

Mutual Commitment

Our goal is to provide the appropriate level of participation for every player that comes through our placement process, based on each player's level of commitment and ability, as well as the family's commitment level. This takes into consideration both time and financial expectations and the understanding that financial abilities and hardships are defined differently for each family. Our goal is to create a more competitive brand of soccer, with a common understanding relating to the required level of commitment, while being fair to ALL participants and families.

Player (Family) Commitment

U11 - U14

Participation in other sports: SC United Soccer Club's (the Club) general expectation is that players are to attend ALL team practices, games, and tournaments while the club is "in season." The Club defines "in season" as the time period between August 1st & November 7th (fall season) and April 1st & June 21st (spring season). While the Club is "in season," participation in other sports programs is acceptable provided those sports programs' practices and games do not interfere with Club team practices and games. Club coaches may permit practice absences for sports conflicts if 1) the conflict relates to a game in the other sport, 2) prior arrangements are made, and 3) the missed practice time is minimal and sporadic. Additionally, participation in other soccer programs (select or "classic" leagues or ANY recreation level program) while the Club is "in season" is not permitted for any reason.

Absences: As discussed above, absences should be kept to a minimum. However, in the event of a game absence (school program, milestone family celebration or religious activity), the player to be absent MUST notify the coach well in advance of the missed game (two weeks is considered reasonable). This allows coaches time to properly plan for games and obtain guest SC United players if necessary.

Practices: Generally 2 per week while "in season".

Tournaments: Generally 2 each season.

Fees: Annual fees – Approximately \$300-325 for team, club and state association fees, costs, and licenses.

First year costs – Approximately \$90-125 for uniform and bag (likely 3rd year cost as well).

Tournament fees – Approximately \$25 per tournament (per team member); typically 4-6 per year.

Cost Offsets – Some teams hold fundraising events and/or obtain sponsorships to help defray costs such as tournaments, uniforms, equipment bags, warm up clothes, etc.

U15 - U18

As players enter high school, the club understands the challenge of maintaining high academic standards and a multi-sports schedule. Accordingly, the club sponsors competitive teams in the player's school off season (I.e. – boys select teams in the spring and vice versa for high school girls). This provides a competitive environment for players to maintain their skills. Teams are formed through a county wide tryout and will be placed at the most competitive level appropriate for that club team.

Players are expected to make all games or make suitable arrangements in a timely manner. Practices will be held at various times for those players whose schedule permits. It is expected that players will make a reasonable attempt to attend practices.