



## **PLAYER AND PARENT AGREEMENT**

### **WELCOME**

Welcome to Juventus Academy Los Angeles. We are pleased to have you as part of our organization. Below you will find information and obligations for both the Players and the Parents. Team selection is an honor and a privilege, not an entitlement. Along with the honor and privilege comes responsibilities and commitments. In order to enable you to make a fully informed decision whether to accept our invitation, this packet sets forth some information about the Academy and describes the nature of the commitments that are expected from the players and their parents.

### **ACADEMY BACKGROUND**

Juventus Academy Los Angeles was founded in 2019 as an organization established to teach children how to play soccer at an advanced level. Our program is designed for players who are interested in playing in a **competitive** environment and maximizing the development of their individual soccer skills, techniques, tactics and team play. Equal value is placed on winning and player development. Professional Coaches will train and develop players and teams in order to reach their maximum playing potential. Players will not only develop their soccer abilities, but they will learn the value of discipline, hard work, leadership by example, teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play.

### **MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY**

Our mission is to develop players through superior technical and tactical soccer training and to deliver a complete training experience that will allow each player to achieve their potential. Our focus and our efforts are on our players. The Academy's mission is to provide professional and collegiate opportunities for all of our players, of all races and economic backgrounds, to make a positive impact on all of our player's lives and to be recognized as one of the best schools for developing young athletes. The Academy exists for the benefit of our players and not for the benefit of any director, coach, or volunteer.

Our goal is to educate our players, both on and off the field, about the fundamentals of the game of soccer and to learn respect for their opponents, referees, parents, uniforms, equipment, fields and community. We also promote the essential values of sportsmanship, effort, discipline, desire for improvement, strength in adversity and fellowship. We expose our players to the methodology of training that comes from Juventus FC in Italy.



We realize that soccer is only one aspect of the development of a child. As such, we acknowledge the importance of “balance” in their busy lives. School, family, religion, and friendships are very important and we understand that occasionally obligations to these other commitments will take precedence over soccer. However, we feel that fulfilling your commitments to your teammates and to your coaches are also very important. **Please do not commit to play for Juventus Academy Los Angeles unless you are confident that you will be able to keep your commitment for the entire season.**

If you want to be involved with Juventus Academy Los Angeles you will need to:

- Be Honest and Respectful
- Work Hard and Strive for Perfection
- Be Committed to Soccer
- Put Team before Self
- Make Lifelong Friends
- Smile, Laugh, and Have Fun

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**Competitive Academy:** The Competitive Academy program is designed for the youth athlete who considers soccer to be their primary sport and is interested in playing at a higher competitive level. The training program is designed to prepare each player to develop technically, tactically, mentally and physically against very challenging competition.

## **ACADEMY TEAM ORGANIZATION**

The Team organizational structure includes the coaching staff, administrators, players, and parents. Our coaches are considered part of the Academy support structure and are there to support all of the teams. Developing soccer players is the primary objective for our coaches. Team play is a major objective and individual players are trained within the team framework.

## **HEAD COACH**

A licensed Head Coach will be assigned to each team by the Directors of Coaching. That coach will be responsible for the team, and he or she should be your first contact in all soccer related matters. The coach is responsible for team discipline, player substitutions, and game tactics. Some coaches are assigned to more than one team. Sometimes a “substitute” coach will be assigned to your team. This may be done for a variety of reasons such as scheduling conflicts,



vacations, exposure to a different teaching style or simply to “knock a team out of their comfort zone.” Other coaches will participate, from time to time, in team practices and games and trainers will be made available to each team. It is imperative that you give the coach your support and assistance. The coach will determine what position a player plays, when to substitute, and how long each player will play per game. At the end of the season, a review will take place between the Directors of Coaching and the coach of each team, to determine what is in the best interest of the team for the following season.

### **TRYOUTS**

The coach, together with the Directors of Coaching, will select the players for the team during tryouts. Annual Academy tryouts will be open to all players who meet the age requirements, including players from other Academies or Clubs, on a team by team basis. Every player will be given a fair opportunity to make a team. The Academy will announce the specifics in respects to formats, locations and dates for the tryouts, supervised by the Directors of Coaching. Additional tryouts may be held during the season, and qualified players who are currently **NOT** registered with Cal South may be added to a team roster at any time. Coaches will select players on many aspects including skills and a positive attitude. Players are strongly encouraged to play at their age level.

### **TEAM MEETING**

Once teams are formed, each team will be required to hold one annual parents meeting with Juventus Academy Los Angeles officials, coaches, and parents to discuss specific objectives for the upcoming season. Academy officials and Coaches will discuss expectations and guidelines for players and parents. Parents are encouraged to present their questions and expectations to the coach.

### **REQUIRED TRAINING**

Players are required to attend two practices per week. Goalkeeper Training will be on a date specified by the Academy and all Goalkeepers must plan on attending in addition to their team practices (or in alternative to one of their team practices). Without regular and proper practice, soccer skills and tactics cannot be mastered. Attendance will be taken at all practices and games and play time may be decreased for habitual absences. Obviously, players will not be penalized for illness or injury, school responsibilities, or family obligations. Coaches and team managers must be timely notified of a player’s inability to attend a practice or a game. We know



that many players have other interests and demands of their time, but it is very important that you make every effort to have them attend each practice session.

Proper practice means that the player does the following: Pays attention to the coaches or trainers at practice; Makes an effort to improve his/her skills; and does not distract others at practice (i.e. acting silly or goofing off). Practice/training jerseys should be worn to all practices.

**Academy Policy of Playing Time:** It will be at the coach's sole discretion to decide the best balance between playing time and achieving a competitive result in any given game. The Academy does **NOT** mandate that each player shall play a minimum amount of time **PER GAME**. This is a competitive environment and for that reason the coach will make all final decisions as to starting rosters, substitutions, positions and overall playing time. It must be made perfectly clear that a player may not play at all in some cases, but is still required to support his/her team and Academy. The coach will take many things into consideration for starting lineups and overall playing time for games. The coach will pay very close attention to see if a player actively attends all training sessions and meets the coach's standard of effort, attitude, and gives their best attempt. For older teams, as competition increases, playing time will be more influenced by the player's performance, conditioning, efforts, attitude, ability, and attendance. Individual disciplinary problems may affect this policy as well.

### **FUNDRAISERS & SPONSORSHIPS**

Individual teams may do fundraisers to help with the costs of ref fees, tournaments etc. Sponsorships will be allowed only at the whole Academy level and will not be allowed for individual teams only. For details contact Academy Directors.

### **TOURNAMENTS & SHOWCASES**

All players will be expected to participate in at least one, preferably two, Pre-season Tournaments. Each family should plan their child's schedule to allow him or her to participate in all of the above referenced tournaments. Additional tournaments may be added at the discretion of the Coach/Academy. Guest players are allowed in tournaments. Tournament play is a key aspect of the competitive soccer experience. This is the perfect opportunity for players to hone their skills and for coaches to move players around and see what line up works best. Accordingly all players must make all efforts to be in attendance for all tournaments.

The possibility to participate in the Juventus Academy World Cup Tournament in Turin might be afforded to selected age groups each year in the month of June.



The possibility to participate in the Juventus Training Experience in Turin might be afforded to selected age players each season.

### **UNIFORM POLICY**

A player is representing the Academy when in uniform, on and off the field. The following guidelines should be abided by:

1. Jerseys will always be tucked into shorts during games.
2. On game day, only the designated uniform can be worn (jersey, shorts and socks). No alternative or similar gear will be allowed on game day.
3. Uniform socks will be pulled up and shin guards must be covered by socks (both at practices and in games).
4. Backpacks and bags must be lined up during all games. The following items should be kept in the player's backpack at all times: Second alternate jersey; soccer ball; soccer shoes; shin guards; extra pair of socks; water; hair or headbands; band-aids, tape; sunscreen; and hand towels.
5. Do not wear rings, watches, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, or other jewelry or hairpins.
6. Players must wear the official designated Adidas/Juventus gear at practice (except shoes). Players cannot wear gear bearing logos of any company (other than Adidas) or association (other than Juventus)

### **PLAYER REGISTRATION**

All players must be registered with Cal South and will be playing in either Coast Soccer League (CSL) or Developmental Soccer League (SCDSL). The selection of the league that the team is going to play in is totally at the decision of Juventus Academy Los Angeles California authorities & Directors.

### **MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL AGREEMENT**

**Dues:** Academy dues and schedules will be determined each year.

**Drop Policy:** If a player drops, for whatever reason, a refund will not be granted as per the Academy Fee Policy.



**Refund Policy:** Once a player is rostered to any Juventus Academy Los Angeles California Academy Team, Cal South rules apply to movement of that player within and outside of the team/league during both regular and pre/post-season play. A parent/guardian must notify both the coach and the Academy, in writing, of the intention to drop his/her child from a team. **Collected fees are NOT refunded. Payments are final.**

#### **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Payments can be made by Credit Card only. If on a payment plan, credit cards will be automatically charged on the 1st of each scheduled month.

**Insufficient Funds (NSF):** Payment transactions returned/rejected by financial institutions for any reason must be immediately replaced by a cashier's check, cash, or money order for the amount along with a \$35 NSF fee. Training privileges will be suspended until the replacement payment is received.