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1. **PURPOSE:** Northern Lights Soccer Club is committed providing programs that focus on providing a positive soccer environment for all players, parents, coaches, team managers, officials, and fans.
2. **SCOPE**
 - a. Northern Lights Soccer Club, as an affiliate member of Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA), will provide an educational program called [Parents and Coaches Together \(PACT\)](#). Developed by the University of Notre Dame and provided in conjunction with MYSA, PACT is designed to assist coaches and parents in creating a **positive environment** for players, parents, coaches, referees, officials, and fans.
 - b. This policy affects all players, parents, and coaches in the NLSC Travel program.
3. **Process**
 - a. Northern Lights Soccer Club will require the attendance of one parent of each new player to NLSC Travel program to attend a PACT seminar. NLSC will offer seminars at a variety of times and locations to encourage participation. Once certified, player passes will be issued for participation in the upcoming season.
 - b. For the inaugural year (2011), NLSC will require the attendance of one parent of each player in the NLSC U9-U13 Travel program. The PACT seminar will then take place every two years for all new families and all U9-U10 players and U13-U14 players.
 - c. If the parent is also a coach and has attended the Coaches PACT session, he or she is not required to also attend the Parent Pact session. However, the attendance of both sessions by a coach is encouraged.
4. **Failure to adhere to this policy will result in the player's pass being held until the parent attends a PACT seminar. Without a pass, the player cannot participate in games or tournaments**
5. All Northern Lights Soccer Club Coaches (professional and volunteer) will be required to attend the Coaches PACT seminar every two years (when held in conjunction with the Parent PACT seminar). Failure to do so will result in the Coaches Pass being withheld until the requirement is fulfilled.
6. Any player who registers after the date of the last PACT course must complete the course at the beginning of the next season.