

# Policy 007: Financial Commitment and Payment Policy

**Policy Number:** PFFC007

**Policy Name:** Pike Fury FC Financial Commitment and Payment Policy

**1. Binding Financial Commitment & Operational Reliance** By accepting a roster placement with Pike Fury FC ("the Club"), the Parent or Legal Guardian ("Guardian") enters into a legally binding contract for the **full seasonal year**.

- **Operational Budgeting:** The Guardian acknowledges that Pike Fury FC is a non-profit organization that calculates its annual operating budget—including, **but not limited to**, coaching salaries, field leases, league registration fees, and insurance—based on the total number of players registered at the start of the season.
- **Irrevocability:** Because the Club commits these funds upfront on behalf of the Player, the obligation to pay the full season's dues is **irrevocable**. Choosing to withdraw a player mid-season does not reduce the Club's fixed operating costs; therefore, all remaining installments remain due pursuant to the schedule.

**2. Payment Schedules and Delinquency** Initial registration fees are due immediately to secure a roster spot. Subsequent fees must be paid according to the Club's established schedule.

- **Suspension of Play:** Failure to remit any payment by the due date grants Pike Fury FC the right to immediately suspend the Player from any and all team activities, **including, but not limited to**, training sessions, games, and tournaments, until the account is brought current.
- **Dismissal:** Failure to remit payment for more than two (2) consecutive installments may result in the Player's permanent dismissal from the Club.

**3. Account Reconciliation and Future Eligibility** Any account with an outstanding or unresolved balance from a previous season must be fully settled before the Player is eligible for any future Club activities.

- **Mandatory Upfront Dues:** For any account with a history of delinquency, the Guardian shall be required to pay the **entire previous balance in full**, plus a minimum of **one-half (50%) to the full amount (100%)** of the new season's dues upfront.
- **Approval Process:** These specific payment arrangements must be reviewed and approved by both the **Club Registrar** and the **Club President**.

**4. Unauthorized Withdrawal and Player Pass Retention** If a family decides to withdraw a player from the Club for any reason, they must provide formal written notice to the Club Registrar.

- **Administrative Hold:** If a player stops participating while an outstanding balance remains, Pike Fury FC reserves the **exclusive right to withhold the Player's US Soccer Player Pass (Player Card)** and refuse any transfer requests to other clubs.
- **Release Conditions:** The Player Pass will only be released once all outstanding financial obligations, late fees, and administrative costs are satisfied in full.

**5. Chargeback Defense and Material Breach** Pike Fury FC has a formal process for refund and credit requests (see **Policy PFFC008**).

- **Dispute Prohibitions:** Initiating a "chargeback" or "dispute" through a credit card company or bank to bypass the Club's refund policy is considered a **material breach of this contract**.
- **Immediate Suspension:** In the event of a chargeback, the Player will be **immediately suspended** from all Club activities, and the Player's Pass will be placed on administrative hold.
- **Liability for Fees:** The Guardian agrees to be responsible for the original registration amount plus a **\$100.00 administrative fee per chargeback incident**, in addition to any bank fees or legal costs incurred by the Club to recover the funds.

**6. Acknowledgement and Binding Agreement** By completing the online registration for Pike Fury FC, the Parent/Legal Guardian acknowledges they have received, read, and fully understand the terms of this policy. The Guardian explicitly agrees to the following:

- **Evidence of Service:** The Guardian acknowledges that this signed agreement and the Player's participation records will be submitted to financial institutions as **conclusive evidence of services rendered** in the event of a chargeback dispute.
- **Electronic Signature:** Pursuant to the **Georgia Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (O.C.G.A. § 10-12-1, et seq.)**, this digital submission serves as a binding legal signature and evidence of intent to be bound by these terms.
- **Severability:** If any portion of this policy is held to be invalid by a court in the State of Georgia, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.
- **Venue and Jurisdiction:** Any disputes, collection actions, or claims arising from this policy shall be handled exclusively within the jurisdiction of **Pike County, Georgia**. The Guardian agrees to be responsible for all legal fees, court costs, and third-party collection fees incurred by the Club.