



## 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 2020-2021 soccer year! The mission of FC Dulles is to provide a safe and fun environment in which the youth of our community can develop a love and appreciation of the game of soccer, develop as players and athletes, learn the ideals of sportsmanship, respect, fair play, and teamwork, build character, and develop as responsible citizens. All those participating in all FC Dulles programs will be required to remember that the building of character- commitment, hard work, effort, the will to succeed, and the development of responsible citizens- are of primary importance while attaining exceptional athletic skill or winning games are secondary.

FC Dulles is committed to the development of the individual by building soccer skills and character simultaneously. The combination of talented, dedicated players, supportive parents, quality coaching, and strong management all contribute to a successful program.

Travel soccer 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 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 on and off the field.

#### EXPECTATIONS OF FC DULLES ACADEMY PLAYERS

1. Consistently participate in the training sessions, matches and meetings:
  - a. Fall/Spring season (outdoor) – **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 (indoor) - **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 sessions. This requirement can be met by attending the regularly scheduled team training sessions held indoors and weekend futsal or indoor soccer games 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.
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. Notify the coach when absent or late.
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. Actions 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: mid- August to mid-November: 1-week Agility & Coordination Camp in August (M-Th); preseason tournament; 20 scheduled regular outdoor weekday training sessions, 2x/week; 8-9 weekend league matches; post-season tournament. FC Dulles Free Play, conditioning, or agility and coordination training recommended as a third weeknight session if fields are available and the coach is available. The Agility & Coordination Camp and pre- and post- season tournaments are not included in the tuition fee. These fees will be collected separately.
- Winter: December 1 to the end of February. 1-weekday indoor training session/week (and possibly outdoors if possible)- approximately 7 sessions (weather permitting) and weekend futsal or indoor soccer games- approximately 7-8 games. Exact times and dates will depend on the league and facility. There will be no training or games over the winter holiday break. Winter weekday indoor training and weekend competition is not included in tuition and will be collected separately.
- Spring Season: Early-March to Mid-June: Preseason tournament; 20 scheduled regular outdoor weekday training sessions: 2x/week, 8-9 weekend league matches; late-season tournament. FC Dulles Free Play, conditioning, or agility and coordination training recommended as a

third weeknight session if fields are available and the coach is available. Pre- and post- season tournaments are not included in the tuition fee. These fees will be collected separately.

- Summer: Mid-June through early-August no games or formal training scheduled. Players are encouraged to attend FC Dulles Summer Camps when available, FC Dulles' weeknight Summer programming when available, team practices when available. The fees for these programs are collected separately and not included in tuition.

Potential non-league (friendly) matches during the seasonal year may take place at coaches and Technical Director's discretion.

Outdoor league play: usually consists of 8-9 matches during the Fall and Spring seasons in leagues to be determined by FC Dulles' Club Technical Director. FC Dulles Academy travel teams may play (at an additional cost) in tournaments as determined by FC Dulles' Club Technical Director.

Winter Futsal League or indoor soccer league: FC Dulles Winter Futsal League usually consists of 7-8 games during the Winter season. FC Dulles travel teams may play in outside leagues and/or additional tournaments (e.g. VYSA State Futsal Tournament) at the discretion of the FC Dulles' Club Technical Director and at an additional cost.

Typical outdoor tournament schedule: Four (4) tournaments including the FC Dulles Golazo!! Fall Kick-off Tournament in August and the FC Dulles Golazo!! Summer Kick-off in June. Teams are expected to participate in the FC Dulles Golazo!! tournaments. Additional tournaments and expenses are the responsibility of the individual teams and players.

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 in a play-practice-play format based on FC Dulles's Curriculum, the US Youth Soccer Player Development Model and US Soccer's 2017 Player Development Initiatives;
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 for players to have 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. 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 refund policy and all financial terms and conditions.
3. Participate exclusively with FC Dulles for the entire soccer seasonal year (approx. mid-August-to mid- June) 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.
4. Commit to not recruit FC Dulles players to transfer to another soccer organization, another FC Dulles team, or a non-FC Dulles Trainer.
5. Accept any parent or player found recruiting FC Dulles players will be suspended 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.
6. 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 seasonal year. 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.
7. Support the player in a positive manner.
8. Allow the coaches to manage the players and refrain from offering additional instruction during games or practices.
9. Accept the player will play in a variety of positions at the coach's discretion.
10. Avoid criticizing players, teammates, coaches, organizations, or opponents in general and particularly in public.
11. Respect the need for a cooling-off period immediately after games and not attempt to offer critiques to coaches until sufficient time has passed. All critiques will be approached in an adult, positive way and not occur in front of youth players.
12. Ensure that the player refrains from using foul language, alcohol, drugs, or nicotine.
13. Treat all players, opponents, parents, team officials, referees, and coaches with courtesy, respect, and good sportsmanship.

14. Accept that the Club TD reserves the right to move players between Academy teams.
15. Provide transportation to and from all soccer events and ensure the player is prompt in arrival and departure.
16. Ensure that the player is properly equipped for participation in all soccer activities.
17. Support FC Dulles fundraising activities in ways that help make the activities a success.
18. 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 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 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, backpack. A club-approved Adidas soccer ball (U9-U12: size 4; U13 & older: size 5) is also required if players have not previously purchased. Players will be required to purchase the FC Dulles training vest pack (3 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 for the Fall and in early-March for the Spring season.

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.

### **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; 8:30 PM-10:00 PM (HS age groups only)
- 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;
  - Background checks for all coaches;
- 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;

#### **Player tuition does not include:**

- VYSA Travel Fee- insurance & player ID card (required): U9-U11- \$28; U12-U13- \$30; U14 & older- \$35.
- Fairfax County Field User Fees (required): \$8/season in-county; \$30/season out-of-county
- Uniform kit (home & away jersey, shorts, & socks (required), training vest kit (required), ball (required). Training top, training pants, Club hoody, and backpack are optional. Player's personal equipment (soccer cleats, shin guards, & water bottle are required at player's expense)..
- Tournament Entrance Fees:

- Typically four tournaments- two or three to include FC Dulles's Golazo! Tournaments-if available (no charge for entrance fee to FC Dulles Golazo!! Tournaments if a division bracket is available to play in). Outside tournament fees are the responsibility of the participating players (approx. 75-80/player depending on tournament).
- Additional tournaments or competitions (i.e. State Cup)
- Tournaments and competitions at the discretion of the Club TD.
- Winter season:
  - Training: 1 indoor session/wk (7 sessions- approx. \$125/player)
  - Games: 7-8 in FC Dulles's Winter Futsal League or outside league if the FC Dulles Winter Futsal League is not available (outside league approx. \$125/player; no charge for FC Dulles Winter Futsal League if a division bracket is available to play in)
- Concussion Baseline Testing- Highly recommended 1x/year (approx. \$30/test);
- Additional training sessions;
- 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):
  - Travel- .58 cents/mile
  - Per diem: \$55/day (meals and incidental expenses);
  - Lodging: Not to exceed \$94 (\$94+ must be approved by the Club TD).

### **Tuition**

The FC Dulles tuition fees for the 2020 Fall and Spring season are \$600/season

### **TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

1. Pay-in-Full
2. Installment Plan (only for players in good standing with history of on-time payments): 3 payments.
3. Tuition is paid in August for the Fall season and January for the Spring season.

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