



“Welcome to the Nordic Soccer Club 2007/2008 season!”

MISSION STATEMENT

Soccer is a healthy activity that embodies physical fitness, creativity, teamwork and dedication. Our player development process is based upon the concept that a passion for the ball and the game are fundamental to the development of a good soccer player.

The Nordic Soccer Club aspires to create an environment within which:

1. Players are given the opportunity to learn the sport of soccer through the development of individual skills, fitness, teamwork, and fair play - allowing each individual to advance towards their highest competitive potential.
2. Players are encouraged to reach their maximum potential as individuals and athletes through coaching, competition, friendships, and commitment - to themselves, their teammates, and the game of soccer.
3. The sport of soccer is utilized as a way to support diversity and to encourage life's important values of integrity, dedication, teamwork, and respect for the laws of the games, one's teammates, opponents, coaches, referees, fans, and self.

The Nordic Soccer Club 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.

Nordic Soccer Club 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 Nordic Soccer Club, 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.

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(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 some 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. Optional Pool training sessions will also be offered.
 - Regular outdoor weekly training sessions beginning in 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.
 - Super Y -League - April to beginning of August (mostly June and July.) (U13 to U17 Premier Teams - TBD on a team by team basis) OR Region I League – April to May. (U13-U17 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).
 - 4th weekend in June** – Optional tournament for teams not going to Regionals.
 - 1st weekend in July** – Regionals for Vermont state Champions: Portland, Maine
 - 2nd weekend in July** - Option for tournament.
- ***Every team participates in 2-4 tournaments. Generally every team is 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-July to end of July (early August for SYL players). Some teams may choose to go beyond the end of July (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 the Nordic Soccer Club 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 the Nordic Soccer Club 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 2007-08 season the Nordic soccer club is supplementing our order from last year. This means that all Nordic soccer players/families who do not already have the uniforms from last season 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* does include:
 - Club operational dues,
 - Team rental space for indoor and outdoor trainings,
 - Pool training twice a week during the indoor season,
 - Elite Goalkeeper/Striker training sessions at the Tree Farm in Essex,
 - Vermont Soccer Association (VSA) registration and roster/player cards,
 - Vermont Soccer League (VSL) team registration,
 - State Cup registration (for U11 and up age groups),
 - League (Super Y, Region I, or VASL) team registration,
 - Tournament registration for Nordic Cup, and one other tournament with a monetary value no greater than \$450 (only for teams U17 and younger),
 - A \$2250 allowance for each 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).
- 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.
- Credit Card payment is available for the 2007-08 season.
- If the Nordic Player fees are not paid in full, the payments must be paid in accordance with the fee payment schedule below. You will be billed monthly by MGV Accounting services.
- 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 March 31st 2008).
- 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, check, or credit card, a payment due date schedule is located below.

FEE SCHEDULE:			
Age:	Level:	Nordic Player Fees:	Deposit (non-refundable) and Contract due on Sign-up Day:
U9	Premier	\$575	September 23 rd Payment in Full or minimum \$200 deposit
U10	Premier	\$575	
U11	Premier	\$875	Monthly payments as follows:
U12	Premier	\$925	
U12	Developmental	\$735	
U13	Premier	\$925	
U13	Developmental	\$735	

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PLAYER/FAMILY JUNIOR CONTRACT AGE U9-U13		www.Nordicsoccer.org
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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.

Payment and Registration Information...

Registration for the Nordic Soccer Club is now done online. Please follow these instructions...

- Go to www.bluesombrero.com/nordicsoccer
- Register yourself and complete payment information
 - You can pay by check or credit card. If paying by check, indicate exactly how much you are paying and send the check to PO Box 674, Essex Junction, VT 05453

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

_____ : Check here if scholarship application is attached.