



Welcome

Congratulations! Your child has been invited to become part of the South Bay Soccer Club (The Club). Playing competitive soccer requires a physical and financial commitment, by the players and their parents, as well as a significant time commitment. However, the rewards are great!

Mission Statement

South Bay SC was established to support, educate, organize, administrate, and develop youth players to achieve their highest potential through the game of soccer. To do so, the Club will provide the highest level of coaching to its players. The goals of South Bay SC are:

1. To develop well rounded players, whose academic and playing abilities enable them to : gain nominations to State, Regional and National Olympic Development Programs; play and excel in club and high school soccer in order to receive college scholarships and NCAA playing opportunities; and attain professional playing opportunities.
2. To build and sustain a nationally and internationally recognized soccer club.
3. To develop teams that will achieve state, regional, national, and international soccer championships.
4. Realize these goals within the proper framework of instilling character, confidence, responsibility, accountability, love of the sport and fair play within our youth athletes.

South Bay SC participates in the Coast Soccer League (CSL) and is affiliated with the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA) – South.

Club information

The purpose of this handout is to familiarize parent(s) and/or guardians and players with the South Bay SC. The South Bay SC website provides additional information including the coaches, the Club calendar, Club news, etc. We hope you will keep this information as a reference throughout the season for some of the questions you may have. However, should you be in need of further information please do not hesitate to contact the South Bay SC as noted below.

Website Address: www.southbayssc.com
Club telephone: (310) 640-3550
Club Correspondence: P.O. Box 1718
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266-1718

Annual Commitment

2007-2008 Seasonal Year:

Under 09 - Under 14 April 01, 2007 thru March 31, 2008

Under 15 - Under 19 July 01, 2007 thru May 31, 2008

Each team will have a different schedule following general Club guidelines. Higher level teams may have a more intense practice and tournament schedule than other teams. The "season" begins shortly after tryouts and continues until tryouts for the following season.

Practices: Teams will generally practice two times per week, at the discretion of their assigned coach and/or Director of Coaching. Field locations and times will be assigned by the South Bay SC Field Scheduler. During the summer months, many fields are closed for maintenance and it is possible that practice locations and times may vary. The Club also provides high caliber skills training, goal keeper training, and speed and agility training on a weekly basis. All players are encouraged to attend these additional trainings and they may be required by individual coaches.

Tournaments:

All Club teams travel to tournaments throughout the soccer season. The Club tournament committee reviews tournament schedules and suggestions are made as to which tournaments teams should participate in. Players are requested to lodge and eat together as a group at the discretion of the team coach. Parents and/or guardians for players participating at away tournaments (including hotels accommodations) are reminded they are responsible for the behavior and actions of players in their care while representing the South Bay SC.

Transportation: South Bay SC does not provide transportation to and from practices, games or tournaments. The responsibility lies with the parents and players to arrange their own transportation to these locations and to arrive on time for practices and games.

Soccer Sites: We are all asked to help maintain the field sites where we play our soccer games. We all have to do everything we can to help maintain our welcome on these fields during regular season as well as tournaments

1. Please comply with all requests made by tournament personnel.
2. Be good consumers and throw away any used items into garbage receptacles or take them with you for disposal elsewhere.
3. Keep our team area clean.
4. Officiating is a tough job. Let's remember this and **NEVER** argue with the center referee or the attending lines-people. The coach will handle any discussions with the referees. Violations **CAN** result in team disqualification from a game or tournament.

Code of Conduct: The South Bay SC stresses good conduct, sportsmanship, and respect in all of its activities. CSL and CYSA-South are also strong proponents of these attributes and enforce a specific code of conduct at their activities in order for anyone to participate. As you sign up with CYSA, you agree to their code of conduct. The Club also has a code of conduct for both the parents and players. The parents and players are required to adhere to these standards throughout the course of the season. In your registration materials, you will find code of conduct forms. Please be sure to read them thoroughly and sign them as your agreement to follow them. Failure to follow these standards is grounds for dismissal of the player from the Club.

Financial Commitment

The Club fee for the 2007-2008 seasonal year is \$1,350.00.

An initial commitment fee is due at Registration with the balance payable in installments. Players will be charged \$25 for each returned check. Invoices will NOT be sent to parents. The club Treasurer will notify the team coach and manager if payment has not been received. Players with overdue balances will not be issued player cards in July. After July, players with overdue balances will be "benched" until payment is received.

Checks made payable to: South Bay Soccer Club
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NOTE: Please write your **Child's FULL Name & Team (e.g. Bu11-blue)** on the check

Club fees are used for the following: Coaching salaries, CYSA-South, CSL & USYSA registration fees, uniforms (see below), State cup registration fee, group training sessions, field/lighting costs, and other operating expenses.

Club fees do not include: Referee fees, tournament fees, personal player equipment, team equipment, and individual player and/or coach travel expenses. Some of these costs will be collected by the team manager.

Refund Policy: Fees paid are not subject to refund. Under special circumstances, the South Bay SC Executive Board will evaluate refund requests on a case-by-case basis.

Uniforms: New players will receive one (1) uniform consisting of one pair of shorts, two uniform tops, and two (2) pair of uniform socks. New uniforms will be given out every other year. For special circumstances, the Uniform Coordinators will evaluate Uniform requests on a case-by-case basis.

Coaching Staff:

Our Director of Coaching (DOC), Todd Saldana, has put together a diverse, professional coaching staff for the South Bay SC. Each team will be assigned a primary coach, at the direction of the DOC. Additionally, teams will also have the benefit of supplementary training from other members of the South Bay SC coaching staff.

Many members of the Club's staff have experience coaching at NCAA Division I and II levels, Olympic Development Programs, and other universities, high schools, and Clubs. Many have also played at the highest competitive levels, including professional, US National teams, NCAA, NAIA, and even internationally. Individual coach bios appear on the Club website.

While the primary coach who is assigned to the team will normally be at each game and practice, this is not always the case. Many coaches in the Club have commitments to other teams and other duties within the Club. If a coach is not able to be at a game or practice, the players will normally be notified well in advance of these situations, but rarely circumstances occur which do not allow this. If the coach is not able to be at an activity with the team, the Club will have another qualified coach with the team who is familiar with their style of play and is usually familiar with the team itself.

Communication

Communications with Coaches: Lines of communication will be kept open between athletes and their families and the coaches. It is our intent to supply you with all the essential information that you will need to successfully manage your commitment to soccer. Many times parents have questions they feel need to be discussed with their athlete's coach. Our coaches are professional; they make judgments based on what is best for the team taking into account each member of the team. This is a difficult task and differences of opinions may arise from the decisions. **The coaches work long and hard for the success of the team as well as the individual players.** They are youth coaches because they love working with children and young adults and realize the benefits of the job are in these relationships.

Communication with coaches is most productive when an appointment can be made to sit down and talk about an issue in private. Parents should **NOT** try to talk to a coach before, during, or after a game regarding a perceived problem. This is the most intense and emotional time for all parties involved and it is not the time to meet about specific issues with your child. Please respect the coaches and the need for them to be focused on the task at hand.

Club / Team Commitment

While the Club expects each player to develop individually, they are part of something larger. Each team's strength comes from combining the individual team resources under the right leadership. Developing this strength requires that individuals (coaches, players and parents) work together, each contributing to the betterment of the team. The same goes for the Club. South Bay SC's strength comes from each team being strong and committed to the Club's vision. Each team contributes to the Club's strength through adhering to the Club's policies and procedures regarding activities (tournament selection, scheduling, attire, etc.) and finances. South Bay SC has several important Club fundraisers and teams are expected to participate in these activities. It is the Club's expectation that each player and parent honor their time and financial commitments. South Bay SC is a non-profit organization and is dependent upon member fees, fundraising and sponsorships to continue to develop and administer the premier youth soccer program in the South Bay.

Thank you for your support and commitment! We all want what is best for our children and we need to work together to attain our goal!

We look forward to a great Club season!

South Bay Soccer Club Executive Board