

# 2020-2021 NVSC TRAVEL PROGRAM AGREEMENT

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My electronic initials / signature below indicate my acknowledgement, acceptance, and agreement to abide by the following NVSC Travel Team Agreement

## YEARLY COMMITMENT

1. Commitment to an NVSC travel team is expected for the entire soccer year, August 2020 through May 2021

## FINANCIAL OBLIGATION & AGREEMENT

1. Once an offer to join an NVSC travel team is accepted and the player is registered, the family is obligated to pay the remaining fees as outlined in the fee schedule and Registration Agreement.
2. Travel Program fees are non-refundable except in very specific circumstances outlined below. For the 2020-2021 year, the credit offered from the 2019-2020 year will serve as the nonrefundable deposit for returning players. For players new to NVSC, their deposit of \$200 will serve as their nonrefundable deposit. The financial obligation is outlined below:
  - If NVSC is able to start training on or before August and remains operational throughout the soccer 2020-2021 year, financial obligations will remain intact and non-refundable.
  - If the entire soccer year is canceled prior to August families will not be held responsible for the travel fees as outlined in the agreement with the exception of the nonrefundable deposit. Those who have paid in full will be refunded, with the exception of the deposit.
  - If the soccer year is delayed and does not start in August or beyond, payments will be suspended until we are cleared to be on the fields. Fees will be modified based on the shutdown time and the impact on the program (fees will be modified for shutdowns that impact training and league play; league play may be extended to accommodate a short shutdown).
  - If the program starts in August and experiences a shut down later in the season, payments will be suspended, and the program fees will be reduced accordingly (in concert with the shutdown).
  - If the program shuts down permanently after startup, payment of further fees will be terminated, those that have paid in full will be refunded to the point of

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- termination and adjustments to accounts will be made to reflect services provided to that point.
- In all cases, deposits are nonrefundable. For returning players who registered by 5/30/20 06\_01\_2020, \$200 from the credit applied from the 2019-2020 year functions as their deposit, while players registering after 5/30/2020 06\_01\_2020 are required to submit a \$200 deposit which is nonrefundable.
3. Fees may be paid in full or by automatic monthly installments. The monthly installment is dependent on the team fee and the payment option selected.
  4. All accounts must be paid by February 1, 2021.
    - a. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, payments shall start on August 5 and continue on a monthly basis with 6 installments ending January 5, 2021.
    - b. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, payments may be suspended if there is a delayed start; NVSC will inform members in writing if this occurs.
    - c. Adjustments to this payment schedule must be requested in writing to the travel administrator [traveladmin@novasc.org](mailto:traveladmin@novasc.org) and the BOD travel program representative @ [vptravel@novasc.org](mailto:vptravel@novasc.org)
    - d. Players will be considered in bad standing and will be ineligible for NVSC team activities if their account is overdue.
    - e. Players will be considered in bad standing and will be ineligible to tryout for NVSC the following year if their account is overdue.
    - f. Players who join after the start of the soccer year, may pay in full or establish a payment plan with the travel administrator; all accounts must be paid in full by February 1, 2021. Account adjustments will be made for those registering after two months after the start of the soccer year.
  5. Family / Player Move
    - i. Deposit is nonrefundable
    - ii. New residence is out of geographical area of Hellwig Park, Manassas, VA (i.e. further than 25 miles radius from Hellwig)
    - iii. Parents complete the Refund Request Form. Refund Request Form will be sent to the parent upon request of adjustment.
    - iv. Account adjustments will be equal to the total fee minus deposit (i.e. \$2025 - \$200 = 1825) divided by the number of months registered/participated. Adjustments will be made based on 10 months of play (August-May). The amount adjusted will be based on the refundable amount divided by 10 months. (deposit is not refundable). Monthly adjustments are ONLY applicable to players leaving due to move out of the geographical area.

- v. Parents must provide proof of new residence in hard copy sent to the NVSC office (lease, utility bill). Electronic documents will not be accepted.
  - vi. If a player is moving out of the geographic region to live with another family member, a signed withdrawal form from the current school is required in hard copy before a refund will be provided
  - vii. No account balance adjustments will be offered for the first two months of the soccer year.
- b. Injured Player
- i. Deposit is nonrefundable
  - ii. Written documentation by the attending doctor is required with specific dates to indicate timeframe player will be out (i.e. Jan 15, 2019-May 15, 2019). Open ended timelines (i.e. “until further notice” / “for the time being” ) are not acceptable
  - iii. No adjustments will be made for short term injuries (i.e. 2 months or less)
  - iv. Long term injuries must be verified by the attending physician with specific dates (i.e. Player is prohibited from playing from DATE to DATE). Verification will not be accepted by urgent care and must be regular attending physician)
  - v. Adjustments may be made for injuries lasting more than 2 months on a month by month basis until the player returns to play.
  - vi. Adjustments will be equal to the total fee minus deposit (i.e. \$2025 - \$200 = 1825) made based on 10 months of play (August-May). The amount adjusted/refunded will be based on the refundable amount divided by 10 months on a month per month basis. Monthly adjustments are ONLY applicable to players with documented long term injuries.

Example – player total fee is \$2025

Fee minus deposit-  $2025 - \$200 = \$1825$

Monthly adjustment  $\$1825 / 10 \text{ months} = 182.50$

For this player they may expect \$182.50 adjustment for each month out until player returns to training

6. Players are not entitled to a refund or adjustment to their fees due to:
- a. changing clubs within the soccer year or for players returning to Recreational soccer (August 2020-May 2021) unless the family has moved out of the geographic area and provides proof of new residence. Accounts must be paid in full in order for these transfers to be approved
  - b. disagreements about coaching assignments or coaching style

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- c. disagreements about playing time
  - d. any event out of the control of NVSC, including but not limited to, environmental/weather events and medical/health events or pandemics
7. Accounts may be subject to collections upon refusal to pay.
- a. Lack of response to NVSC emails or other documented communication, regarding account as well as disabling of credit cards will be considered refusal to pay if other arrangements have not been made
8. A player will be considered in bad standing under the following conditions:
- a. Monthly payment has been missed and there has been no response to club emails regarding account status after 30 days or 2 notifications
  - b. If a player is in bad standing, their player card will be pulled, and he/she will not be allowed to participate in any NVSC travel activity (games, training) until account is resolved to the satisfaction of NVSC
  - c. Players may resume normal play and training once their account is brought up to date with all back payments resolved by paying the back payment in full.
  - d. If a player has been awarded Financial Assistance and chooses to leave the NVSC Travel Program during the current soccer year (with exception of documented geographical move), all Financial Assistance will be considered forfeited and is considered an open payment. This amount must be paid back to the club before the player will be released from the current team roster. If the player chooses to return to NVSC the following soccer year they will not be eligible for Financial Assistance for that year.
9. All requests for refunds or adjustments must be submitted through the Refund Request Form which is requested by emailing [traveladmin@novasc.org](mailto:traveladmin@novasc.org) or [vptravel@novasc.org](mailto:vptravel@novasc.org)
10. Refund requests and adjustments will only be considered for moves out of the geographical area (greater than 25 miles) and for injuries lasting more than 2 months. Refunds will not be provided until all documents are submitted in hard copy to the NVSC office at Hellwig Park.

\*\*\*ANY DOCUMENTATION FOUND TO BE ALTERED, FALSIFIED, OR FRAUDULENT WILL RESULT IN REFUSAL TO RELEASE or REFUND AND PARENTS WILL BE REPORTED TO OUR STATE ASSOCIATION - VIRGINIA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (VYSA)\*\*\*

#### PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS

1. Current NVSC Travel Players - Pay \$1 at the time of registration and then start monthly payments on August 5 at which time payments will be divided among the next 6 months (to end in January 2021)

2. New to NVSC Travel Program- Pay \$200 deposit/initial payment at the time of registration and then start monthly payments on August 5 at which time payments will be divided among the next 6 months (to end in January 2021)
3. All - Pay in full at the time of registration

#### CODES OF CONDUCT

1. Players and parent/guardian are expected to follow the Codes of Conduct as outlined by NVSC and their relevant league of play (CCL or NCSL)
2. Parents/Guardians must address individual or team concerns with the Coach first, then the Age Group Director (AGD), and then the TDOC/ADOC. If concerns still exist, then the BOD Travel Program representative should be contacted.
3. Parents/Guardians are advised to wait 24 hours before approaching their coach with a concern.
4. Given that many of our coaches are responsible for more than one team, parents are advised to avoid asking a coach to address an issue immediately after a training or game unless it is a health/safety issue.
5. If a parent requests a meeting / contact with a coach, the coach will attempt to honor that request within a week. Requests for meetings with the AGD, TDOC/ADOC, or Travel Director will be scheduled within two weeks whenever possible.
6. Noncompliance with NVSC (or affiliated league) Code of Conduct may be grounds for suspension of the player, parent, or guardian
7. Parents agree to follow NVSC procedures for guest playing with another NVSC team or a non-NVSC team
8. Under no circumstances may a rostered travel player participate in recreational soccer

#### CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

1. Players and parents/guardians agree to notify their coach and team manager if the player sustains a concussion whether it occurred during an NVSC event or otherwise. Players and parents/guardians agree to follow the concussion Return to Play protocol as outlined by NVSC (on website)
  - a. Players may not participate in training or games with NVSC until they are released to the Return to Play (RTP) protocol by their attending doctor or certified Athletic Trainer
    - i. All communication about RTP will be provided in written form
    - ii. Players released to NVSC to follow the RTP protocol must complete the stages as indicated by the RTP sheet. The team manager and coach are responsible for completing and turning in the form to travel administrator

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#### **VOLUNTEER OBLIGATIONS**

1. NVSC-hosted tournaments are free to NVSC travel players provided the team enlists volunteers to help operate the tournament.
2. Parents from teams who are participating in NVSC-hosted tournaments are required to donate about 2 hours of their time per tournament order to help run the tournament.
3. Teams will provide a list of volunteers to the NVSC Tournament admin staff identifying who will be available for volunteering at NVSC hosted tournaments. Teams that do not provide sufficient coverage will be assessed the registration fee for the tournament to be paid by the team to participate (fee will be divided among all rostered players).

#### **SPONSORSHIP/FUNDRAISING**

1. NVSC may offer opportunities to allow parents to participate in fundraising activities to offset the cost of player's fees. As a member of NVSC, parents/guardians agree to the following club rules concerning any monies earned through fundraising events.
  - a. Any money earned working in an NVSC fundraiser activity outside the venue shall be used only for NVSC soccer related expenses. This includes but is not limited to: club dues, team dues, coach's payments, NVSC camps or clinics, approved uniforms or other soccer-related, NVSC approved apparel.
  - b. Funds will be applied directly to a player's account
  - c. All money earned through NVSC fundraisers will remain with NVSC if a player leaves the club.

#### **TRYOUT POLICY**

1. Players in the NVSC Travel program will tryout for their age group by birth year. Attendance at any tryout outside the player's birth year must have the permission of the TDOC.
2. NVSC Staff will make the final determination whether or not a player will be allowed to play outside their birth year.
3. Under no circumstances will a player be allowed to play on a team younger than his/her own age group

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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1. Players and parents/guardians will not use social media to bully, harass, or disparage opponent clubs or NVSC members including other players, parents, coaching staff, administrative staff, or board members. Failure to follow this rule may result in suspension.
2. Players and parents/guardians are encouraged to use social media to support their teammates and club mates
3. NVSC players are encouraged to only follow professional NVSC accounts of their coaches

NO ABUSE POLICY

1. NVSC players and parents will conduct themselves in a civil manner with each other, administrative staff, board members, opponents, coaches, and referees.

PLEASE NOTE - IF YOU ACCEPT THIS SPOT YOU ARE AGREEING TO A FULL YEAR COMMITMENT TO PLAY FOR NVSC AND PAY ASSOCIATED FEES AS DETAILED HEREIN. THE DEPOSIT IS NONREFUNDABLE. PLEASE READ THE ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT CAREFULLY AND CONTACT OUR TRAVEL REPRESENTATIVE ON OUR BOARD AT [vptravel@novasc.org](mailto:vptravel@novasc.org) IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Name of Submitter \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Submitter \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_