

Lower Merion Soccer Club

2022-2023 Travel Team Player - Parent/Guardian Contract

Lower Merion Soccer Club ("LMSC" or the "Club") is a not-for-profit charitable youth soccer organization that sponsors a wide range of youth soccer programs for over 2600 youngsters each year, between the ages of 4-18. The ultimate objective of all LMSC programs is "to provide each and every youngster with a fun filled experience in a soccer environment."

This Travel Team Player - Parent/Guardian Contract outlines the commitment expected for participation in the LMSC Travel Team Program. This is an agreement between the Club and the undersigned Parent/Guardian ("Parent/Guardian" or "We") and to the extent possible, the Player. Parent/Guardian and Player cooperation and participation is essential to success for individual players, for teams and for the Club. Parent/Guardian and player behavior reflects on LMSC and our community. As a condition of participation in the Travel Team Program, Player and Parent/Guardians must agree to the following terms:

Upon accepting a spot on an LMSC travel team:

- Parent/Guardian must provide a digital copy of Player's birth certificate or passport showing exact date of birth. If LMSC has a copy from a previous season, the Parent/Guardian does not need to provide another copy.
- The full Travel Team Registration Fee must be paid up front and is **NOT** refundable.
- LMSC will not register Player until the Club receives the above two items plus both an RG-6 registration form and a Notarized Release / Authorization Form for the upcoming season.
- Player will need to have a current travel team uniform. The cost for a uniform, soccer cleats and other related items are not included in the registration fee. These items must be purchased outside of LMSC.
- Player's uniform number must be coordinated with the coach.

By accepting a spot on an LMSC travel team, Player and Parent/Guardian understand that the commitment is for the full travel team season. The LMSC travel team season typically runs from early August through Memorial Day Weekend. The season will continue through early July for teams U-12 and older who win their state cup competition and advance to regional competition.

Player and Parent/Guardian agree that the LMSC Travel Team will be the primary (but not necessarily only) athletic activity for Player during the fall league season and the state cup competition during the spring season (if the team enters the state cup competition). Each head coach will determine the level of summer and winter commitment required for their team. LMSC teams do not normally participate in tournaments or leagues between mid-June and mid-August. LMSC recognizes that this time of year is for players and families to go away on summer vacations or for players to attend summer camps.

Each travel team will have their own team bank account and collect fees to cover the specific costs for their team. We recognize and agree that the costs of operating an LMSC travel team include, but are not limited to:

- Coaching salaries
- Entry fees for leagues, tournaments, state cups, etc.
- Field and facility rentals (indoor and outdoor)
- Indoor leagues and training, including Futsal training
- Referee fees
- Travel and lodging costs for the coaches
- Other fees specifically related to the team

Team expenses are budgeted on an annual basis (to the extent possible) and divided equally among the players on each team. These expenses may be front-loaded in some part. Failure to pay the full annual cost by any one player creates an additional financial burden for the other players and their families. In the event that a player requires financial aid, the LMSC Officers will consider requests on a case-by-case basis. However, the financial aid exception aside, **by accepting a place on an LMSC Travel Team, Player and Parent/Guardian understand that they are committing to pay the full annual cost of the Travel Team Program.**

Parent/Guardian recognizes that playing for an LMSC Travel Team may require lengthy travel. Parent/Guardian is aware that some tournaments may require overnight accommodations. Parent/Guardian recognizes that travel and lodging expenses associated with tournaments are extra.

Failure to keep current with team payments may place Player in bad standing with the Club, causing Player to not be allowed to attend future practices / games / tournaments until the situation has been satisfactorily resolved.

If Player wishes to leave an LMSC travel team:

- If Player is promoted to a higher level team in his / her age group during the year, the Club Directors Of Coaching (DOCs) will determine a fair way to adjust team fees between the old team and the new team to try to make it so Player does not pay for participation on both teams.
- If Player chooses to drop down to a lower level travel team within LMSC, no refunds will be provided by the Club or the old team. Player will be required to pay his / her share of upcoming team expenses to the new team as a condition of moving to that team.
- We understand that if Player requests to be released from his / her current team, LMSC will only release the player if the player is in good standing with the club and all fees and expenses to both the club and the team have been paid in full. Neither LMSC nor the team will issue a refund for any fees or expenses already paid.

We agree that Player will make every effort to attend all team practices, league games and tournament games. In the event that Player is unable to attend a game or practice, we will notify the coach in advance, as soon as possible. If Player is unable to attend team events on a regular basis, the coach will have the right to limit Player's playing time in future games and tournaments or refuse to let Player participate in future games or tournaments.

We fully understand that the coach of each team makes all decisions concerning practices, games, playing time and positions, and that Players, Parent/Guardians and all spectators must respect these decisions. We acknowledge that the Coach controls all practices and games.

Player and Parent/Guardian agree to conduct themselves appropriately. Parent/Guardian and Player shall make no comments regarding coaching decisions or referee decisions during games. We agree to not engage in conversation with or direct remarks toward the referee, or the opposing team coaches, players or spectators during games.

We agree not to interfere with or comment upon the Coach's control or conduct of the team during any practice or game.

In the event that Player or Parent/Guardian does not display proper behavior at a practice or game, the Coach has the right to ask Parent/Guardian or Player to leave the field.

The 24 Hour Rule: Parent/Guardians may request a meeting or discussion with the Coach. Such a meeting however shall not take place until a minimum of 24 hours after the request has been made and a minimum of 24 hours after a game.

We agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Lower Merion Soccer Club. We also agree to abide by the rules of the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation.

Intending to be legally bound hereby, Parent/Guardian agree to be bound by the commitments in this LMSC Player – Parent/Guardian Contract for the entire travel team season.