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SIGN and RETURN PAGE 4**

Arlington Soccer Association Arlington Travel Soccer 2011-2012 Player/Parent Commitment

*Please read the following rules and guidelines for U9 to U19 travel soccer players in Arlington Soccer Association.
Complete and return the fourth page of this contract to your team manager after both parent and player sign.*

Congratulations! Arlington Travel Soccer (ATS) welcomes you and looks forward to having you as part of our club. ATS is the competitive branch of the Arlington Soccer Association, and we are excited about the upcoming soccer year, and we hope you are, too!

Now that you have verbally accepted an offer to join one of our teams, the club would like you to more formally acknowledge your commitment to play and participate with the club during the next year. As such, please read and sign this Commitment Letter and return to your team manager by **July 15, 2011**.

Player and Parent Commitment Confirmation

Recognizing that soccer is a demanding sport, and that playing travel soccer requires commitment and dedication, we hereby choose to accept a spot on an ATS team and understand that we are expected to make soccer our priority sport for the fall and spring seasons. The fall season begins in mid-August and goes until mid-November, and the spring begins in March and goes through mid-June. That means that any other sport should be secondary to soccer training sessions, games and tournaments during these seasons. We understand and expect our coaches to provide a very challenging and fun environment to learn and love the game of soccer. The coaches will also expect individual work both solo or in small groups to accelerate the development process. This extra work will be outlined by your coach in verbal feedback and written evaluations. Hard work and commitment are qualities needed to excel in any sport. We expect our players to have that type of approach when participating in the programs ATS offers. By agreeing to accept an offer to play on a team in the ATS, a player is promising to give their best efforts to participate in every event the team schedules. That promise will greatly increase a players chance to become the best player possible and to assist the team in reaching its goals.

We also understand that the top teams in each age group will generally commit more time and money because of the extra tournaments and travel that can be involved. The budget for each top team can differ, but generally these teams pay more than the second and third teams in the age group over the course of the year to participate in their approved yearly plan. The costs for tournaments and any additional team costs are shared by the members of the individual team.

We also acknowledge that Arlington Travel Soccer Club is a volunteer-run organization. The club relies on the help of parent volunteers to serve in critical roles such as team officials, ATS committee members, league representatives, and Directors on the ASA Board. As such, we agree to participate in supporting the club by way of taking on a volunteer role at either the team or club level. Any and all support is vital to the success of the team and the development of the players on it.

PLAYER Obligation

Soccer, like any other sport, requires commitment and dedication to become a good player. Just being on a team roster will not make me a better player. I can maximize my improvement as a soccer player and as a teammate by being an active and focused participant. I can do this by . . .

- Agreeing to make soccer my priority sport for the fall and spring seasons.
- Be responsible for knowing about club and team activities and updates by reading team and club emails and checking team and club websites
- Being on-time and attending **ALL** practices, games and other team events and notifying my coach in a timely manner if I will be tardy or unable to make a practice, game, or meeting.
- Attending **ALL** team league games (including Spring break weekend), tournaments (most on holiday weekends) and State Cup play (Saturdays) that my teams participates in.
- Communicating frequently with my coaches and listening to them as well
- Focusing and working hard during all team events
- Practicing soccer skills and conditioning on my own.
- Accept my coach's tactical decisions (player positioning, play time, etc.).
- Respecting my teammates and only give them positive encouragement.
- Agreeing to abide by all club, league, tournament and other event codes of conduct
- Having a positive attitude and never quitting
- Not act in any way that is detrimental to the team or the Arlington Soccer Association.

PARENT Obligation

As a parent of a travel soccer player on a Arlington Soccer Association team, I will . . .

- Accept the team placement of my player.
- Be responsible for knowing about club and team activities and updates by reading team and club emails and checking team and club websites
- Pay all Club and Team fees; turn in all required forms and purchase club uniform kit by their due dates.
- Attend and participate in all team meetings
- Help my player meet team and club expectations and commitments.
- Assist my player to be on-time and attend **ALL** practices, games and other team events and either I or my player will notify my coach in a timely manner if my player will be tardy or unable to make a practice, game, or meeting.
- Commit to my players attendance at **ALL** team league games (including Spring break weekend), tournaments (most on holiday weekends) and State Cup play (Saturdays) that my teams participates in.
- Volunteer my services and talents for the team and/or club. This includes EVERY parent volunteering per the team schedule to monitor a team practice/event, working on or at the ASIST Tournament, the club's annual tournament, if your player is playing in the event and volunteering for a team parent job or club volunteer position.
- Be encouraging, supportive, and affirmative in regard to my child's play on the field.
- Familiarize myself with the Laws of the Games and respect officials and accept their decisions.
- Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent. I understand there are severe consequences for dissent and unsportsmanlike conduct such as banishment from my child's future games or future club activities.
- Support the coach and the team and not interfere at any time with the duties and responsibilities of the coach.
- Accept the coach's decisions (playing time, player position, tactics, etc.) and not be detrimental to a positive playing environment.
- Comply with the rules, policies, directions, and procedures of the team, administrators, and board members of the club as they apply to me.
- Not act in any way that is detrimental to the team or the Arlington Soccer Association.

YEAR LONG COMMITMENT

We recognize that the players' and coaches' commitment to ATS and to each other is for the soccer year, **which is both fall and spring seasons**. Refunds are not issued to players who leave during the year.

A player on a VCCL roster is ineligible to transfer to any other team affiliated with a VCCL club within the same seasonal year except as follows: the player has moved to the geographical area of the new club and beyond reasonable travel distance of the old club AND both Directors agree to the transfer.

A player who has committed in writing or by on-line registration to play for a VCCL club team in the next seasonal year is ineligible to play for another VCCL club team in VCCL league play for the fall season of the next seasonal year unless the player has moved to the geographical area of the new club and beyond reasonable travel distance of the old club AND both Directors agree to waive the restriction

FINANCIAL Obligation

We understand and accept the following financial terms outlined below to play with ATS.

Annual player fees for the year beginning July 1, 2011 are \$1,530. This fee can be paid by check or credit card as follows:

Payment in Full: Due June 30 \$1,530. - or -

Installment Plan:

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| Payment 1- Due June 30 | \$405 |
| Payment 2- Due August 31 | \$375 |
| Payment 3- Due September 30 | \$375 |
| Payment 4- Due November 1 | \$375 |

In addition, Arlington County is charging a user fee for fields that must be paid each season of \$8/player (\$20 for non-resident). The \$16 or \$40 annual fee will be collected in the initial payment due June 30. A late fee of \$25 will apply to any payment received past the due date.

Financial assistance is available for those families that qualify. In order to see if you qualify for financial assistance, please fill out and submit an application and provide the necessary documentation to ATS. The form is available on the ASA website under Travel Tryouts and Fees at <http://arlingtonsoccer.com/travelsoccer/tryouts-fees-registration>. A separate commitment letter outlining the specific payment terms for families receiving financial assistance will be mailed with your approved application.

Failure to fulfill your financial obligations will result in the suspension of your son's/daughter's eligibility to play with ATS until all payments and applicable late fees are current.



**Arlington Soccer Association
Arlington Travel Soccer
2011-2012 Player & Parent Commitment Letter**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

AGE GROUP (i.e.U10B) _____ **TEAM NAME**_____

PLAYER NAME_____

- Print your player's name and age group above
- Sign and date below.

We, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines listed in the 2011 ASA Travel Soccer Commitment Letter

We also consent to accept actions taken by ASA enforce the Commitment Letter

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this page to your team manager by July 15.