

Spring 2010
PLAYER COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

Thank you for choosing Lonestar Soccer Club!

Important Information:

1. The Commitment paperwork and a \$200 Commitment Fee are due at the time a player is placed on a team. *A spot on the team is not guaranteed until the Commitment Paperwork and \$200 Commitment Fee are submitted.*
 - A. Commitment Fee Payment Options
 - i. Pay by check - payable to *Lonestar Soccer Club*, include player's name on Memo line
 - ii. Pay by credit/debit card - complete Payment Authorization Form (Section 1 and A)
 - iii. Pay by ACH (Automatic Check Handling) - Complete Payment Authorization Form (Section 1 and B)
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Application is hereby made for registration of the player named below as a member of the Lonestar Soccer Club for the 2009-2010 soccer year. I/We understand that this commitment is from June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010. I/We understand that the selection and team placement of players shall be at the sole and absolute discretion of the Lonestar Soccer Club coaching staff. The continued participation of a player is contingent upon the player and family abiding by the rules, agreements, and policies (including Parent and Player guidelines and responsibilities found in the Lonestar Player & Parent Handbook, online at www.lonestar-sc.com) of the Lonestar Soccer Club, the Capital Area Youth Soccer Association (CAYSA), Western District Division One Association (WDDOA), and the South Texas Youth Soccer Association (STYSA). **A player is not allowed to play for more than one team at the same time in any league (Recreational or Select).** *Any player rostered to a team is bound to the team to which they are first assigned from August 1 until July 31 unless the parent completes and submits a STYSA player release form.* However, any player rostered to a Lonestar SC team is a Lonestar SC player, throughout the year. If the coaching staff feel movement between teams is necessary to benefit the overall development of the club, team or player such movement between teams can be initiated by the Lonestar SC coaching staff at anytime the rosters are open and league rules permit player movement. Players do have the right to refuse to move, though doing so and going against the qualified guidance of the Lonestar SC coaching staff is not encouraged.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Please refer to the Lonestar web site, including the web Calendar, as this will be your primary source of general information and important dates throughout the year.

PLAYER/PARENT HANDBOOK:

The 2009-2010 *Lonestar Soccer Club Player/Parent Handbook* can be found online at www.Lonestar-SC.com on the homepage at the Handbook tab. In it you will find information answering your questions regarding LSC policies and procedures. All players and their families are expected to abide by and support the policies and procedures included therein. If you have any additional questions, please contact your team coach or the Lonestar Soccer Club office.



VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT:

Each **family** is required to commit ten (10) hours during the year as a volunteer in support of Club events/tournaments. Volunteering to accomplish individual team objectives does not fulfill this requirement. There are several ways to cover this commitment (i.e., volunteering at a club sponsored tournament, event, or club sponsored fundraising event). These hours will be tracked and it is your responsibility to ensure proper credit is received. Volunteers are not automatically assigned to any event. Prior to an event, a request for volunteers will be sent by email or through team managers. Individuals may register online for a particular event, unless all slots are filled. Volunteer opportunities do not require knowledge of soccer but volunteers must be over 14 years of age to participate.

New for the 2009-2010 season, Lonestar Soccer Club will begin a team volunteer requirement for tournaments. Each Lonestar tournament that a Lonestar team participates in will have assigned "team volunteer requirements" posted when the game schedule for the event is posted. For our tournaments to be successful, we need volunteers. Participating teams will be assigned one or multiple volunteer shifts for ALDC, and the Boys and Girls Showcases. Hours will not be in direct conflict with the teams playing schedule but rather assigned around the teams matches, in as many cases as possible. Team Managers will contact parents to fill the shifts once schedules have been released. Hours worked for tournaments will be credited toward your 10 hour commitment.

Parents choosing not to volunteer **MUST** pay the BUY-OUT FEE of \$125. *If the buy-out option is chosen, payment must be made upon signing commitment paperwork.* Parents who pay the volunteer buyout are exempt from the team volunteer requirement for tournaments.

LONESTAR CHAMPIONS FOUNDATION:

There are many children in the Austin area who possess the ability and desire to succeed on and off the soccer field, but lack the financial means to play select soccer. To help address this need, the Lonestar Champions Foundation was established in May 2006. Every cent of the money raised by the foundation provides financial aid for qualified families in our club to be able to play with Lonestar SC. Last season ('08-'09) we had approximately 190 players who qualified for some amount of financial aid totaling nearly \$125,000. These awards are based on economic need and the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

As a part of our annual giving campaign, we are extending the option to add \$8 per month to your six monthly payments (or a one time payment of \$48), to be credited to the Champions Foundation. All proceeds are used solely for financial aid.

EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

All players are expected to meet a high standard of commitment. Players are expected to attend all practices and participate in all league games and tournaments.

Although we strive to provide quality playing time for all players, there are NO guarantees of playing time in any single game for Premier or Division I players. Super II and Division II coaches will make every effort to play each player at least one-half of each game, except when players are injured, ill, or for disciplinary reasons. All players should expect to play in several tournaments on holiday weekends, including Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and possibly others.



SPRING 2010 FEES:

\$150 Commitment Fee or \$200 Commitment Fee if transfer into LSC

North & South Campuses				
		Fall 2009	Spring 2010	
Commit Fee	\$300	\$150 or \$200 if transfer INTO CLUB		
		U11-U18	U11-U14	U15-U18
Premier	\$1,950	\$975	\$585	
Division I	\$1,782	\$891	\$534	
Super II	\$1,260	\$630	\$378	
Division II	\$948	\$474	\$284	

Buda Campus				
		Fall 2009	Spring 2010	
Commit Fee	\$300	\$150 or \$200 if transfer INTO CLUB		
		U11-U18	U11-U14	U15-U18
Premier	\$1,950	\$975	\$585	
Division I	\$1,782	\$891	\$534	
Super II	\$846	\$423	\$282	
Division II	\$846	\$423	\$282	

Mandatory Uniform Kit*: All new players \$ 281.00 + tax. Returning players purchase only pieces they need.

Uniform Kit includes two NIKE Dri Fit game jerseys, two pairs of NIKE shorts, two pairs of NIKE socks, two NIKE Dri Fit practice jerseys, one full NIKE warm-up, and one NIKE backpack. The warm-up is a required piece of the uniform kit; however, if you already own a warm-up that is in good condition and still fits, you are not required to purchase a new one. *Note: The following Practice Gear is required for all practices: NIKE Dri Fit practice jersey (part of mandatory uniform kit), red shorts and red socks.

Payment for the uniform is required in full when an order is placed with *SoccerUSA*. All uniforms will be ordered from and paid directly to *SoccerUSA*. Uniforms are delivered through the Team Manager. If a player changes teams and a uniform number conflict exists, the club does not cover the expense of a new uniform. The club does not allow any altering of numbers on an existing uniform. No refund on uniforms will be made unless the team is not formed.

Annual fees include all practice fees, fall and spring league fees and league tournament fees (i.e., qualifying tournaments, cups, etc.). Additional costs will include non-league elective tournament fees (determined by LSC Executive Director of Soccer & Coaching Staff), team or individual pictures, all player travel expenses and out-of-Austin team travel costs for coaches. Fees remain the same regardless of the number of days in the season. During the season if the player's division status changes, fees will be adjusted accordingly. Fees will not be refunded or forgiven due to player absences, withdrawals, or early release from a team. The only exception to this policy would be if the player provides documented proof of an injury that prevents them from playing for a full season.



PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

The commitment fee is reduced to \$200 for players transferring into the club and \$150 for players adding to rosters.

U11-U14 payments are due February 1, March 1, and April 1. U15-U18 payments are due February 1 and March 1; however if an older players doesn't register until March, payments are March and April 1. All accounts must be paid in full by April 1st.

Players who move up pay the higher fee and players moving down are prorated. This is also in the Commitment Paperwork.

A 3% convenience fee will be added to each credit/debit card and ACH (automatic check handling) payment(s).

Monthly payments are made directly to the Club via credit/debit card, Automatic Check Handling (ACH), cash, money order or personal check. Monthly automatic payments may be set up for MasterCard/Visa and ACH for checking accounts (voided check must be attached) by completing the pink "Payment Authorization Form." Automatic payments will run on the 1st of each month. Personal checks or money orders should be made payable to the *Lonestar Soccer Club* and mailed to: Lonestar Soccer, 12325 Hymeadow Dr., #1-200, Austin, Texas 78750. Please include player's name on the memo line. PAYMENTS MADE ONLINE THROUGH E7 WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. Monthly credit/debit card or ACH payments can be made by calling the office. We strongly encourage setting up automatic recurring payments. A \$35 fee will be charged for any non-sufficient funds check or ACH payment or declined credit/debit card. Overpayments will be credited to the 2010-2011 training fees. If a player does not return, a refund will be processed.

Monthly fees are considered late if not received in the office by the 10th of each month and a \$25 late fee will be added to your account. **Failure to pay your monthly fees within thirty (30) days of fee payment due date will invoke the "NO PAY- NO PLAY" Club Disciplinary Policy.** Players will not be eligible to participate in team practices, games, and tournaments until payment is received.

Please retain the first 4 pages of information for your records.



SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE WITH SPRING COMMITMENT FEE

VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Accept I elect to work the 10 volunteer hours. _____Parent Initial

Decline I elect NOT to work the 10 volunteer hours and will pay the \$125 fee now. _____Parent Initial

CHAMPIONS FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION:

_____ I would like to make 6 monthly payments of \$8 each (July - December). _____Parent Initial

_____ I would like to make a one time donation of \$48. _____Parent Initial

_____ I decline. _____Parent Initial

PLAYER NAME: _____ DOB: _____ TEAM NAME: _____

Parent Name

Date

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone # Home / Cell

Parent E-mail address

For LONESTAR Volunteer Use Only:

Amount Paid: _____ Date: _____ NOTES:

Multiple Players: Y or N Names/Teams: _____

Method: Check # _____ Credit Card: _____ Cash: _____

Financial Aid: Y or N Application: _____

Volunteer Buyout: Y or N

For LONESTAR Office Use Only:

QB _____

ROSTER _____

CC/ACH _____

RECUR _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED ON REVERSE
Form is not complete without signature



RELEASE WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH COMMITMENT PAGE & PAYMENT

I, _____ (parent / guardian) hereby give Lonestar Soccer Club of Austin herein referred to as LSC, legal representatives, and assigns the right and permission to publish my child's name, likeness, photographic image and biographical data for the specific purpose of publicity and promotion of the player, team, and/or LSC.

By registering my child with LSC I hereby waive and release, indemnify, hold harmless and forever discharge LSC, City of Cedar Park, Williamson Country Regional Park, Town & Country Optimists, City of Austin, North Austin Lions Club, Steiner Ranch Master Association, City of Hutto, its agents, employees, officers, directors, affiliates, successors and assigns are hereby jointly and severally referred to herein as Released Parties, of and from any and all claims, demands, debts, contracts, expenses, causes of action, lawsuits, damages and liabilities, of every kind and nature, whether known or unknown, in law or equity, that I or my Child ever had or may have arising from or in any way related to my Child's participation.

This waiver and release includes (but is not limited to) any injuries to my Child resulting from said Child's participation in any of the training, camps, or related soccer or physical activities conducted by, or on the premises of, or for the benefit of Released Parties as well as injuries resulting from engaging in fitness or strength and endurance workouts, practicing and/or engaging in soccer practices, scrimmages, tournaments, league games or other related activities including travel to and from. I understand the activities that said Child will participate in can be dangerous and may cause serious or grievous injuries, including bodily injury and/or death. On behalf of myself, Child, my heirs, assigns and next of kin, I and said Child waive all claims for damages, injuries and death sustained that I or said Child may have against Released Parties regarding any such activity. I certify to the best of my knowledge that my Child's current physical condition is satisfactory for participation in the Lonestar Soccer program and that my child is free of any health problems which would endanger his/her participation. I will inform the coach should his/her condition change at any time during his/her participation in this program. This waiver of liability does not apply to any acts of gross negligence, or intentional, willful or wanton misconduct.

This waiver and release contains the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes any prior written or oral agreements concerning this subject matter. The provisions of this may be waived, altered, amended or repealed, in whole or in part, only upon the prior written consent of all parties.

I have read, understand and fully agree to the terms of this waiver and release. I understand and confirm that by accepting this waiver and release said child and I have given up considerable future legal rights. I have accepted this Agreement freely, voluntarily, and under no duress or threat of duress, without inducement, promise or guarantee being communicated to me. By signing below, I am executing a complete and unconditional waiver and release of all liability to the full extent of the law.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Print Name

