunteers.)

### **UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

For the 2011-12 season, we will be ordering our Nike uniforms through WeGotSoccer. This means that all Nordic soccer players/families are responsible for the purchase of the basic uniform package, and a training shirt. All other equipment (example: warm-ups, bags, rain gear, etc) will be offered as an optional package that can also be purchased by the player/families/teams.

Other equipment needed: all players are expected to have a soccer ball and source of water for all training sessions and games, and soccer player equipment, which includes; cleats, shin guards, indoor soccer shoes and possibly turf shoes.

### **NORDIC PLAYER FEE**

- The Nordic Player Fee includes:
  - Club operational dues,
  - Team rental space for indoor and outdoor trainings,
  - Goalkeeper training sessions during the winter and spring/summer,
  - Vermont Soccer Association (VSA) registration and roster/player cards,
  - Vermont Soccer League (VSL) team registration,
  - State Cup registration (for U12 and up age groups),
  - League (Super Y or VASL) team registration,
  - Tournament registration for Nordic Cup, and one other tournament with a monetary value no greater than \$500 for all viable teams (only for teams U11 through U17),
  - A \$2400 stipend for each viable team to be used at the Soccer Center in Essex (equal to three sessions of 7 v 7 play) – (only for teams U17 and younger).

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- The Nordic Player Fee does not include:
  - Uniform or player gear/equipment,
  - More than two team tournament registrations,
  - Expenses related to individual/team or player/family travel costs, or
  - Expenses related to Head coach (away only) travel and gas cost, and food per diem cost—beyond what the club has budgeted or allocated per team.
- Full, one-time payment of the Nordic Player Fee is the preferred method of payment.
- If the Nordic Player fees are not paid in full, the payments must be paid in accordance with the fee payment schedule below. **Late Fee: There will be a late fee of 10% on any outstanding balance on any money not received within 30 days of the due dates indicated below.**
- No player will begin any Indoor Nordic activity without proof of deposit/contract.
- No player will play in any Outdoor Nordic activity unless all Nordic Player fees are paid in full (by April 15<sup>th</sup> 2012).
- Players will not be placed on a team roster until a deposit and contract are received (no exceptions). Alternate candidates, at the discretion of the coaching staff may fill open roster spots, after the deadline has passed.
- Fees are charted below by age, level, and amounts.
- If payment cannot be made in full by cash or check a payment due date schedule is located below.

<b>FEE SCHEDULE:</b>			
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Level:</b>	<b>Nordic Player Fees:</b>	<b>Deposit* (<u>non-refundable</u>) and Contract due on Sign-up Day:</b>
U9 & U10		\$850	Sign-up Day: Payment in Full or \$400 deposit (Aug 14 <sup>th</sup> for U14+ or July 24 <sup>th</sup> for U13 and under)
U11		\$995	
U12		\$1225	
U13 to U17	Premier	\$1375	October 1st \$300 or balance
U13 to U17	Club	\$965	December 1st \$300 or balance
U18	Premier	\$650	February 1st Balance to be paid in full.

	<p><b>NORDIC SOCCER CLUB</b></p> <p><b>PLAYER/FAMILY CONTRACT</b></p>	<p>Nordic Soccer Club PO BOX 674 Essex Junction VT 05453 Tel (802) 288 9577</p>
<p><b>2011-2012</b></p>		<p><a href="http://www.nordicsoccer.org">www.nordicsoccer.org</a></p>

**Player Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Team** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (player signature) have read the Player/Family Contract and agree to abide by the above policies and regulations.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian signature) have read the Player/Family Contract and agree to support the above policies and regulations.

**Method of Payment:**

**Cash amount:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check number/amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE:** Players will not be placed on a team roster until a deposit and contract are received (no exceptions). In addition all previous balances from previous years must be paid in full to be considered for this years' roster. To ensure your position on the team roster this contract must be signed and handed in at the Nordic Soccer Club Sign-up Day event with a \$400 deposit and any unpaid balances from previous years (no exceptions). This is a non-refundable deposit. If you cannot attend the Sign-up Day event please contact your Nordic Soccer Club coach/team manager and mail the contract with the \$400 deposit/Player Fee to the Nordic Soccer address listed above before the specified date. Positions are not secured until payment is received, positions not secured by Sign-up Day may be made available to alternate players.

**SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTS:** I am requesting scholarship support and have attached a scholarship application. Place a check below.

\_\_\_\_\_: Check here if scholarship application is attached.