



## 2009 - 2010 LIGA RAINIER YSC PLAYER/PARENT AGREEMENT

LIGA Rainier YSC is a nonprofit corporation which provides the opportunity and leadership for the year round development of state league level soccer players through training by highly qualified coaches and competition at the most competitive level of select soccer available to youth in the state. Boys and girls U-11 through U-19 teams are formed with the intention that they compete in the Washington State Youth League, the top youth league in Washington; developmental U-11 and U-12 teams compete at their highest available level of play. Our mission is to:

- ❖ Provide a positive environment in which dedicated and talented youth soccer players are given the opportunity to attain the highest level of play.
- ❖ Develop responsibility, appropriate behavior, good sportsmanship, and self-confidence for all members of the Club.

The player and parent(s) become members of LIGA Rainier YSC upon the player's selection at open, competitive tryouts, and upon the player's and parent(s)' written agreement to abide by the following LIGA Rainier YSC rules. **Each coach shall advise his/her players and their parents of any other specific requirements and guidelines that govern the team, training schedules, costs, and plans for the soccer season.**

### I. PLAYERS

#### A. TRAINING SESSIONS AND MATCHES

1. When teams are training, training sessions generally shall take place twice a week (except for high school-age girls), with additional training provided based on the players' need as determined at the discretion of the coach or the LIGA Rainier YSC Director of Coaching.

2. Training sessions shall not be called for rain or other inclement weather; the only weather cancellation shall be for lightning, a severe weather watch for the area, or unplayable field (e.g. ice or snow). Unless the coach designates otherwise, training sessions shall be canceled only at the training site.

3. Players shall be suited up and prepared to play at the start of each training session, and at the beginning of the warm up period before each game. Players shall attend all training sessions and games, including all tournaments, unless excused by the coach.

a. Generally, training is anticipated to occur year round, with suspension of training only as determined by the coach or the LIGA Rainier YSC Director of Coaching. However, teams generally do not train between the end of the league season and in December holidays. In addition, teams generally take a few weeks off in the summer.

b. Competition is anticipated to take place on a year round basis, including but not limited to the following: spring and summer tournaments (including, if necessary, for all U-14 and older teams the Washington State Youth League Placement Tournament in early June), regular season league play starting at the beginning of September and extending until mid-December, State Cup tournament play starting at the beginning of January and, depending on success of play, extending as long as early March.

4. Notification of absence from any training session, game or tournament due to illness, injury, or family emergency shall be made to the coach by the player in a timely manner. **Coaches reserve the right to suspend or release players that have accumulated numerous unexcused absences.**

5. LIGA Rainier YSC players shall:

a. Dress appropriately for training (LIGA Rainier YSC training T-shirt), and for games (LIGA Rainier YSC uniform), with shirts tucked in, socks over shinguards, and soccer shoes;

b. Bring ball, shoes for alternate playing surfaces, water and bag with any needed supplies, (i.e., tape, braces, cold packs, etc.) to each training session and game;

c. Be prepared to start warm up prior to each training session and game promptly at the designated time, and be dedicated to participate fully;

d. Be responsible for picking up balls, cones, vests, litter, etc. at the end of each training session and game; and

e. Obey posted rules at training and game sites, and demonstrate a respect for the property of others.

#### B. BEHAVIOR

1. It is the goal of LIGA Rainier YSC to promote a first class, disciplined program at all times. Players shall recognize that they represent themselves, their parents, and the Club at all Club-related functions, including times before and after matches and on trips to tournaments.

2. Players shall use restraint and composure when fouled or antagonized. Players shall not attempt to injure an opponent in order to gain a field advantage. A player who violates these guidelines may be penalized by suspension or other sanctions as determined by the coach, the LIGA Rainier YSC Director of Coaching, and/or the LIGA Rainier YSC Board of Directors.

#### C. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. In the event that any issues or conflicts arise, it shall be the player's responsibility to first approach the coach privately to resolve such issues or conflicts. LIGA Rainier YSC considers this part of the player's maturation process.

2. It shall be only after the player and coach are unable to reach a satisfactory understanding that the player's parent may approach the coach. (See, sections II. B. and II. D., below.)

#### D. GENERAL

1. A player's health and physical fitness is a major factor in developing a successful team. Proper diet and sufficient rest is necessary for fitness and optimal play. For both regular season matches and tournaments, players and parents shall cooperate with coaches and managers in instituting a curfew and following proper nutrition.

2. Players shall advise the coach and parents of any injury or medical condition which could affect play, or the health and welfare, of the player in training or game situations, whether such injury or medical condition originated on or off the field, and is soccer related or non-soccer related. For example, notification of injury enables the coach or medical professional to attend to an injury, if necessary, and decreases chances of further injury.

3. LIGA Rainier YSC has a no tolerance policy toward the use of alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs. The use of any of these substances by a player is detrimental to athletic performance, and furthermore is in most instances illegal. A player's use of any of these substances may lead to immediate and permanent dismissal from the Club, as well as further appropriate action as prescribed by the Seattle Youth Soccer Association and the Washington State Youth Soccer Association.

#### E. ACADEMICS

While LIGA Rainier YSC recognizes the importance of education, each player shall budget his/her time in order to fulfill both academic responsibilities and his/her commitment to all training sessions, regular season games, and tournaments.

#### F. FINANCES

1. Each player shall satisfy all registration and other fee requirements, and, if applicable, all coaching fees and/or team assessments, in order to participate in the LIGA Rainier YSC program. For the 2009-2010 season, the fees are nonrefundable registration fee shall be paid on Registration Night (or prior alternate arrangements made).

a. Any player who has not fully satisfied all Club registration and other fee requirements, or any coaching or team assessments, relating to the previous season shall not be allowed to participate in LIGA Rainier YSC tryouts for the upcoming season, unless previous approval is given by the LIGA Rainier YSC Board of Directors.

b. No player who is in arrears for any previous season fees to the Club shall be registered for the 2009-2010 season.

c. Unless previous approval is given by the LRYSC Board of Directors, non-payment of 2009-2010 fees by the due date(s) shall result in a player not being allowed to participate in any team or Club activities.

d. Any player who has not fully paid any current year's coaching or team assessments that have been billed and are due may, at the Coaches discretion, have training or game time restricted until such time as the assessments have been brought forward.

2. Before the Club Registrar signs transfer papers for a player who is leaving a team or the Club for any reason, such player shall be current on his/her financial obligations to the team and Club up to the date of his/her departure, including a prorated portion of the training assessment. Any Club registration or other fees, or any team fees, relating to a player leaving the team or Club for any reason shall be forfeited. In addition, any donations, contributions, or funds raised by or on behalf of that player or his/her family shall be forfeited.

3. Any player who is released for not adhering to Club or team rules shall be held responsible for any transfer fees and costs associated with that player's removal.

#### G. WSYSA RESTRICTIONS

Any player in the state of Washington who participates in WSYSA program, at any level, recreational, select or advance development teams, is only allowed to be registered to one team at a time. Any team having a player who is registered on more than one team could be disqualified for league or club play (Presidents Cup, Fred Meyer Commissioners Cup, or Snickers Championship Cup).

## II. PARENTS

### A. PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS

1. Parents of U-11 players should understand that while LIGA Rainier YSC developmental teams play against the highest level of competition available to them, at U-11 some opponent teams are recreational or nearly recreational teams, as many major clubs currently do not begin their select program until U-12. Thus, early wins can be achieved merely through the strength of the LIGA Rainier YSC player pool. Therefore, parents must understand that especially at the younger ages, the success of the LIGA Rainier YSC program is not measured only, or necessarily, by game scores, but must be measured by the development of individual and team technical and tactical soccer skills.

2. The game scores earned by a player’s team of the previous year are irrelevant to LIGA Rainier YSC player selection in any age/gender group. Player selection decisions are made on a player’s demonstrated soccer skills as measured against all other players trying out in the same age/gender pool who are being considered for the same position or positions. The primary opportunity to develop these skills is in training, not in games.

3. Even at the older ages, winning of games, championships and tournaments is not the only goal, but is also a means to showcase the Club and older players for the Olympic Development Program (ODP) and college recruitment. Parents must realize that player selection for ODP or player recruitment by college scouts is not based on game scores, championships or tournament wins, but on the soccer skills and physical talents of the individual player.

**B. PARENTAL RESPECT FOR PLAYER/COACH RELATIONSHIP; DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

1. To ensure player development and team growth, parents shall be supportive of coaches and shall respect the player/coach relationship. LIGA Rainier YSC coaching staff strives to develop skilled players who exhibit good sportsmanship. Sometimes this process requires that those in charge of training make difficult decisions. Personal parental preferences may cause or increase confusion or conflict among players and parents. Furthermore, parental interference before, during, or after games may disrupt the player/coach relationship and team dynamics.

2. Parents shall respect their player’s responsibility to first approach the coach privately to discuss any issue or conflict that may arise. Only after the player has first approached the coach and a resolution is not reached, shall a parent approach the coach. *Any parental discussion with the coach shall be conducted privately, courteously and respectfully, and shall remain within the bounds of socially acceptable deportment.*

3. Parental concerns about coaching and playing decisions, including, but not limited to, player selection for the team, playing position and playing time, and their child’s development shall be brought first to the coach, then if there is no resolution, to the LIGA Rainier YSC Director of Coaching or to the LIGA Rainier YSC Board member responsible for player and coach development. **Parents shall bear in mind that no coach selection or retention decisions, nor any coaching or playing-time decisions, shall be made by player or parental consensus.**

4. Parents shall advise the coach of any injury or medical condition which could affect the play, or the health and welfare, of the player in training or game situations, whether such injury or medical condition originated on or off the field, and is soccer related or non-soccer related. For example, notification of injury enables the coach or medical professional to attend to an injury, if necessary, and decreases chances of further injury.

**C. PARENTAL BEHAVIOR**

Parents are expected to exercise good judgment and shall conduct themselves in an exemplary fashion both on and off the field at all LIGA Rainier YSC activities. This includes, but is not limited to, exhibiting respect to the referee and other officials, all players, coaches and parents at all games and tournaments.

**D. SANCTIONS**

When warranted, disciplinary action may be taken, including but not limited to **exclusion of a parent from LIGA Rainier YSC activities**. In addition, LIGA Rainier YSC reserves the right to impose **sanctions (including but not limited to suspension or dismissal from the team) on a player whose parent** engages in behavior undermining the coach’s right to make all coaching and playing decisions, or whose behavior is not consistent with the Club Mission, or reflects negatively on LIGA Rainier YSC

**SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE**

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*Players and parents: please sign below, detach and retain  
LIGA Rainier YSC Player/Parent Agreement for your information.*

*We have read and understand the LIGA Rainier YSC Player/Parent Agreement. We understand that **no one is authorized by Liga Rainier YSC to alter, modify, or waive any of the terms of this agreement in any way.** In consideration of being allowed to be a member in good standing of LIGA Rainier YSC and being allowed to participate in LIGA Rainier YSC activities, we hereby agree to adhere to the provisions of this Agreement.*

**Player Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Player Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_