



## Travel Player/Parent Guidelines

### Mission Statement and Philosophy

Edison United Soccer Association (“EUSA”) is dedicated to providing high quality instruction to develop players with outstanding personal character into successful soccer players. We work hard to introduce and instill education, discipline and passion in each of our players. Whether a player is engaged in EUSA for fun, exercise, or planning to play at the high school, college, professional, and national team level, we are here to foster the overall development of our players.

EUSA provides qualified and dedicated Training Coaches & EUSA Staff Coaches to develop self-esteem in their players in a positive and competitive environment that makes the game fun. Players and their parents are expected to be personally responsible for the player’s growth as an individual whose personal character is beyond reproach, strives to achieve success in the classroom and in the community, behavior reflects positively on EUSA always, and their growth as a soccer player, individually and within the framework of their Team.

EUSA provides many levels of organized soccer activities. Whether a player is just beginning to learn to play or serious about developing advanced skills, it is important to recognize that continuous training to maintain and improve their technique, skills, strength and overall fitness is a commitment necessary to play at the highest levels of competition.

Players and their parents make a commitment to EUSA for a -soccer annual season that covers pre-season Fall training, Fall Season, Winter training, Pre-Season Spring season, Spring Season, and some teams may also participate in a Summer Select Season. Each Spring, players will be evaluated to determine whether a player will continue with their Team the following Fall.

A player may be separated from their Team during the season for disciplinary or other reasons, which is at the sole discretion of their Coach, financial reasons for failure to meet their obligations, or other violations of EUSA policies and practices set forth herein and on the EUSA website.

### Players, and their parents, as applicable, are expected to:

1. Attend all training sessions and games, unless for excused absences. Players are to arrive at training sessions and games at the times designated by the Coach or Team Manager. Reasonable absences for sickness or special circumstances, such as occasional family matters, are expected and players are to inform the Coach or Team Manager prior to an absence or lateness for training sessions or games. Players are expected to do their best at all times while competing within the rules of the game. TeamSnap is to be utilized for all communication.
2. Obey the directions of their Coaching Staff.
3. Maintain a behavior that reflects positively on EUSA at all times. Your behavior is expected to be exemplary at training sessions, games, tournaments and other EUSA events. Further, your behavior must be positive, showing courtesy and respect, at all times towards the EUSA program, its Coaches, players, staff, other players and their parents and those of competing



teams. Players are expected to make a commitment to do well in school. Poor behavior or performing poorly in school is a reflection on the EUSA program that will not be tolerated.

4. Wear Team designated uniforms, training gear, appropriate footwear, shin guards and bring the proper size ball and water to training sessions and games as designated by the Uniform & Training Gear Policy.
5. Not play with any team other than their designated EUSA Team without the written consent of EUSA .
6. Be physically fit to play. Players on a EUSA Team that plays year-round are expected, in addition to their Team training schedule, to practice on their own year-round and committed to improving their skills. Also, players are not permitted to use illegal drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, vaping, e-cigs or engage in illegal activities.
7. Adhere to the policies and practices described on the EUSA website that will be updated from time to time. Players and parents are required to review this website at the beginning of the season and no less than once during the season. Refer to <http://www.edisonunitedsoccer.com/>
8. Communicate with your Coach regarding a player's performance and conduct. Such communication is to be avoided within the hour prior to, during and after a game or training session, and at other times where a Coach is engaged in activities of the Team that require the Coach's full attention. Parents and/or players are welcome to schedule a meeting with their Coach at a mutually agreeable time to discuss any concerns. It is the responsibility of the player to communicate with their Coach any concerns they have, including progression in skills, game playing time, and interaction with others on the Team. Players are to send copies of written communications with their Coach to their parent(s).

### **Parents are expected to:**

1. Refrain from providing instructions or other coaching to any players from the sidelines during training sessions or games. Such action may lead to immediate removal of your child from participation on the pitch. Positive vocal support of players is encouraged, such as "Go Blue (when we are wearing Blue uniforms), etc." Abuse of or complaining to the referees or other game officials before, during or after games WILL NOT be tolerated.
2. Respect for the Coaches, staff, players and their parents at all times. Negative remarks about Coaches, staff, players and their parents shall be avoided.
3. Support their child's involvement in EUSA activities. Timely communicate with the Coach or Team Manager about conflicts that prevent a player from attending a EUSA training session or game.
4. Transportation to and from training sessions, games, tournaments and other EUSA activities is the sole responsibility of the parent. Each parent or their designated guardian must attend with their child to these events.



## Players and Parents Conduct:

Conduct must reflect positively on EUSA, their school, and community at all times. Conduct that will not be tolerated is disruptive behavior, verbal abuse, including obscenities, threats of violence, assault or other detrimental behavior before, during or after training session or a game, or at any time towards Coaches, staff, players, parents, game officials and other attendees. Positive conduct must be maintained during the entire time while traveling for tournaments, particularly for overnight tournaments, where the players and their parents conduct is a direct reflection of their affiliation with EUSA.

## Team Placement:

EUSA offers to place the player on the Team that best suits their abilities. Although this is for a specific Team, based upon continuous Coaching evaluations of the player and age group that the player is a member, a player may be moved to another Team at any time. Prior to the player being moved, the Coach will communicate with the player's parent the need for the move of the player.

Every player on a Team is guaranteed all training with the Team. **There is NO guarantee of the amount of game playing time for a player.** The Training Coach determines the amount of playing time for a player. The Coach's decision is given a great deal of thought that may include, in part, the league that the player's Team is a member, and the player's age, level of skill, commitment to improving, ability to integrate in Team play, conduct, attendance & preparedness at training, and the needs of the Team in any given game or tournament.

## Financial:

EUSA is a non-profit organization that derives its funding from payments from its players, a small grant from the Township of Edison, donations or gifts, fundraisers and other activities. Fees are set for a Team based on the division they play in – Futures, Pre-Academy, Academy or HS Spring Only.

Any player that fails to make payment in full in accordance with this Agreement or have been modified pursuant to their application for financial hardship will not be allowed to attend practice sessions, games or participate in any Team activities until payment is received.

Total Fees are comprised of two parts: A Fixed Tuition Fee and an Additional Tuition Fee

Fixed Tuition Fee represents the financial obligation for a Team player for participating in EUSA pursuant to the Offer Letter. The Fixed Tuition Fee pays for EUSA administration expenses, including insurance fees, Coaching fees, practice fees, games fees, referee and other official league fees, training gear, tournaments, indoor rental space, additional speed & agility training, and national or carding fees.



Additional Tuition Fee represents the financial obligation for a Team player for Team incurred costs for additional items not included in the Fixed Tuition Fee set forth in the email offer letter, which may include, additional tournaments and related referee and other official fees, field rental fees, optional training fees, fees not included in the Fixed Tuition Fees and Coaches travel expenses and meal per day allowances. Additional Tuition Fees shall be communicated to the players and their parents on a timely basis when the Fee becomes known to the Coach or EUSA staff.

### PAYMENT TERMS:

Total Fees are due and payable as set forth in the email offer letter. Total Fees are due regardless of a player's participation in a game, activity or event or separation from the Team for any reason.

Players and their parents are committing to the payment of the Total Fee for the Team for the full playing year.

Payment must be made immediately as set forth above or pursuant to an application of financial hardship described below. If a player moves between EUSA Teams during a season, an Incremental Fee may be due at the time of the move. This Incremental Fee will reflect, in part, the Total Fees of the new Team less the Total Fees of the old Team.

Payment of the Additional Tuition Fee is expected to be made when requested by EUSA.

Players and their parents in financial hardship may make application through EUSA for a special payment plan of the Total Fees and other fees. Waiver, deferment or reduction of payment is not guaranteed and will only be valid if and received from EUSA setting forth the specific waiver or deferment amount, timing of payment, any reduction in payment that applies to the player, and must further include the applicable period of time that the waiver, deferment and or reduction is valid.

**All payments are non-refundable.**

**Late payments shall be charged a one-time fee of \$75.00 if not received by the dates set forth in Appendix A.**

**Each dishonored check reflecting non-payment for a fee shall be charged a one-time fee of \$75.00**

EUSA will not send reminders of payments that are overdue. It is the responsibility of the player's parent to make timely payment for the player. All players MUST make payments through EUSA's online registration system located at <http://www.EdisonUnitedSoccer.com>.

Payments not received by EUSA when payable from a player, regardless whether the individual leaves the team, is separated (e.g., suspended or terminated) for disciplinary reasons of the player and or their parent, or any other reason, is subject to being placed with a collection agency or law firm to collect the funds, and additional costs will be due for collecting the debt, including legal fees, court fees and collection agency fees.



## Financial Assistance:

**Financial Assistance:** Players seeking financial assistance are required to immediately complete an application for financial assistance, provide parent / guardian 1040 form for the most recently completed tax year or equivalent and W-2 forms for the current tax year.

- Please contact [eusa@edisonunitedsoccer.com](mailto:eusa@edisonunitedsoccer.com) **immediately for the appropriate forms.**
- All forms must be submitted by **May 30<sup>th</sup> of the playing year.** Any player/family awarded financial assistance/scholarship is still responsible to pay for their Uniform Kit and Additional Tuition Fees.

## Uniforms:

Players are required to purchase the EUSA uniforms, training kits, warm-ups, and equipment bag. EUSA gear is to be worn to all training sessions, games and events. To the extent that a Team has more than one uniform, the Coach or Team Manager shall designate the color uniform to be worn for a training session (EUSA calendar) or game. It is required that players arrive at all training sessions and games wearing the properly designated colors and with any/all uniforms specified by the Coach or Team Manager.

Failure to be in proper EUSA colored uniform or training gear will result in the player not being allowed to participate in practice/game/event.

Players are required to bring their own soccer ball, cleats and water to each training practice or game.

## Training and/or Coaching:

EUSA will provide professional, qualified soccer trainers and competent coaching staff for all EUSA Teams. Teams will only utilize EUSA approved vendors as noted on the club website. EUSA Teams will also receive pre-season Fall and Spring Speed & Agility Training from an approved EUSA Speed & Agility training specialist.

EUSA will sponsor additional skill & technique camps throughout the year with its various training partners and highly recommends that players attend to increase their skill proficiency & soccer IQ.



**Acknowledgment Statement:**

Both the player and parent have read and understood what is expected as a member of a EUSA Team. We understand that these polices are created to ensure fairness, quality training and the most positive and rewarding experience for all. Both the player and parent understand that failure to meet the conditions set forth in this Agreement and the email offer letter could result in the player's separation (e.g., suspension and or dismissal) from the EUSA Team.

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Player (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_