

Welcome to Lonestar Soccer!

This should answer many of your questions and contains all the steps in order to get registered to play with Lonestars.

1. Online Registration:

If you did not register for tryouts, go to our website (www.Lonestar-sc.com) and register your child in our player database. To do so, click on the Registration tab on the left side of the webpage then choose Players and the option for players already placed on a team. *Complete the registration process and remember your user name and password so you can log back in to update your info if needed. Submit at the end of the process.*

2. Commitment Paperwork:

Fees by each Division are listed in the attached Player Commitment document. You need to sign and return **ONLY** the **LAST PAGE** of the Player Commitment packet; the other pages are for your records. The first payment required with submission of paperwork is \$300.00 and is non refundable. This portion of the annual fee payment is the club registration/entry fee and is tax deductible. Only after we receive the completed commitment form and waiver and players are registered online can they officially be added to the Lonestar team.

3. Payment Options:

- Pay by check – payable to *Lonestar Soccer Club*, include player's name in Memo
- Pay by credit card – Complete Payment Authorization Form (Section 1 and A)
- Pay by ACH (Automatic Check Handling) – Complete Payment Authorization Form (Section 1 and B)

If charging to a credit card or setting up bank draft, you may fax the paperwork back to our office at 512.336.7877 instead of mailing or dropping it off. At this time we are unable to take credit card payments over the phone.

If paying by cash or check you will need to mail or drop off the Commitment Signature & waiver page and registration monies to Lonestar Soccer Club, 12325 Hymeadow, Bldg 1, Suite 200, Austin 78750; we are here Monday 9am-4pm and Tues. through Fri. 9am-5pm.

4. Uniform Kit:

Visit the Lonestar online Calendar (www.lonestar-sc.com/calendar.php) for Uniform Try-on dates at the Soccer USA North Store (257-8560, located on the Southeast corner of 183 and Anderson Mill Rd). The uniform kit is not included in the Registration Fees and is paid for directly at SoccerUSA when the uniform is ordered. Payment must be made prior to the order being filled. The uniform kit pieces and price are listed in the Commitment Paperwork. Have your player wear soccer shorts, t-shirt and sandals to help speed up the try-on process. Note there are no size changes once the uniform is ordered. Uniform numbers will be handled through the Team Manager at a later date.

We will be glad to answer any questions you have so please do not hesitate to contact us.

Welcome to the Lonestar Family!



**2009-2010
PLAYER COMMITMENT AGREEMENT**

Thank you for choosing Lonestar Soccer Club!

In an effort to make the 2009-2010 Lonestar tryout experience more efficient, we are providing parents with the Commitment Agreement at the time of check-in. This will allow you to thoroughly review it, ask questions, and be ready to submit the paperwork when/if a coach assigns your child to a team.

Important Tryout Information:

1. All Players are assigned a tryout number and will be escorted out to the appropriate field by our staff.
2. There is a mandatory parent meeting at the beginning of the tryout on the first day.
3. The Commitment paperwork and a \$300 Commitment Fee are due at tryouts at the time a player is placed on a team. *A spot on the team is not guaranteed until the Commitment Paperwork and \$300 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)

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, teams or player development 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:

- **Saturday, August 1st through Tuesday, August 4th, 2009** - Lonestar Team Camp is **MANDATORY** for all Lonestar players (Included in annual fees; no pre-registration; times and venues will be communicated when finalized; absences must be communicated in advance to the team coach)
- **Saturday, August 8th and Sunday, August 9th, 2009** - LSC vs. LSC Scrimmages
- **Monday, August 10th** - Fall season practices begin
- **November 13th and 14th (24 Hour Marathon)** - *Lonestar Soccer Club 24 Hour Soccer Marathon* benefiting the LSC Champions Foundation and the Miracle League.

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, not on talent.

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.

24 Hour Soccer Marathon:

The Lonestar Soccer Club and the Miracle League of Austin are partnering this year to raise funds for children with mental or physical disabilities that prevent them from participating in regular recreational activities and for children who cannot afford to play youth soccer. We also plan to develop and grow a Miracle League/TOPS Soccer program in north Austin during the 2009-10 season. The purpose of the 24 Hour Soccer Marathon is to educate our children on the importance of investing in the community and giving to charity, as well as to ensure that more children can benefit from the positive effects of playing youth sports and interacting with one another.



This is a community service project in which we are asking our players to go out into the community and raise pledges for the marathon. We are not asking the parents of the club to donate money to this event.

Lonestar Soccer Club will play soccer continuously for 24 hours, with each LSC team participating for a one (1) hour time slot in a 24-hour-period beginning on November 13th at 4:00pm and ending at 4:00pm on November 14th. Each Lonestar Player will be encouraged to raise at least \$100 in pledges for the event. The monies raised will be split 50/50 between the Miracle League and the Champions Foundation.

Each Lonestar team will have a team manager or assigned parent that will help answer questions and ensure that we are on track to meet our goals for a successful event. All donations are tax deductible and players will have the opportunity to win prizes for their efforts. Each participant will receive an event t-shirt, and prizes will be awarded to our top fundraisers and top fundraising team.

Collection envelopes will be distributed in late September, and fundraising club-wide begins September 28th! This is the time of year when our club can come together and give back to the community, and we encourage participation from each player in order to have the biggest impact possible. You will receive periodic emails from the club during October/November regarding the fundraising efforts, and your Team Managers/assigned parent will follow up with you in September with further details on the event. Contact Sara Reed at sara_reed@lonestar-sc.com for questions.

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.

ANNUAL FEES:

Premier League (U14 and older)	\$1,950
Division I	\$1,782
Super II	\$1,260
Division II	\$948

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** at uniform try-ons. 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 Operations & 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:

1st Payment - Due upon Signing of Commitment Form \$ 300.00

1. The first payment required upon placement/commitment to a team will be \$300 payable at sign-up. This payment is non-refundable, non-transferable and tax-deductible.
2. The \$300 is deducted from the above annual fees once paid. If you choose not to pay the balance in full, fees will then be payable over 6 months due July 1st through December 1st.
 - Premier - \$275 monthly
 - Division I - \$247 monthly
 - Super II - \$160 monthly
 - Division II - \$108 monthly
3. The Annual Fee covers June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010.
4. Anyone who pays the entire fee at the time of signing commitment paperwork will receive a discount; \$50 discount for Premier or Division I, \$25 discount for Super II or Division II.
5. **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." A 3% convenience fee will be added to each credit/debit card and ACH payment(s). 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. **You must include player name in 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.

If an extended payment plan or financial aid is needed, the **Financial Aid Application** is due in the Lonestar Office by **June 5, 2009**. A written decision will be mailed from the Financial Aid Committee prior to the first regular payment due date. Any player receiving Financial Aid is required to raise at least \$200 in donations for the 24 hour marathon; failure to do so can result in withdrawal of Financial Aid award. Payment of the \$300 commitment fee is **still required** at the time of signing. The commitment fee and uniform fee cannot be included in financial aid. For questions concerning player payments or Financial Aid, contact Sheila Ross at sheila_ross@lonestar-sc.com.

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



SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE WITH \$300 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



PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Complete this form **ONLY** if you would like to:

- Pay the **\$300 COMMITMENT FEE** by credit/debit card or ACH (Automatic Check Handling) **and/or**
- Pay the **MONTHLY TRAINING FEES** by credit/debit card or ACH (Automatic Check Handling)
- * **A 3% convenience fee will be added to each credit/debit card and ACH (Automatic Check Handling) payment(s)**

Player Name _____ Team _____
 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Primary Email _____ Phone _____

1) MANDATORY COMMITMENT FEE: (This must be paid before commitment paperwork will be accepted).
 How would you like to pay? Please check **ONE**:

- _____ I would like to pay this fee by credit/debit card (see **SECTION A** below)
- _____ I would like to pay this fee by ACH check (see **SECTION B** below)

2) MONTHLY TRAINING FEES AND CHAMPIONS FOUNDATION DONATION:
 How would you like to pay? Payments processed on the first day of the month. Please check all that apply:

- _____ I would like to pay this recurring fee by credit/debit card monthly (see SECTION A below)
- _____ I would like to pay this recurring fee by ACH check monthly (see SECTION B below)
- _____ I authorize payment(s) of the Champions Foundation donation per the Commitment Agreement.

A) CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

MasterCard/Visa # _____ Expires: _____
 Name as it appears on the card: _____

B) ACH CHECK INFORMATION

Routing Number: _____
 Account Number: _____
 (The routing number is the first group of numbers on your check.
 The account number is the second group. See image for examples.)



Primary Name on Account: _____
 Email _____ Phone: _____

I authorize Lonestar Soccer Club to charge the account above for the amount of D2, S2, D1, or Premier, dependant upon the division of the team that my son/daughter is placed on. (See commitment form for fees and structure). These payments are authorized to be charged at the beginning of the months specified in the commitment form until the balance is paid in full. **If any aspect of the above account(s) should change, I understand that I am responsible for contacting the Lonestar Office before the date of my next scheduled transaction, or a \$35 Non-Sufficient Funds fee will be charged to my account for every returned transaction.** Cancellation of this agreement must be received in writing prior to the next scheduled transaction.

Signature _____ Date _____

