



COASTAL KICKS SOCCER

COMP PLAYER & PARENT AGREEMENT 2025-2026

The Competitive Program is a yearlong commitment, from August 1 – May 1

Seasons typically run August – November; February – May

All teams take 3-week break between fall and spring season

Comp Program full year calendar online at CoastalKicks.com

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PLAYER & PARENT AGREEMENT

(To be signed by all parents (both if applicable) and players, and returned to Coastal Kicks: info@coastalkicks.com PRIOR to being added to a roster)

According to child development research and experts, the role that parents play in the life of a soccer player has a tremendous impact on their experience. Coastal Kicks Soccer presents a unique opportunity for soccer players to develop their full potential and enjoyment from playing the beautiful game, but to be successful we need to work together.

With that in mind, all parents and players involved with Coastal Kicks Soccer must agree to the following:

- 1. Player Fees:** Registration fees for the competitive program are for the seasonal year from August 1 – May 1 and must be paid prior to being rostered and carded to team. Any registered player who chooses a payment plan is responsible for full year fees and cannot be released nor carded if fees are unpaid. Players will only be released from CKS if fees are paid in full. Tournament fees are separate from annual player fees, and will be managed by individual teams.
- 2. Practices:** All practices are mandatory. Arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled practice time. Always bring your ball. Bring water bottle and wear NIKE-CKS training top to all sessions. Players can ONLY wear NIKE – CKS – United Soccer Alliance training tops and gear. Please communicate directly with your coach for any conflicts to the posted practice schedules. ****School Soccer**** CKS encourages all of its players to participate in playing school soccer. Players should still attend CKS scheduled training during school season unless: school team has game on same day, school team training times conflict with CKS team training times.
- 3. Games:** All games are mandatory. Arrive 45-60 minutes prior to game time; your coach will tell you which from game-to-game. Bring BOTH jerseys, your ball and water bottle to ALL games. Please communicate directly with your child's coach for any conflicts to the posted schedule.
- 4. Tournaments:** Part of the competitive team commitment is to play in tournaments. Teams play a minimum of 1 tournament per season with additional tournaments at the discretion of the coach and club. Team Managers will post tournament dates on Sports Engine team chat. Please communicate directly with your child's coach for any posted tournament schedule. There is an additional cost to play, typically \$60 to \$100, to cover all tournament fees and coaches' per diem (travel costs, such as hotel, food, are not included). Once you have committed to play the payment is non-refundable. See your Team manager for tournament questions or concerns.
- 5. Equipment requirements:** ADMIRAL is our uniform sponsor and provider; uniform items are purchased directly from Admiral and are delivered to your home. The Mandatory Comp Team uniform kit includes 2 shorts, 2 jerseys (home, away), 2 pair socks (gold, & 1 short sleeve Training Top. Jersey numbers will be assigned by your coach. All players are REQUIRED to wear training top and only Coastal Kicks – Admiral gear to all training and practice sessions. All players are REQUIRED to bring shin-guards, soccer shoes, water, and a soccer ball to every training session and game. (Size 4 ball: U8-U12 / Size 5 ball: U13-U17)

6. **SportsEngine:** Parents and players will need to manage their SportsEngine accounts. With their accounts properly configured, athletes and their families will receive communications according to their preferences and be able to complete registrations (for camps, tournaments, & seasons) more efficiently.
7. **Sports Engine communications MOBILE APP**
 - * Parents, coaches, and staff will have to download the Sports Engine Mobile App for their Android or Apple device from their app store.
 - * Look for the logo with the big initials SE.
 - * Use the same login information for the mobile app as you do with your Sports Engine account
 - * When you login to the mobile app you should be automatically linked to the team your child is rostered to
 - * **You can add additional persons to your account for communications such as a grandparent, friend, or other parent needing to pick up from training under the 'add guardian' tab**
 - * Mobile App has same features including chat, schedule, events, photos and more
 - * Critical Uploads to SE 1.Your child's headshot 2.A copy of your child's birth certificate

SUPPORT THE PROGRAM

- Get involved: Volunteer. Help wherever you see a need -- fundraisers, carpool, connections to potential sponsors/donors and other club needs. Do anything to support the program and be a positive ambassador of the program.
- Players are expected to be in good physical condition during the season and off-season, and to work on soccer skills year-round. Players need touches on the ball as much as possible throughout the year to develop.
- Maintain a positive team attitude and a personal sense of sportsmanship, respect for others, and fair play. To ensure the safety of our players, there is a zero-tolerance policy for aggressive, bullying, or violent behavior including online posts by players or parents. Disrespect of players and adults will not be tolerated.
- Monitor eating, sleeping habits, and stress levels. Be sure your child is eating healthful foods, is hydrated sufficiently, and is getting adequate rest. If your child is not handling stress effectively, please notify your coach.
- Respect all facilities and equipment used.
- Coastal Kicks teaches players the benefit of mental toughness to guide their intense focus on the game of soccer, and how to ignore adverse conditions such as unfortunate referee decisions, name calling, foul language, rough play, cheating, poor weather, negative behavior by parents or opponents, etc. Parents are expected to fully model this same mental toughness.

LET THE COACHES COACH

- Recognize and respect that coaches have made a serious emotional, physical, and time commitment to develop the skills and character of their players. Understand that the Coach is the one instructing at practice and during games. You have entrusted your coaches with that responsibility, and they need to be free to do their job. If a player has too many coaches, it is confusing and player performance usually declines. There is a significant research-based connection between player burn-out and parental direction/criticism/coaching. Equally important is that success as a soccer player **REQUIRES** exceptional decision-making skills, that only develop if we allow them to make their own decisions on the field.
- You are responsible for your own performance and conduct. Honesty, reliability, and appropriate communication will be always expected. There will inevitably be times during the season when things happen that you may not understand. If you have issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with your coach. Please note, however, that Club policy prohibits parents from communicating with the coach until twenty-four hours after a game about any issue arising during that game, except in the event of safety issues.

BE YOUR CHILD'S BEST FAN AND ROLE MODEL

- Support your child unconditionally. Support and root for all players on the team, foster teamwork. Remain positive, understanding the importance of setting a good example. Celebrate your child's, teammates', coaches', and opponents' efforts, not their results. Respect all players on the team and do not make critical

remarks to them or others about their play. These comments can be quite hurtful and foster an unhealthy team environment.

- Parents have the largest influence on children. Research shows that the ride home from the youth athletic competitions can be the most damaging to their confidence in themselves, teammates, and coaches. You are the voice in the back of their mind which will influence their thoughts and actions on the soccer field and with their teammates and coaches. It is crucial that we foster a positive attitude, especially during the tough times.
- Encourage your child to talk with their coach if they are having any difficulties in practice or games, so they can gain a better understanding of why certain decisions are being made and what is expected of them. Their "responsibility taking" is a big part of their development. If unsuccessful, reach out to the coach to resolve the issue.
- Understand that once the game begins, the parent spectator role is to support and encourage the athletes and all participants. Parents/fans are not to interfere with or undermine, in any way, the play of the game. At all times, display appropriate game spectator behavior by honoring the game of soccer by letting the kids play. Recognize that to develop the love of the game kids not only have to learn the skills but have fun doing so. Always keep sideline comments positive, understanding that negativity toward the coach, the opposing team, or the referees plant a pessimistic seed that can grow and damage your child's motivation and the overall experience. Respect referees' decisions, understanding that officials make mistakes and many of them are older teens or young adults learning their craft while players learn theirs. **Regardless of your perception of how egregious the actions of others, confronting/approaching/addressing the referee/opposing players and coaches/other spectators is NEVER appropriate.** Our focus needs to be on how we respond individually and collectively to whatever happens on the youth soccer field. Recognize that our soccer governing bodies (i.e., US Soccer, FYSA, leagues) all have commonly accepted procedures mandating player/coach AND spectator behavior, as well as consequences for violations, and Coastal Kicks must conform to those regulations. And per our founding principles, philosophy, and goals, Coastal Kicks constantly strives to go even further in the direction of mutual respect and sportsmanship than the rules mandate.
- **Parents who act in an unsporting manner, or fail to abide by these rules, risk being suspended from attending games until the problem is corrected. Further action may be taken as necessary.** Coastal Kicks has a zero-tolerance policy for above violations – upon the first incident, coaches have the authority to suspend any spectator who violates these expectations. Remember, your child's self-esteem and game performance are at stake. Spectators are expected to constantly model for our players how to stay calm in the face of all challenges. Be supportive and appropriate. Boisterous cheering, vocal support, and positive encouragement are always welcome and encouraged.
- Parent spectators must refrain from "sideline" coaching. Essentially, parents are to refrain from speaking to the players during training sessions and games. "Boot it!", "Go," "Shoot", "Pass", "Clear it", and the like, or any direction about what/when/where to do certain things, are interpreted as coaching instructions and are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. No matter how good your intentions are, the Club insists that there be no instructions verbalized to your child or any other player on the team. Do not criticize or audibly express disappointment when mistakes are made, or express panic when things go badly. Players are fully aware of mistakes they make, and we teach our players, your children, that overcoming and learning from mistakes are important parts of the learning process. **Parents who fail to abide by these rules, risk being suspended from attending games until the problem is corrected. Further action may be taken as necessary.**
- It is important that players are given only one set of playing instructions before, during, and after games. For this reason, no one other than those listed on the official game roster may sit on or near the team bench before and during games. Please respect the space and privacy necessary for the coaches and team to carry out their game responsibilities.
- **At Coastal Kicks, team and player development are a much higher priority than winning.** Parents must understand this and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with this philosophy to maintain a healthy team environment.

Have fun!! That is what we do at Coastal Kicks! We challenge players to reach past their "comfort level" and improve themselves as a player and as a person. We do that in an

environment that is safe & fun yet challenging. We hope and expect parents to join us wholeheartedly in that process.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Our objective with this Player/Parent Agreement is to present in clear detail what will be expected of you to create the best environment for development. If you are uncertain as to what is expected, ask your coach for clarification. It is imperative that all parents and players abide by the rules, regulations, and policies, including, but not limited to, those contained in this Player/Parent Agreement. We will make every effort to work with you to help resolve any issues you may have. After we have exhausted all efforts to resolve issues that have been identified, we will implement disciplinary action as outlined below:

1. If the issue concerns player actions, their coach will discuss the issue directly and privately with the player, with the assumption that the problem will be corrected immediately.
2. If the issue persists, or if the issue is parental, the coach will communicate with the player’s parents to discuss the issue.
3. If the issue persists, the coach may temporarily suspend the player or parent.
4. If the situation warrants, the player may be removed from the Club. If the issue is one involving an immediate threat to the safety of any child or adult, steps 1-3 may be omitted with the immediate removal of the player from the Club.

PLAYER/PARENT CONSENT

To market Coastal Kicks Soccer, representatives of the Club might take photographs or videos of training sessions or games. These photographs and/or videos may be used for various marketing opportunities such as the Club website, printed and electronically distributed program flyers, social media posts, and Club marketing videos.

By signing below, **I agree to fully comply with all applicable rules and expectations discussed in this document, and I am willing to accept all consequences and risks from their violation.**

Player’s Name _____

Player Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

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