

850 FC, LLC

Policies & Procedures

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1. 850 FC, LLC Financial Policies

1.1. Commitment and Payment of Fees - Your club assessment is based on a Spring and/or Fall season which are approximately three (3) months in duration.

1.2. Yearly Program fees

1.2.1. Fees include professional coaching at training and games for either the Spring or Fall season, facility fees, Spring and/or Fall league fees, Spring and/or Fall coaching expenses and club registration fees. There will be additional costs for uniforms, tournament fees, camps, clinics and any winter activities (training, leagues or tournament play). Please refer to the website for more detail regarding fee structures

- \$550 for all ages for each semester (\$1,100 for both the Spring and Fall semesters)

1.2.2. Fees can be paid in full upon acceptance or by selecting the auto payment plan online:

- All payment plan payments are due the 1st of each month
- You can log into your account and make additional payments at any time.

1.2.3. Tournament Fees – Tournament fees are not included in the dues outlines above for the following reasons:

- The number of tournaments fluctuate each semester and between age groups
- Not every player is available to play in every tournament
- Fees for tournaments vary

For any tournament that the player plans to participate in, the additional tournament fee must be paid in advance of attending the event. If the event fee is not paid advance, players may become ineligible to attend/participate in the event.

1.3. Processing Fees/Service Fees

1.3.1. Processing Fees and Service Fees will be covered by the individual making payment and not the club.

1.4. Extended Payment Plans and Scholarships – In certain instances, 850 FC may be able to offer extended payment plans and/or limited fee scholarships to players who have the soccer skills desired by 850 FC but do not have the economic means available to them.

1.4.1. Scholarships generally cover only a portion of the fees charged by the club and usually do not include the costs of uniforms or personal tournament expenses etc. More information about scholarship opportunities can be obtained from one of the members of the Board of Directors.

1.4.2. Extended payment plans can also be set up if families feel they need more than the allotted time to pay off their fees. Please contact one of the members of the Board of Directors for additional information.

1.5. Tournament entry - The ultimate decision to attend a tournament for each age group and team is with the 850 FC technical staff.

1.5.1. In the case of summer/winter tournaments or showcases, players will be charged an additional fee for their participation. These events are not included in the program fee outlined in 1.2.1, 1.2.2, and 1.2.3. The additional fee must be paid in advance of attending the event. If the event fee is not paid in advance, players may become ineligible to attend/participate in the event.

1.6. Injured Player Refunds - Partial refunds for player fees (less a \$200 Non-refundable acceptance fee and \$30 administrative charge) may be made upon receipt of a written request by the parent or guardian of a player unable to finish the remainder of the season/session due to an extensive injury or long-term illness. The written request for refund must include a doctor's verification of the extensive injury or illness and a statement by the doctor that the player cannot play soccer. Refunds for injury will be pro-rated in accordance with the number of days that the player could not participate against the number of days in the season/session.

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1.7. Non-payment policy - The club has financial obligations it must meet, so please plan to pay promptly. Late fees and ineligible player status may result if payments become past due. If special circumstances arise regarding payments, please contact the club director.

1.7.1. If any payment becomes 15 days past due, the 850 FC manager or Bookkeeper will notify the delinquent member by email or by phone.

1.7.2. If any payment becomes 30 days past due, a \$25.00 late fee will be applied to that payment, and the 850 FC Director of Coaching will notify parent/guardian that the player pass has been revoked and the player is ineligible to compete in any tournament or match until payment is made to bring the account up to date or communication to the 850 FC bookkeeper has been made to set up alternate payment arrangements.

1.7.3. If any payment becomes 45 days past due, the 850 FC Director of Coaching will notify the parent/guardian that the player pass remains revoked and the player is ineligible to train and compete in any tournament or match until payment is made to bring the account up to date or communication to the 850 FC bookkeeper has been made to set up alternate payment arrangements.

2. 850 FC Player Policies

2.1. Guest Player Policy – Team coaches will assess the needs for guest players. The coaches will then work to get guest players from within the club or from another club as seen appropriate or needed.

2.2. Play-Up Policy - Players may be asked to play-up from time to time. This is at the discretion of the coaches.

2.3. Playing Time Policy - Players are not guaranteed equal playing time, rather they are provided with *meaningful* playing time. Meaningful playing time varies from game to game, tournament to tournament, and player to player.

2.4. Positions Policy - Players will not be pigeon-holed into playing one position. Coaches will play players in different positions throughout the seasonal year. Players will begin to be placed in more consistent positions later, typically after U14 age level. The only exception to the rule is regarding those who wish to play goalkeeper on a full-time basis.

2.5. Game Uniform and Training attire-All 850 FC Players must wear the approved 850 FC Uniform and training attire. Training sessions and Game days are a reflection of the program and the 850 FC Soccer Club. Players who show up in anything other than the approved attire will be given a warning from their coach. If the player continues to disregard the policy after their warning, the player will be asked not to participate in that day's event.

2.5.1. Game Uniform: Players are required to wear the approved game jersey, shorts, and socks for games. Players are also required to have a club warm-up and backpack if they become part of the official 850 FC uniform package. Shirts are to be tucked in and shorts at appropriate length. No personalization to any of your official 850 FC Uniform, warm-up or backpack are allowed.

2.6. Training Attire: Black Soccer Shorts, Training t-shirts and Black Soccer Socks (no designs or other colors).

2.7. Philosophy, Methodology, Curriculum and Guidelines – The goal of the 850 FC is to help each and every player reach their maximum potential while providing soccer coaching expertise, a pyramid curriculum and an educational approach to teaching the game. With concentration on technique on the ball mixed with problem solving, game recognition and tactical implementation, we look to help player's convert technique into skill through their development. We will work towards enhancing individual players to strengthen the team and the team to strengthen the individual through play. We teach specific to the demands of the game and personal to each player. We help players work to be their best while striving to reach their goals with the game.

2.8. Conditioning Policy –Conditioning is an important and necessary part of the game of soccer. Players need to understand how being fit and good on the ball can lead to better overall performance and in creating a positive mentality towards work ethic and overcoming challenges. Most fitness will be done

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with a ball in game-like conditioned activities to build fitness, techniques and tactics all together. There may be times that a coach will do additional conditioning based on the age and need of the players and/or team. Fitness is intended to enhance a player's overall performance, not serve as a punishment.

2.9. Player Movement- Coaches may move players within teams and or age groups. Typically, this occurs between Fall and Spring seasons but may also occur during a season.

2.10. Player Removal – 850 FC reserves the right to remove players from the club if they are deemed to fall outside of club standards and expectations of behavior, or found to be considered detrimental to self, teammates, coaches or club. Players can be suspended from training, games, or removed from the club as deemed necessary. If players are suspended for any amount of time or are removed from the club for behavior, no refunds are provided and fees are expected to be paid in full per payment policies.

3. 850 FC Parent/Spectator Policies - As adults we have to set the right example for the players. Teamwork and fair play are lost on our children when we act inappropriately at games, practices, "re-live" it at home or on the car ride home.

3.1. Parent/Spectator's Code of Conduct

- **Support all Players and Coaches**
 - Make your team participation a top priority.
 - Assure that your player is on time and prepared. Be prompt when picking up after practice.
 - Promote the concept that soccer is a game.
 - Help create a culture of support for all players in the club by avoiding sharing personal opinions or criticism of other players.
 - Treat the players and coaches on the other teams as opponents, not enemies.
 - Educate your child to play both within the spirit of the game and the written rules of the game.
 - Never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
 - Be honest about your child's athletic capability, his or her competitive attitude and sense of Fair Play.
- **Support 850 FC**
 - Meet the club's financial and other requirements promptly and responsibly.
 - Volunteer to assist the team or the club in some manner.
 - Respect all players, coaches, officials, other parents/spectators.
 - Show your best behavior. Do not use profanity or harass players, coaches, or officials.
 - Always show respect to the official's decisions.
 - Applaud good play by your team and the opposing team.
 - Do not engage in coaching from the sidelines
 - Do not try to influence the makeup of the team
 - Never ridicule or scold a player (your own or someone else's) for making a mistake during competition.

3.2. Coaching from the sidelines - This may be the hardest adjustment that a parent has to make but it is important to learn to modify your natural instinct to instruct your child. In soccer, it is up to the player to make the ever-evolving split-second decisions. Let them work to solve problems, learn from the games and from the professional coaches hired to guide their development.

3.3. Comments to the referee - Harassing the referees is not acceptable behavior in soccer, especially youth soccer. A referee CANNOT change a ruling. He CAN develop an attitude against a team based on sideline behavior, which can affect future calls. He CAN demand that you leave the game. Remember, although trained and licensed, like our players, they are not professionals.

3.4. Complaints - Complaints from referees and/or opposing teams about 850 FC parents will be reviewed with parent and the coach. As a result you could be "sanctioned" including: required to attend Fair Play classes; "yellow card" caution or; "red card" sent off and not allowed to watch your child play from the sidelines. If you do not comply, your player may not be allowed to continue in games or with 850 FC whatsoever. We expect and demand appropriate behavior from our players and that behavior begins with parents.

3.5. Parent to Coach Communication - Coaches need to be able to use the allotted time they have with

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players during training and games to help them develop and prepare. Parents, players, and coaches need time to reflect and process performance. Parents are asked to refrain from approaching coaches immediately after the game to discuss their concerns. We recommend waiting 24 hours before contacting a coach. We also ask that parents not approach coaches immediately prior to, during, and after training unless absolutely necessary. Please follow the Escalation Policy below by going to the appropriate person and in the appropriate order when needing to communicate information regarding your player:

- Team Head Coach
- Director of Coaching
- Executive Director
- Board of Directors

- 4. Use of name and logo** –Members wanting to use the 850 FC name and logo must get approval from the Executive Director of the Club. Members must also be aware that they cannot seek out sponsors without permission from the Executive Director. The club has certain agreements with current sponsors that may be infringed upon if members seek out their own sponsorships.
- 5. Ethical Concerns** - We are committed to providing a safe environment for our players, parents and staff. 850 FC coaches are subject to background checks to ensure the safety of the players. If you are aware of situations or have ethical concerns about coaches or staff, please contact Lyubo Vintanov at (850) 345-7654.
- 6. General Waiver** - By accepting your child's bid online, any parent, guardian or other person consents for themselves and all family members for the child participating in an 850 FC program to be subject to the rules and regulations of 850 FC as such rules apply to any child's play and a parent's participation as a spectator, coach, or 850 FC volunteer.
- 7. Liability Waiver** - I grant permission to the staff of 850 FC Soccer Club to act on my behalf for my child in granting permission for evaluation/treatment of minor medical problems. I understand that should a major medical problem arise, an attempt will be made to notify parent/guardian by telephone. In event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my consent to such medical treatment as deemed necessary by a licensed physician. This care may be given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve the life, limb or wellbeing of your dependent. Parents or guardians who do not consent to the above waiver will need to provide a letter detailing what actions should be taken in times of emergency for their child. You further authorize the officer, leader, coach or agent(s) of 850 FC to transport as required the above minor to and from sponsored activities in the event of an emergency. All parties involved hereby give consent for all emergency medical care for their minor as his/her parent or legal guardian. In addition, I hereby release the 850 FC Soccer Club, its employees and agents from all claims on account of any injuries which may be sustained by my child while traveling to, participating in and returning from any 850 FC sponsored program. I also agree to indemnify the 850 FC Soccer Club, its employees and agents from any claim which hereafter be presented by my minor child as a result of illness or accident while my child is participating in any 850 FC Soccer Club Programs.
- 8. Use of Member Information/Email Address**- I agree that any email address I provide may be used by 850 FC Soccer Club, US Soccer and any of their assignees to provide me with information about their programs and sponsors such as e-newsletters. 850 FC does not lease or sell any of our email lists to outside vendors.
- 9. Photography Release** - In the 850 FC Soccer Club, photographs or likenesses may be released without written consent unless the parent/guardian provides the club with written notification that they object to this policy. This written notification must include the players name and address.