



## FC America Team Letter of Acceptance

This agreement is an outline of expectations from parents and players as a member of a premier team in FC America Soccer Academy. This program is demanding and requires exceptional commitment from both parents and players.

**Training** - We understand that teams will train at least two times per week and possibly more prior to tournaments. Players will wear FC America training gear to all training sessions. Playing time in games is based on the effort, dedication, and skills shown at training. Players are expected to be at all training sessions except for family emergencies, school related academic functions, or religious holidays. We understand that most of the tournaments are held on holiday weekends. Furthermore travel within the state as well as to other states is part of being on a premier team. *We understand that participation in training and games will take priority over other school/club sports.*

**Weather** - Training is never cancelled except when lightning or severe weather is present. Light rain, cool or mildly cold weather are real match conditions and not reason for canceling training sessions. Coaches will make decisions at the training site as to whether training is cancelled unless severe weather prompts previous notification. The player and parent are ultimately responsible for determining whether lightning or other severe weather could be harmful to the player or parent and it is their responsibility to take those precautions they deem necessary.

**Respect and Conduct** – Players and parents agree to always respect and exhibit good sportsmanship toward coaches, fellow teammates, game officials, and opposing players and parents. Players and parents represent their team, the club, and themselves and agree to honor that commitment. Poor sportsmanship and behavior detrimental to the club and/or team are grounds for dismissal from both FCA teams and membership in the club. Players and parents understand that behavior and conduct during travel and at hotels, banquets, team meals, etc are all considered part of team activity and accept responsibility for actions during those times. ***FC America Soccer Academy has a zero tolerance toward under age alcohol consumption and illegal use of drugs. Coaches have the right to dismiss players from teams for behavior related to alcohol and drugs.***

**Coaching** - We understand that the coach has the entire team to consider in making decisions and we may not always agree with those decisions. We understand that it is the player's responsibility to discuss problems with the coach and right after a game may not be the best time to talk about sensitive issues. Players should ask to meet with the coach prior to or after the next training session or some other time when privacy is available. Parents agree to try to let players work out difficulties first with their coach. If a parent / coach meeting is required, the discussion will center on the player with constructive dialog between everyone.

**Support** - Because FC America Soccer Academy's goals are more aggressive than most clubs; the cost associated with playing on a premier team may be greater than other clubs. The need to do fundraising is a necessity on every team. We understand that parents and players will be required to participate in fundraiser(s) throughout the year for our team and possibly the club. We also understand that we may need to volunteer time to help with any tournament/event that the club may host.

**Parent Code** - Parents will exercise good judgment and conduct themselves in an exemplary fashion on all soccer related occasions. Parents will not harass referees or opposing players and parents. Constant dissent from parents toward referees does harm to the team and is not in the spirit of the game. Improper behavior will not be tolerated and removal from the match and from the club may be enforced. Parents will refrain from coaching from sidelines, as many times, it is in direct conflict with the instructions that players receive from their coach and causes confusion and problems during the game. In general, parental behavior both on and off the field that is detrimental to team and /or club spirit, or interfere in achieving team and/or club goals may result in removal of BOTH the player and parent from membership in the club.

**General** - FC America was founded on our beliefs in promoting youth soccer to the highest levels. Parents are asked to give time, money and support to our program. Your comments and suggestions regarding your team are regarded with great respect and your support is crucial to the team concept. However please understand that the final decisions regarding what is in the best interest of the entire team ultimately rests with the coach.

*"As a member of a club, I realize that my son/daughter is part of more than just a team but a member of an entire club organization committed to excellence in soccer education; and that membership is a privilege not a right; and as part of that membership I agree to commit to the club's vision, mission, and goals and will contribute to it's implementation and success".* This program is demanding and requires exceptional commitment from both parents and players.

*"We agree with the conditions set forth in this document and pledge our full support in promoting FC America, our team, and the ideals that have been established. Failure to adhere to these conditions set forth can result in the possible suspension or dismissal from the club."*

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Signature of Player

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Signature of Parent

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Printed Name of Player

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Printed Name of Parent

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_