



2025-2026 Handbook

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Welcome to a new season at Ranchos FC, where we are dedicated not just to developing skilled soccer players, but well-rounded individuals who exemplify excellence both on the field and in their academic pursuits.

Ranchos FC staff and coaches devote numerous resources to the development of the Club. Our coaches are licensed providing up to date training methods to our players. While we are committed to the Club and Players, we need the commitment of the Players and Parents in return. Without the Players and Parents fully committing to Ranchos FC our results will not show.

Team dues:

- Annual Fee: \$700 per player (two payment options, pay in full or pay in three payments)
- Age Groups Covered: 2007 - 2016 (varies per gender)

Purpose of the Fee:

The annual fee ensures our ability to provide a comprehensive soccer program covering administration, insurance, equipment, league and referee fees. Our dedicated coaches and staff volunteer* their time, reflecting our commitment to your child's development as Players and individuals.

What the Fee Covers:

- Administration fees (coaches with no children on any team will get a stipend paid out twice per Fall and/or Spring season, coaches with a child on a team will get ONE registration fee paid for, Board/Staff members DO NOT get paid)
- Trainer fees (goalie training)
- Maintenance of practice/game fields (Golden Valley Unified School District)
- Insurance
- Team equipment
- League fees (outdoor seasons Fall/Spring)
- Referee fees
- Tournament fees (two tournaments per annual soccer season, July - May)
- Recognition/Awards

What the Fee does not cover: (Direct purchase through soccer.com)

- Team kit (Home/Away jerseys) - Two year Cycle
- Practice Jerseys
- Warm Ups and any other Ranchos FC gear

Additional Information:

- Please remember, certain expenses like additional gear are not covered by the annual fee. All program fees are non-refundable, with exceptions made at the discretion of the Ranchos FC Board.
- Tournaments - teams will choose two tournaments to enter in, paid by Ranchos FC. Each additional tournament will be paid for by the entire team. Cost will get broken down to each player on that team whether or not they are attending that tournament. Exception is only for those players that have a long term injury and cannot play. Payment will need to be collected prior to the event date.
- Indoor league - teams choosing to play in an indoor league will need to collectively agree which season they want to play and split costs per player, this will not be covered by Ranchos FC.

Ranchos FC Expectations and Recognition:

For Parents:

- Encourage a supportive and respectful environment for all.
- Exhibit sportsmanship and respect towards all community members.
- Engage in open and trusting communication with staff, coaches and referees.
- Stay positive and avoid negative comments towards coaches, players, referees, and others.
- Ensure timely arrival of your child for training sessions and games, valuing punctuality and team respect.
- Communicate directly with my coaches regarding any matters affecting my athlete's participation (e.g., inability to attend training sessions, running late)
- Escalation Process: If coaches can't resolve my concerns, I'll be directed to the Ranchos FC Board for further assistance.
- Playtime Merit: I understand playtime is earned through performance, commitment, and sportsmanship, not guaranteed equally.
- Cooling off period: Please allow 24 hours after a game to discuss any issues you have with play time or coaching issues. You should reach out to your coach for a meeting, preferable after training.

For Players:

Commitment to Excellence On and Off the Field:

- Strive to improve soccer skills, understand the game, and maintain physical fitness. Respect the sport, your teammates, opponents, and officials.

Behavioral Standards:

- Display exemplary behavior at all times, recognizing that you represent Ranchos FC both on and off the field. This includes adherence to team rules, showing respect in all interactions, and engaging in positive community conduct. Encourage your player to talk to their coach with questions they have, this will help with individual growth and taking ownership of his/her actions.

Teamwork and Respect:

- Engage positively with teammates, coaches, and opponents, fostering an environment of mutual respect and collaboration. Players will need to adapt to different positions on the field.

Academic Achievement:

- Maintain strong academic performance. We believe in the importance of education and expect all players to prioritize their studies. Players who have a GPA lower than 2.0 will not be eligible to play in games until they meet the minimum GPA level, (this excludes IEP's - Individualized Education Program). Their IEP will need to be met.

Scholar Athlete Recognition Program:

- Ranchos FC is proud to announce the Scholar Athlete Recognition Program. Players who achieve a GPA of 3.5 or above will be honored as Scholar Athletes. This recognition underscores our belief in the importance of academic excellence and celebrates those who excel in their studies. We encourage all players to strive for this distinction, as it reflects the true spirit of a student-athlete, balancing competitive soccer with academic success.

For Coaches:

Foster Excellence and Potential:

- Set high expectations for all players, aiming to help them meet or surpass their potential. Lead by example with positive conduct in practices and games, fostering respect, sportsmanship, and a constructive attitude towards everyone involved. Recognize the significant influence of your behavior on player development and the overall atmosphere.

Promote Punctuality:

- Ensure that all players understand the importance of arriving on time for practices and games, fostering a culture of respect and discipline within the team.

Open Communication:

- Maintain direct and open lines of communication with players and their parents. Use tools like GroupMe/GotSport effectively for updates, changes, or concerns related to team activities.

Address Concerns Constructively:

- Actively listen to and address concerns from players and parents. If a resolution is beyond your capacity, escalate the matter to the Ranchos FC Board for further assistance.

Fair Play Time Management:

- Make clear to players and parents that playtime is based on merit, reflecting an athlete's performance, commitment, and sportsmanship. Ensure this policy is applied fairly and transparently.

Development Focus:

- Commit to the growth and development of each player, both in their soccer skills and personal conduct. Provide constructive feedback, foster a love for the game, and encourage academic excellence alongside athletic development.

[Code of Conduct - List of all items for coaches, parents and players.](#)

League / Tournament Expectations:

As a competitive soccer program, it is expected that parents and players make Ranchos FC a high priority behind academics. Other recreational or optional social events should not take precedence over commitment to the team in terms of involvement in training sessions and games.

Fall League:

August - October - (Fall League, will end prior to start of high school season to avoid CIF rule conflicts)

Post Season:

November - February - (rest period, State Cup tournament, local tournaments, optional indoor league)

Spring League:

March - May - (Spring League, State Cup, end of May will be tryouts for the next season)

Post Season:

June - August - (rest period, team trainings, team tournaments, prepare for Fall League)

Photography:

Ranchos FC will take footage of your player(s) for research and marketing use. You hereby grant Ranchos FC permission to use your player(s) likeness in a photograph in any and all of its publications, including but not limited to all printed and digital publications. I understand and agree that any photograph using my child(s) likeness will become property of Ranchos FC and can be returned per request. I acknowledge that since my participation with Ranchos FC is voluntary, I will receive no financial compensation. I hereby irrevocably authorize Ranchos FC to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing Ranchos FC's soccer program or for any other related, lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my child(s) likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any rights to royalties or other compensation arising out of, or related to, the use of the photograph.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge Ranchos FC from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my, heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

Sign: _____ **Date:** _____

If you wish to decline, please sign here _____

At Ranchos FC, we are a community committed to fostering the development of our players as athletes and scholars. By supporting their growth in sportsmanship, respect, trust, and academic excellence, we prepare them for success beyond the soccer field. We appreciate your commitment to these values and look forward to a season of achievement and development. Your player **SHOULD** only be playing for Ranchos FC and no other soccer team.

Together, let's make this season both successful and enriching for our players and families.

By signing this agreement, I affirm my commitment to these principles, understanding they are essential for the success and well-being of our athletes and the Ranchos FC community as a whole.

Signature (Parent/Guardian)

Signature (Athlete)

Signature of (Coach)

Ranchos FC Board

- **Technical Director - Rigoberto Hernandez**
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