

Arizona Soccer Club – Thunder Competitive Academy
Membership Agreement

This agreement is an outline of expectations for parents, players, coaches and staff as “members” of Arizona Soccer Club, since this program requires open communication and exceptional commitment from all members.

RESPECT & CONDUCT: We understand that we represent our club and team and agree to always respect and exhibit good sportsmanship toward coaches, fellow teammates and their families, game officials, and opposing players and their families in the spirit of the game. Any poor sportsmanship and behavior detrimental to the club and/or team may result in players being pulled from the game, sanctions or may be considered grounds for dismissal from the team and/or club. As “Non-Coaches”, **we agree to refrain from coaching (game play directives) on the sidelines**, as it is most often in direct conflict from the instructions that players receive from their assigned coach(es) and cause confusion and problems during the game. In general, we understand our behavior both on and off the field, that is detrimental to the team or club spirit, or interferes in achieving team and/or club goals may result in removal of EITHER or BOTH the player and the parent/member from the game and/or the team.

TRAINING: For the Thunder competitive program to be 100% effective in competitive play and team development players are required to attend practice 3 days a week in their required training gear (Training T-shirt, shorts, socks, shin guards and soccer cleats). Failure to comply with the required dress code may result in removal from the training session. Players are expected to be at all training sessions, except for family emergencies, school related functions, injuries that prohibit activity, religious holidays or cases when the Town closes the park for weather conditions. Should the player miss any training sessions, the coach and/or team manager will be informed of their absence to properly excuse, prior to the training session. Players will have the opportunity to make up missed sessions through the monthly Make-Up Training Sessions and should they fail to attend, play time may be affected. We understand that playing time in games is based on effort, dedication, attendance, attitude and skills demonstrated during training. Players will also be required to attend scheduled games. By committing to play Thunder Soccer and meeting the practice requirement this insures our teams will grow and develop. It is also understood that AZSC does not take on the responsibility of driving your child to and from practices, games, tournaments or any other team or club related function. Any carpooling, ridesharing, or general commuting to and from an official AZSC related function is done at the discretion of the players legal guardian. It is further understood that any volunteer driver is not considered an agent of AZSC.

The refund policy will still apply if you determine you cannot meet this commitment to Thunder Soccer Club, no refunds will be given after July 1st 2010.

INJURIES: AZSC takes injuries seriously. Should a player suffer an injury during the course of AZSC activity, such as practice, game, or in transit to any of these activities, the player must seek appropriate medical attention and an incident report must be completed. As part of the Thunder program, players insurance is obtained as a supplemental plan to defray medical cost incurred through the player’s primary medical insurance. Should coverage be needed, proper documents must be filed and submitted to the AYSA state office to submit a claim. Following the injury, players are required to obtain a written medical release to return to the team. Should an injury take place outside the AZSC (ie. Injured at home, playground accident, weekend event, car accident, etc.), proper medical attention should be obtained. In these circumstances, the player must still obtain a written medical release to return to the team.

COACHING: We understand that the coach is responsible for demonstrating and leading the team in executing the vision, mission, goals, and AZSC philosophy, as part of the AZSC Leadership, as agreed upon in their signed

contract. We recognize and respect that the coach has the entire team to consider in making decisions and we may not always agree with those decisions. We understand that it is the player or parent's/member's responsibility to discuss problems with the coach. Immediately after a game may not be the best time to talk about these sensitive issues. If a parent/coach meeting is necessary, we agree the discussion will center around the player with constructive dialogue between everyone. Should all means be exhausted with the coach and the situation still goes unresolved, the parent may request a meeting with the Director of Coaching and/or AZSC Board President for resolution. Should a "team meeting" be called, it is MANDATORY that the DOC, Technical Director and, if possible, at least one Board of Directors member (outside of the team) be present for the meeting. It is further understood that AZSC reserves the right to make necessary and reasonable roster changes during the season which could result in your child being moved from one team to another, This will be done at the discretion of your child's coach and the DOC. Any changes impacting your child will be communicated to you and the child.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT & SUPPORT: We agree that by accepting the position offered and completing the registration documents, we are obligated to pay the full Thunder Academy membership fee (annual dues), even if we should later decide to leave Arizona Soccer Club's Thunder Competitive Academy before the end of the seasonal year. **WE (PARENT/LEGAL GARDIAN'S) TAKE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO FULFILL OUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION.** Should a situation arise making it difficult to meet the billing arrangement, we (parent/legal guardian) will immediately contact AZSC Accountant to negotiate a possible new payment arrangement. We will also take initiative and full responsibility to make payment, such as pursuing possible AZSC financial assistance, outside sponsorships, AZSC work exchange programs, etc. to supplement membership fees. Failure to make payments as agreed for services received will result in appropriate actions, based on severity. Actions may range from late fees, to player sanctions – including suspension or dismissal from training sessions and games, to possible pursuit of AYSA Bad Standing Policy through the state, to court judgment to recover fees and court costs. We understand the financial aspect of our commitment directly affects the planning, budgeting, and overall success of the Thunder Academy program.

Additionally, we understand that we are responsible for additional costs above and beyond the club membership fees/dues to cover fees such as tournament fees, travel fees (i.e. room, transportation, food, etc.) team equipment needs, in special cases – referee and/or light fees (i.e. scrimmages, or other game costs,, etc). We also understand the fees are shared by the team/families, even if we do not participate in a tournament or activity. Failure to contribute may negatively impact the team, should the team fall short of funds to cover such expenses. **We understand it is our (parent's) responsibility to contribute funds in a timely manner to meet tournament/activity deadlines.** We will be enforcing our **NO PAY, NO PRACTICE, NO PLAY** policy. If your player's account is not current, he/she **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** to train with the team or play any games, tournaments, team activities, or scrimmages, until the account is current. Failure to follow through on payments may result in possible loss of training time and/or playtime, and does not release us from this financial obligation.

The need to do fundraising is a necessity on every team and Thunder families will be required to participate and/or contribute throughout the year. We understand that players and/or the team may seek and receive donations or will fundraise to defray team/individual expenses and we realize that these funds will remain in the team account, should the player decide to leave the club prematurely. If the player remains with the club, their personal funds will remain in the team account for use or benefit the player/team for that season.

It is the desire of AZSC to become a fully engaged club with a high level of family participation in order to provide the best possible environment for our players and AZSC can't do it alone. We **understand that each family will be required to contribute a total of 8 volunteer hours to be completed anytime during the program year** (July 27, 2010 – March 30, 2011). AZSC will do its best to provide opportunities in areas where

families may have a rewarding experience. However, failure to complete the required volunteer service may result in the denial of potential player invitation for the following Thunder Academy season. There will also be a \$25.00 fee for each hour not completed.

GENERAL: We understand that we are being asked to give time, money and support to the AZSC Thunder Competitive Academy. Our comments, suggestions and recommendations regarding our team/club will be regarded with great respect and **our support and positive attitude is critical to the team/club concept.** We understand that the final decisions regarding what is in the best interest of the players, families, team and club ultimately rests with the club leadership, including decisions made with the coaches and the staffing of coaches. In addition, we understand changes may be made to this agreement in cases where it will be in the best interest of the players and club.

“As a member of the club, we realize that my child is part of more than just a team, but a member of an entire club/organization that is committed to excellence in soccer education, and that membership is a privilege, not a right, and as part of that membership we agree to commit to the club’s vision, mission and goals and will contribute to its implementation and success.”

“We agree with the conditions set forth in this document and pledge our full support in promoting the Thunder Competitive Academy, our team, and the ideals that have been established. Failure to adhere to these conditions set forth can result in the possible suspension or dismissal from the club.”

Parent/Guardian Signature (on behalf of household) Date

Player’s Signature Date

Printed Name of the Parent/Guardian

Printed Name of the Player

Name of Team: _____