

## (TEAM Name) – Overview and Team Commitment

- The team is committed to the development of player's technical skills and team building through sportsmanship and tactical instruction.
- Travel Soccer is a more competitive sport. As the players work and play together, they become much like a second family. It takes a **major** commitment not only from the coach and players, but from the parents as well. Travel soccer requires a lot of your time, in getting your child to practices, scrimmages, games, clinics, tournaments, and other team events.
- During seasonal play, the team travels to home games located in the Stafford area and to games located as far away as Leesburg and/or Bethesda. The team will participate in pre and post season tournaments. Normally participating in two (2) tournaments each season. The team may also participate in a number of scrimmages, designed to help the coaching staff evaluate players, and for the players to sharpen their skills.
- There is a financial commitment for travel soccer. Unlike recreational soccer, each travel team is responsible for their own finances; i.e. player uniforms, equipment, coaching/training fees, tournament fees, league fees, insurance fees, travel expenses, first aid kits, pennies, cones, balls, corner flags, etc.
- Each player and the player's parents are expected to participate in team functions. This includes such activities as assisting at practices, helping with field set-up and takedown, and paying team dues timely.

### TEAM POLICIES

- At the end of each season, and soccer year (Fall to Spring) all team funds acquired will remain in the team account and roll forward for upcoming expenses.
- All matters pertaining to player development, playing time, positioning of players, player discipline, player release, or player selection will be dealt with by the Coaching Staff. Parents having a concern in one of these areas will contact the Head Coach directly, and not during a team activity.
- BE ON TIME FOR TRAINING SESSIONS, and wear shin guards, and proper seasonal clothes. Please allow enough time for the proper fitting of shin guards socks and footwear (if it takes you 15 minutes to get these on, arrive 20 minutes early so you can be ready to go when we start practicing).
- Be at all games AT LEAST 30 MINUTES before the scheduled game time.
- Playing time will be at the discretion of the Coaching Staff, and will be a result of the consideration of the factors listed below.
  - **Attendance and participation** at training sessions, scrimmages, and games.
  - **Attitude**, intensity, and commitment to learning.
  - Skill **development** level.
  - Demonstrated **Fitness**.
- Players could be **suspended** for a minimum of ONE game for the following reasons:
  - Issuance of a Yellow and/or Red Card for dissent, **violent or unsporting behavior**.
  - **Fighting or arguing** with a teammate or opponent.
  - **Threatening** behavior.
  - Use of **profanity**.
  - **Parent request** due to misconduct or poor grades at school.
  - *Please note that **repeated troubles** with any of these could lead to **dismissal** from the team.*
- **NO sideline coaching**. The Coaching Staff will provide ANY/ALL instructions.
- Players are expected to attend tournaments. Plans for tournaments will be announced, as far in advance as possible.
- Every effort will be made to involve the parents as much as possible in all decisions affecting the team. However, the Head Coach will make the final decisions on all team-related issues.

### TEAM COMMUNICATIONS

- Pre-season and post-season meetings will be held with parents and players to ensure that everyone is aware of schedules and policies associated with Brasil. Other ad-hoc meetings may be scheduled as needed.
- Throughout the season the majority of information is distributed via email and/or posted on league, club and team websites.
- Parents and players are expected to check email and web sites regularly for the latest game and practice information.
- Last minute field and schedule changes are common due to weather and travel challenges.
- Families are expected to assist the team and one another with communications.
- Key web sites include:
  - [www.team-name.com](http://www.team-name.com) – Stafford Brasil - Team Website
  - [www.staffordsoccer.com](http://www.staffordsoccer.com) – Stafford Area Soccer Association – Travel Division
  - [www.ncsl.com](http://www.ncsl.com) – National Capitol Area Soccer Association – Our League Games
  - [www.vysa.com](http://www.vysa.com) – Virginia Youth Soccer Association -

**THE GAME**

- Played with a #5 ball.
- Eleven players on a side. (10 field players and a goal keeper)
- Two (2) 35-minute halves.
- Each player is required to wear proper gear at **all practices, scrimmages, and games** including:
  - Shin guards
  - Molded/Soft Cleats
  - Water Bottle
  - A proper #5 Soccer Ball
  - Home/Away Uniform or white T-shirts for practices
- No earrings, watches, or jewelry.
- Understand there is a very real risk of injury.
- The VYSA Medical Insurance policy is secondary to your primary insurance policy.
- The Team Manager must have a signed Medical Release and player information forms prior to registration.
- Coaches, Players, Parents, Family Members, and Friends must always display good sportsmanship.

**LEAVING THE TEAM**

If you voluntarily request that your child be released from the team or he/she is involuntarily released from the team, within one week, you are required to:

- Complete and sign a VYSA Player Release form (available from the Team Manager or on the VYSA web site).
- The Team Manager will submit the Team Roster, the Release form along with the Player's card to the Registrar. He/she will receive a new roster along with a copy of the signed Release form and provide you with a copy.
- Note that the Player ID Card remains with the Registrar.
- If you decide to join another team, you must provide your copy of the signed Player Release form to the new Team Manager so that he/she can proceed to add your child to that Team's roster via the Registrar, who has held your child's Player ID Card.
- Remember that without the Player ID Card, your child cannot play ANY sanctioned games.
- The team fees are non-refundable.

**TEAM BREAKUP**

If either a majority of the players leave the team voluntarily or involuntarily, all team equipment, and funds will remain with the team or be returned to the club in the case of a complete dissolve of the team.

I have read and understand the team policies.

Player's Name: .....

Player's Signature: .....

Parent's Name: .....

Parent's Signature: .....

Date: .....