



DC-CRU SOCCER CLUB POLICY GUIDE

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1. Mission & Core Values

****Mission:****

To develop young athletes into Christ-centered individuals through competitive soccer that emphasizes spiritual growth, character, skill development, and teamwork.

****Core Values:****

- Faith First – Our identity is rooted in Christ above all
- Respect for self and others
- Discipline in training and behavior
- Commitment to personal growth, on and off the field
- Team above self
- Playing with integrity, passion, and purpose

2. Spiritual Development

Our Number One Priority:

We believe soccer is a tool for something greater. Above all else, we desire to help players grow in their faith and understand who they are in Christ.

Key Spiritual Elements of the Club:

- Team prayer before and/or after practices and games
- Coaches who model Christian values and servant leadership
- Opportunities for prayer, reflection, and faith-based discussions
- Character-building integrated into training sessions
- Emphasis on humility, grace, and Christ-like sportsmanship

3. Player Policies

- Representing Christ in both victory and defeat
- Players are expected to represent the club with humility, effort, and respect.
- Spiritual and character growth are just as important as technical skills.
- Players are expected to participate in team prayer (players will volunteer to pray-never forced), listen respectfully, and support their teammates on and off the field.
- Come to practice and games prepared—with proper gear, hydration, and a focused mindset.

4. Parent & Spectator Expectations

- Support our club's Christ-centered values through your words and actions.
- Encourage your child in their spiritual journey and character development—not just their athletic progress.
- Refrain from coaching from the sidelines.
- Cheer positively and respectfully for all players.
- Avoid negative talk about referees, coaches, or players. Speak life!
- Communicate any injury or serious medical/mental/physical matters with the coach immediately.
- Absences must be communicated promptly by a parent/guardian.

5. Coach Expectations

- Prioritize the spiritual development of each player.
- Lead team prayer and create opportunities for players to grow in faith.
- Be a Christ-like role model in speech, attitude, and behavior.
- Celebrate wins with humility and face losses with grace.
- Foster a safe space where players can ask questions, struggle, and grow—spiritually and athletically.
- Provide honest, constructive feedback to help players grow.
- Communicate clearly and respectfully with parents and leadership.
- Attend all practices, games, and meetings unless unforeseen circumstances arise, and proper notice is given.

6. Director Responsibilities

- Uphold and protect the spiritual mission of the club.
- Provide vision, leadership, and overall direction for the program.
- Oversee coach selection, training, and accountability.
- Ensure policies are implemented consistently and fairly.
- Serve as final decision-maker in unresolved conflicts.

- Oversee budgeting, financial management, and league compliance.
- Support families, players, and coaches in alignment with club values.

7. Attendance & Commitment

- Attendance at practices, games, and team prayer is essential.
- Unexcused absences may affect playing time and team placement.
- Players engaged in multiple activities must communicate potential conflicts at the start of the season.
- Consistent commitment is expected throughout the full season.

8. Playing Time Policy

- Playing time is earned, not guaranteed.
- Coaches consider skill level, attitude, effort, spiritual leadership, and attendance when allocating playing time.
- All players will receive opportunities to contribute, but equal playing time is not guaranteed.
- Coaches will communicate clearly with players about how to improve.

9. Team Selection & Placement

- Teams are formed based on age, skill, attitude, spiritual maturity, and positional needs.
- Evaluations during tryouts and practices help determine placement.
- Final decisions rest with the coaching staff and club leadership.
- Roster spots are not guaranteed from season to season.
- Registrations are not considered official until payment has been made.

10. Financial Policy & Fees

- Fees cover league registration, referees, tournament, equipment, uniforms, and insurance costs.
- All payments must be made by posted deadlines unless prior arrangements are approved.
- Refunds are not guaranteed and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

- Additional tournament or special event costs may apply and will be communicated in advance.

11. Communication Guidelines

- Coaches will communicate team updates via the GotSport app (primary) or Email.
- Parents are encouraged to bring questions respectfully and through the appropriate channels.
- The proper communication chain is:
 1. Player to Coach (when age appropriate)
 2. Parent to Coach
 3. Coach to Club Director, if needed
- All concerns should be handled with grace and in accordance with biblical principles

12. Conflict Resolution

- We encourage a 24-hour pause before addressing emotionally charged issues.
- Concerns should be brought first to the coach in a respectful manner.
- If unresolved, parents may escalate the issue to club leadership.
- The goal is always restoration, not blame.

13. Code of Conduct Acknowledgment

All players, parents, and coaches must abide by the contents of this policy guide. Registering a child into the DC-CRU Soccer club or volunteering to coach is affirming your commitment to the contents of this document.

DC-CRU Soccer Club

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.” – Colossians 3:23