



A Soccer Centro affiliate

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## Player / Parent Handbook

SmithFIT is a year-round recruitment program geared to bridge the preparation and performance gap between high school/club and collegiate soccer. Our season schedule is listed below but is not limited to the specific dates listed and may overlap based on scheduling. If a roster spot is offered and accepted, it is a year-long (10 Month) financial commitment to complete all payments due to the program unless a written release is received from the organization.

- Preseason: July – August
- Fall Club Season: September – March
- College Showcase Season: February – April
- Playoff/Tournament Season: April - July

### **Communication Methods:**

SmithFIT FC utilizes the TeamSnap application for all communication between players, parents and coaches. The TeamSnap app is used to relay all necessary information and announcements to players and families including game and practice updates. Parents, Team Managers or Volunteers may not use the application/e-mail system for any purpose other than official SmithFIT Futbol Club business.

### **Players**

- Demonstrate 100% effort and a positive attitude at all training sessions and games
- Arrive at all training sessions and games at or before the time designated by your coach or team manager.
- Notify your coach and team manager in advance of any absences.
- Wear approved SmithFIT training kit at all training sessions.
- Wear approved SmithFIT game kit to all games and bring complete home and away kits
- Be game ready: get adequate sleep and nutrition prior to each game. NO JUNK / FAST FOOD
- Show respect at all times for club policy, coaches, teammates, opponents and referees
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times

If it is determined that a player demonstrates unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct at a game or training session, the team manager can take any of the following actions:

- Immediately remove the player from the practice or the game.
- Refer the matter to the Director for review and possible sanction. If found to be in non-compliance with any of the above may result in appropriate disciplinary actions such as game suspensions or removal from the program.

## Parents

Parents play a pivotal role in fulfilling the needs and growth of, players and contribute to the development of their athletes. Parents and guardians can help assure that all athletes learn good sportsmanship and self-discipline. The role of each parent or guardian is to (1) be a parent present to support your child and the program, and (2) leave the coaching and refereeing to coaches and referees. In addition please commit to the following:

- All monthly fees are due no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.
- Pay your player's fees on time and in full. A \$15 late payment fee will apply after 5 days. After 15 days past due all website features including VEO highlight videos will be terminated/deleted Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- Wait 24 hours following the end of any game or training session before approaching a Coach, Team Manager, Club Official, or volunteer to discuss a complaint or concern arising from the game or training session.
- Keep your household information with the club up to date on TeamSnap App including current addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. This information is used to ensure parents are kept in the loop on all communications as well as in case of emergencies.
- To the extent that your player relies on you for transportation, ensure that they arrive on time for all training sessions and games.
- Support your son/daughter's play in a positive manner and also that of their teammates.
- Remain clear of the field during training sessions and games. (Parents are never allowed on the bench)
- Don't be a sideline referee or coach.
- Avoid direct communication – verbal or non-verbal – with players and coaches during training sessions and games.
- Avoid communication of any kind with referees and opposing players and coaches during or after games.
- Avoid the use of profanity and abusive language of all kinds at all events.
- Avoid the use of alcohol or tobacco at all activities.
- Observe all rules applicable particularly to parents and to spectators in general as promulgated by the gaming league(s) in which your player participates.

Failure of a parent to comply with the above may result in disciplinary action including but not limited to exclusion of the parent from attendance at any events.

