

Lake Oswego SC Parent/Player Agreement

The purpose of the Lake Oswego Soccer Club Classic Program is to develop and prepare our players for high levels of competition (e.g. state level, regional level, high profile tournaments, collegiate and any other levels).

LOSC also strives to teach life lessons that will benefit the player in areas away from soccer. To achieve these goals, it is important that the player and his/her parents thoroughly understand, believe, and adhere to the following philosophy:

**All parties must bear responsibility with regard to working towards development. It is the responsibility of the parent and the player to ensure that the player attends as many team functions (training and games) as possible to ensure that they give themselves the opportunity to develop.**

**Those who strive for excellence will be successful on the field of play but more importantly they will also be successful in areas away from the field of play. If you strive for perfection you may not get there but you will surely get better in the process.**

I (*player*) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to adhere to the above philosophy and uphold the following regulations as set forth by the Lake Oswego Soccer Club.

- 1) **Understand and appreciate that the importance of academics and citizenship precede athletics.**
- 2) **Conduct myself in a manner both on and off the field that will reflect positively on both myself and on LOSC.**
- 3) **Be respectful to all teammates, opponents, officials, spectators, and coaching staff.**
- 4) **Attend practices, games, and tournaments as scheduled by your coach, tournament and league.**

*By signing this agreement you acknowledge receiving and reading the LOSC Travel Policy.*

- 5) **Do NOT use alcohol, tobacco products or any other illegal substances at any time.**

I understand that my actions on and off the field affect not only my personal well being, but can interfere with the level of unity required to keep myself and my team successful.

I acknowledge that my conduct may be evaluated at any time by the Lake Oswego Soccer Club and failure to comply may result in dismissal from the team and other Lake Oswego Soccer Club programs.

PLAYER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Excellence versus Winning/Success - Excellence and winning are not the same thing. Excellence is lasting, it is dependable, and it is largely within a person's control. In contrast, winning is perishable and often outside of our control. If you strive for excellence you will probably be successful eventually. People who put excellence in first place have the patience to end up with success. The victim of the success mentality is threatened by the success of others and resents real excellence. Joe Paterno, 1990**

## Lake Oswego Soccer Club Parent Informational Sheet

The purpose of this document is to simply highlight some areas of Classic Soccer that need to be outlined.

Classic Soccer can be very rewarding but given the money, time, and energy invested in the process it can also be frustrating. As parents within the Lake Oswego Soccer Club we encourage you to read the following. You may not necessarily agree with everything that is written but it has been compiled based on the experience of the soccer club over a long period of time.

As a parent within the program you should:

Get your child to as many team activities as possible in as timely a manner as possible. If your child is going to miss an event then please inform the team coach or team manager.

**PLAYING TIME** – If you have an issue with playing time you should not address a coach directly after the game in question. You should support your child, leave the field, and arrange to discuss the issue with the coach at a time when the emotion of the situation has settled.

Parents need to understand that players must be willing to play all positions, and must follow the assignments given by the coaches. There is no guarantee of playing time. At the premier level, playing time is the incentive and reward for demonstrating the highest skill level, game knowledge and ability during practice and games. Playing time is at the sole discretion of the coach and is based on the coach's assessment of the player's performance during practice and the player's demonstrated ability to use their ability, skills and game knowledge to benefit the team in game situations.

Encouraging your child to work as hard as they can when they step on the training field and the game field. Helping your child understand that even when they abide by this philosophy that playing time is not guaranteed at certain times of the year. It is important to understand that other players on the team may also be working as hard as they can and they are developing at a faster rate.

Dealing with problem resolution in an appropriate manner. If you have an issue then arrange a time to talk with the coach and communicate in a responsible manner. If you communicate with the coach and do not feel as though your issue has resolution then you should contact the Director of Coaching and arrange to meet. Using the 'REPLY ALL' button via email is not a responsible way of dealing with a situation. The 'REPLY ALL' button simply serves to create tension amongst the team as some will agree with it and others will not.

Understand the LOSC Developmental Philosophy. LOSC is committed to developing soccer players. Over the course of the year we provide quality training sessions, other skill development opportunities, and competitive games for players to improve their skills. However, as this is a team sport, we are required at certain times of year to elevate the importance of winning. During this time it is your responsibility to help your child through any difficult situation. Development can come through adversity if the situation is managed effectively. If you think that not playing in certain games during State Cup may ruin your child's life then you should consider whether to play competitive soccer.