



Player – Parent – Coach Contract

Congratulations on being selected to join the East Orlando Knights Futbol Club (EOFC) Competitive Program! Your skill and hard work have earned you a spot in one of our club teams. Our Coaches, all licensed through US Youth Soccer, strive to make this a great year of growth and development. As part of the registration process, we want to insure that you are fully aware and understand the commitments that EOFC will make to you, what our expectations are of you, and your obligations once you accept the roster spot offered to you. Please make sure you read and agree to the following:

We understand that accepting the position offered and completing the registration documents obligates me to pay the Registration fee. Even if we choose the payment plan option, the full annual registration fee (non-refundable) is due asap to lock in your roster spot as without it. It is expected that players will play in both regular seasons- Fall & Spring. Players selected for a Showcase Team, if applicable or created, are required to pay an additional \$350 by June 1st or announced deadline.

Teams practice 2-3 times per week depending on the team and specialty training (for example for goalkeepers, defenders, strikers, etc.) Players will be assigned to a team based on skill level, attitude, and potential team chemistry. Adjustments will be made as needed and considered when requested. The expectations for all parties are listed below.

Players

- Showing respect to their teammates, coaches, referees, parents, and opponents at all times
- Exhibit a high level of commitment & dedication to training sessions, games, and practicing on their own
- To be on time for all training and at least 30 minutes (or otherwise directed by their coach) prior to games
- To give 100% effort each time they walk onto the field for practices/training, games, and any other team or club event
- Taking care of their own equipment, club equipment, and the field
- Always focus on improving their own skills as well as team performance

Parents/Guardians

- Respect all players, coaches, referees, other parents, and opponents at all times
- Commitment to ensure players are on time for training, practices, and games
- Do not coach from the sidelines or make negative comments towards the opponents. Let the coaches do their job.
- Encourage and acknowledge good play and effort by both teams
- Respect the referee's decisions and be a role model for all players
- Understand, especially for our younger teams/players, player development sometimes is a priority over winning



Coaches

- Only coaches listed on the roster will be allowed on the player sideline
- Will lead by example for team commitment, sportsmanship, and team spirit
- Adhere to all FYSA, GCF, EDP, FCL, tournament, along with all rules or guidelines for practices, games, and leagues that we play in or associations we fall underneath
- Be on time for all training and games or have coverage set up due to scheduling conflicts
- Be knowledgeable of the game, players skills, team strategy and how to assist players on how to improve in all areas
- Be responsive to players and parents to answer questions and provide guidance on how to improve
- Assist in player development

Additionally, we understand that we will share in additional team expenses such as tournaments that are above and beyond the club registration and uniform fees. I understand that all fees paid to the team will remain with the team should the player decide to leave the team. All payments for team tournaments will be handled through VENMO or a similar process/application so that there is an automatic receipt of funds when paid to the team treasurer, team manager or Coach.

We understand that should the player decide they wish to be released to another club prior to the end of the 2024-2025 soccer season, the request needs to be in writing and the full registration fees need to be paid before a decision is made by the club. Again, all financial obligations must be paid in full prior to a decision being made.

We understand that failure to fulfill our financial obligations to the club and/or team will result in the player being placed "Not in Good Standing" with the club and FYSA, which may result in the player's playing privileges being suspended until the obligations are fulfilled. This may also impact the player's ability to register with the East Orlando Knights FC or any other affiliate club next year. Failure to stay current (no payments over 30 days past due) with registration may result in suspension. Players will also be required to pay any fines incurred for red cards, no-shows and/or forfeits according to league, tournament and/or FYSA rules.

We will act in a respectful manner at all practices, games, travel, etc. and serve as a role model to others to maintain the integrity of ourselves, our team and the club. Players will wear the approved uniform of the club proudly to the standard and in accordance with the club, FYSA, USYSA, USSF, FIFA and any league in which the team might play games.

We have read and signed the FYSA Code of Conduct. We understand that there is a zero-tolerance policy for referee and/or player abuse. We understand that any conduct deemed abusive by club officials may result in suspension from attending games. Depending on the severity/frequency of the abuse, this may include a long-term and/or lifetime suspension.



We understand that since this is a competitive environment, that there is ***NO guarantee of minimum playing time.*** We also understand and abide by the club policy of not allowing players to guest play with other teams except with the express written approval of their immediate coach and a Director of EOFC. These exceptions will only be granted if all player fees and financial obligations have been fulfilled or are scheduled for payment.

We understand that any question about playing time will need to originate from the player and first by asking the coach about how to increase their time on the field. The Coach will respond to any request for discussion from the player within 48 hours. Additionally, the Coach will try to respond to any other question or concern from a player or parent within 48 hours. After games, it is understood Coaches should not be approached about a game specific question, issue, or concern for 24 hours. The goal is to provide everyone – players, parents, and coaches- some initial time to reflect on the game. After 24 hours, a discussion is appropriate, and the Coach will strive to respond within 48 hours at this point.

We understand that accepting a roster spot on one of the East Orlando Knights Futbol Club teams is a 12-month commitment. The players are expected to make their EOFC team their number one priority. Players will be allowed to play other sports such as school sponsored soccer and other sports for cross training. Our competitive teams will train 2 to 3 days per week. The days are determined by the coach. Excused absences are illness, family emergency, injuries, and requirements for grade school activity/event and one practice per week to play in another sports game (not practice). Although these are approved absences, your child may not start and have limited playing time in the next game, but that is decided by their coach. With an unexcused absence the coach has the liberty to adjust playing time for the player for the next game.

Player's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Coach's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____