

Welcome to FC Dulles

FC DULLES ACADEMY OVERVIEW AND PLAYER/PARENT AGREEMENT

FC DULLES MISSION STATEMENT/CORE VALUES

Congratulations on being selected to an FC Dulles Academy team for the 2022-2023 soccer year which runs approximately from June 15, 2022-June 14, 2023.

The mission of FC Dulles is to teach, promote our core values- integrity, dedication, and respect-, and inspire the youth of our community to discover the passion and love for the beautiful game of soccer.

FC Dulles is committed to the holistic development of the individual player by assembling and connecting soccer skills and character simultaneously. The combination of talented, dedicated, disciplined players, supportive parents, quality coaching, and strong club support all contribute to a successful program.

Travel soccer requires skills, dedication, discipline and commitment that go far beyond that of a recreational focus. Therefore, to help establish and maintain these guidelines of standards, the FC Dulles Academy Overview and Agreement must be read, fully understood, and agreed to by all FC Dulles players and parents playing on an FC Dulles travel academy soccer team.

ATHLETES AS ROLE MODELS

All athletes are expected, as members of FC Dulles, to be positive role models in our community on and off the field.

EXPECTATIONS OF FC DULLES ACADEMY PLAYERS

1. Consistently committed to participate in the training sessions, matches (regular season games and tournaments) and meetings:
 - a. Fall outdoor (August 1-Nov. 30)/Spring outdoor (Mar. 1-June 14) – **Mandatory**. Make your FC Dulles travel team your team and activity of priority during the Fall & Spring outdoor seasons. Exceptions apply for players who make high school soccer teams.
 - b. Winter (Dec. 1-Feb 28) - **Expected** - FC Dulles 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 and games. This requirement can be met by attending the regularly scheduled team training sessions that take place throughout the winter. Failure to meet or address these requirements will result in a review of your roster position by the coaching staff.
 - c. Summer (June 15-July 1) - **Expected**- players should attend team events throughout the summer months including outdoor league games and training sessions.
2. Every effort should be made to make soccer your sport and activity of priority during the Fall/Spring outdoor season;
3. Always do your best.
4. Stay physically and mentally fit.
5. **Consistently update availability on TeamSnap**. This is very important so coaches are aware of any absences and can plan for training sessions and games.
6. Agree to and abide by the FC Dulles Players and Parents Codes of Conduct and all FC Dulles, league, and state association policies.
7. Players and Parents Actions of any kind and language deemed inappropriate will not be permitted and may result in suspension or expulsion from the team and forfeiture of all tuition fees. Reinstatement will be at the discretion of the FC Dulles Club Technical Director or in their absence, the FC Dulles Board of Directors.
8. Appropriate behavior and language are expected at all times, exhibited by positive and cooperative attitudes and actions. Respect of teammates, coaches, opponents players, coaches, and fans, and referees is mandatory at all times.

OUR SCHEDULE WILL APPROXIMATE THIS FORMAT

- Fall Season: August 1 to November 30:
 - 20 scheduled regular outdoor weekday training sessions, 2x/week;
 - Preseason tournament in August;
 - 8-9 weekend league matches- mostly Sundays but some Saturdays will be included on the schedule.
 - Columbus day and/or post-season tournaments can be scheduled at the discretion of the Club TD but are not covered in the yearly tuition and are additional expenses collected by the team.
- Winter: December 1 to the end of February.
 - Outdoor weekday training 1x/week (weather permitting)
 - FC Dulles Golazo!! Winter outdoor league 7-8 games.
 - Indoor soccer at the team's discretion and approval of the Club TD. .

- Spring Season: March 1 to June 14:
 - Preseason tournament;
 - 20 scheduled regular outdoor weekday training sessions: 2x/week,
 - 8-9 weekend league matches- mostly Sundays but some Saturdays will be included on the schedule.
 - Late season or post season tournaments are extra and collected by the team.
- Summer: June 15 through August 1
 - FC Dulles Golazo!! Summer League (5-6 games)
 - Agility & Coordination training 1x/week in July
 - Informal training and scrimmages

FC Dulles expects 100% commitment to the tournament schedule unless there are extraordinary circumstances.

There are approximately 30-35 outdoor matches scheduled between league play, tournament play, and friendly matches.

THE FC DULLES COMMITMENT TO YOU:

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU:

1. Prepare and provide theme based progression-style training sessions based on the [US Soccer Player Development Initiatives](#), the US Soccer Grassroots Development Framework ([4 v 4](#), [7 v 7](#), [9 v 9](#), & [11 v 11](#)), and the Play - Practice - Play practice format. Please read [FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PLAY-PRACTICE-PLAY](#) for more information.;
2. Provide an organized approach to training and games.
3. Play our part in developing the "whole" individual through the medium of the sport of soccer.
4. Provide age-appropriate technical and tactical training.
5. FC Dulles is committed to players quality playing time in games. Please keep in mind, playing time in games is determined at the coach's discretion based on the **player's behavior, effort, and attendance at training sessions**. The Club's standard for minimum playing time in games is as follows:
 - a. Ages U9-U10: minimum 45-50% of the game;
 - b. Ages U11-U12: minimum 35-40% of the game;
 - c. Ages U13 & older: minimum 30-35% of the game;
6. Encourage an open communications policy.

WHAT WE WON'T COMMIT TO:

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

THE FC DULLES PLAYER/PARENT AGREEMENT

1. Abide by all FC Dulles, League, and VYSA policies.
2. Accepting the commitment to an FC Dulles travel team is for the entire summer/fall/winter/spring "seasonal year" which runs from approximately June 15-June 14 of the following year.
3. Pay all FC Dulles tuition fees in full. Should the player/parent fail to be current with FC Dulles tuition payments, accept the player/parent will be placed in bad standing and prohibited from participating in any FC Dulles activities until they are up to date with their payments. Accept that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable and also accept that late fees will be assessed when player's tuition payments fall thirty (30) past due. Parent/guardian agrees that they have read and agree to the FC Dulles terms and conditions including but not limited to the [FC Dulles Financial Responsibility Policy](#) and [FC Dulles Refund Policy](#).
4. Participate exclusively with FC Dulles for the entire soccer seasonal year and to not participate in any non-sanctioned training session or soccer event for the duration of this agreement without the express written consent of the Club TD.
5. Commit to not recruit FC Dulles players to transfer to another soccer organization, another FC Dulles team, or a non-FC Dulles Trainer.
6. Accept any parent or player found recruiting FC Dulles players will be suspended for a minimum of one year and may be further disciplined by the FC Dulles Board of Directors. In instances where a parent is directly involved and has more than one player in the Club, the suspension may be extended to include all other family members.
7. Accept to pay a \$500 release fee in addition to tuition paid in full should the player seek a release from their team roster during the time period between June 15-June 14. All players are released from their rosters after their last game in June and are free to move at that time. Extenuating circumstances may apply and appeals will be heard by the FC Dulles Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.
8. Support the player in a positive manner.
9. Allow the coaches to manage the players and refrain from offering additional instruction during games or practices.
10. Accept that the player will play in a variety of positions at the coach's discretion.
11. Avoid criticizing players, teammates, coaches, organizations, or opponents in general and particularly in public.
12. Respect the need for a cooling-off period immediately after games and not attempt to offer critiques to coaches until sufficient time (at least 24 hours) has passed. All critiques will be approached in an adult, positive way and not occur in front of youth players.
13. Ensure that the player refrains from using foul language, alcohol, drugs, or nicotine.
14. Treat all players, opponents, parents, team officials, referees, and coaches with courtesy, respect, and good sportsmanship.

15. Accept that the Club TD reserves the right to move players between Academy teams.
16. Provide transportation to and from all soccer events and ensure the player is prompt in arrival and departure.
17. Ensure that the player is properly equipped for participation in all soccer activities.
18. Support FC Dulles fundraising activities in ways that help make the activities a success.
19. Agree to the use of photos, films, videos, or sketches taken of the player or other family members during an FC Dulles activity for publicity, advertising, promotional, and/or educational purposes including, but not limited to: press releases, publications, videos and publication to club website, to club social media sites, as well as in joint promotions with FC Dulles marketing partners.

PARENT/FAN SUPPORT

Parents/fans understand their role is to support the athletes and the coaches at all times. Parents shall agree to and abide by the FC Dulles Parent Code of Conduct and all FC Dulles policies.

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 unsportsmanlike manner will be asked to leave the field and risk suspension until the problem is corrected. Further action may be taken if necessary.

PARENT VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION

FC Dulles is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers for club operations. Parents are encouraged to volunteer. There are many roles that parents and volunteers have to take on in order for their child's Club and team to be successful. Please be aware that every parent will be asked to volunteer at some point. The Club and/or the team manager will inform you of what volunteer positions are needed.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

FC Dulles Academy players/families are responsible for purchasing the required Adidas uniform kit from PJ's Sports in Falls Church. The required kit includes one home and one away jersey, shorts, socks, warm-ups, and backpack. A club-approved Adidas soccer ball (U9-U12: size 4; U13 & older: size 5) is also required at the beginning of the fall season. Players will be required to purchase the FC Dulles training vest pack (2 practice vests) to bring to all training sessions and games. FC Dulles will provide two practice t-shirts to the player. Additional training t-shirts can be purchased from FC Dulles prior to the start of the season in early August.

Players are expected to have a source of water for all training sessions and games, and appropriate soccer-playing equipment, which includes; appropriate soccer footwear for various outdoor surfaces- turf & grass, shin guards, and indoor soccer shoes for winter futsal courts (if played)..

THE FC DULLES TUITION

Player Tuition Includes:

- Training (Fall/Spring seasons):
 - 2x/week for 10 weeks/Fall & Spring season (40 total);
 - Weekday practice times: 1.5-hour slots typically between 5:00 PM-8:30 PM
- Games and league fees:
 - Fall 8-9 league games (competition level at the discretion of the Club TD);
 - Spring 8-9 league games (competition level at the discretion of the Club TD)
- Club Dues (including but limited to):
 - Administrative expenses.
 - Field maintenance fees;
 - Online registration fees;
 - Internet fees;
 - Supplemental insurance;
 - Club TeamSnap account
 - Background checks for all coaches;
 - Trace video subscription
- Full-time Technical Staff
- Coaches:
 - Academy:
 - Qualified Staff Coach;
 - All FC Dulles coaches must have age-appropriate USSF coaching license;
 - All FC Dulles coaches must be Safe-Sport compliant and pass a criminal background check;
 - All FC Dulles coaches must have concussion training;
 - Summer:
 - Summer League-5-6 games in the FC Dulles Golazo!! Summer League
 - 1x/week Agility & Coordination sessions in the June/July timeframe.
 - informal training and scrimmages through the Summer

- Winter:
 - 7 to 8 games in FC Dulles's Golazo!! Outdoor Winter League (weather permitting)
 - 1x/week of outdoor training (weather permitting)
- Tournaments:
 - Two local tournaments (with 75 miles of Chantilly). See next paragraph.
 - Tournaments at the discretion of the Club TD

Player tuition does not include (additional \$300-\$500):

- Required Uniform kit-home & away jersey, shorts, & socks, training vest kit (required), ball (required), warm-ups, and backpack: Approx. \$250.
- Player's personal equipment (soccer cleats, shin guards, & water bottle are required at player's expense).
- Team equipment i.e. first aid kit, bench, tent
- Additional tournament entrance fees:
- Additional winter leagues if played
- Concussion Baseline Testing- Highly recommended 1x/year (approx. \$30/test);
- Additional camps & clinics;
- Personal Travel
- Coach's travel, per diem and lodging expenses for tournaments beyond a 75-mile radius of Chantilly, VA (based on current year GSA rates for the location of the tournament) are to be paid by the parents- lodging directly by the parents for the overnight room; per diem meals and mileage directly to the coach two days prior to the event . The tournament must be approved by the Club TD.

Tuition

The FC Dulles year tuition fee for 2022-2023 is \$1850 for players new to FC Dulles; \$1700 for returning players.

- **See Our Referral Program Guidelines for Additional Tuition Discount**

TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

1. Pay-in-Full (5% discount)
2. Installment Plan (only for players in good standing with a history of on-time payments) 5 or 10 payments.
3. Players are not considered active and placed on the team roster until the commit deposit is paid.
4. If applying for a scholarship, the Scholarship form is completed and the first payment of installment is paid. All scholarship recipients are expected to pay at least 50% of their tuition.

Please note: Online credit card orders (including installment payments) will incur a convenience fee depending on the type of credit card used. Cash and check payments will not be subject to service fees and must be paid in a timely manner to the club. Cash payments will only be accepted by the president or treasurer of the club.

Accounts past due more than 30 days may incur a \$50 service fee