

Playing for the Tennessee Soccer Club is done through a selective tryout process and it comes with certain obligations and commitments by both the players and the parents of the players. These commitments and obligations are set forth below and are expected to be adhered to when you accept the offer to join one of our teams.

Responsibilities of the Player

- Players are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which is in keeping with representing TSC and not bring discredit upon the organization. Players shall maintain the highest standard of conduct and good sportsmanship
- Players shall refrain from using profanity during games and practices.
- Player will show respect toward referees, opposing teams, and fans. They will not harass, abuse, or berate a referee for any reason.
- Players shall not participate in physical violence or threats thereof during games or practice.
- Attendance at training and all games is mandatory for development. Failure to attend will impact playing time and continuation on the team.
- Players should bring cleats, running shoes, shin guards, water, and a properly inflated soccer ball to practice.
- Players are expected to show respect for all coaches and adhere to all instructions.
- Players shall be on time and prepared for all practices and games as outlined by their coach. All team practices, meetings and activities are essential for player development; the coach or team representative must be notified in each instance in which a player is unable to attend a scheduled team activity.
- Players will play within the Spirit and Laws of the Game.
- Players are expected to wear the approved club attire during practices and games.
- Playing time is not automatic; it is earned. Players normally will receive enough playing time for their continued development. However, the coach will determine an individual player's actual playing time. Playing time may not be equal in a game or weekend. Playing time should be measured over the course of the season.
- Players should strive constantly for high academic achievement and scholastic standing. Players need to know that in order to participate in high school athletics, TSSAA requirements state that five (5) subjects must be passed in the semester prior to player participation in any high school sport. Also, academic achievement will be the athlete's best ally or worst enemy when pursuing the college of his/her choice. Coaches may periodically ask players for a copy of his/her report cards.
- Player use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs is strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action - including dismissal from the team.
- TSC's select program is a **full year commitment**, running nine to ten months, depending upon the team. Players continued participation on the team they are originally placed on will depend on this commitment and effort. Players may be asked to move to a different team if their commitment and effort is deemed insufficient for the team they are on.

Responsibilities of the Parent/Spectators

- Parents participate in a game by watching, cheering and supporting the efforts of all participants.
- Parents must understand that the game is for the players, their participation and enjoyment is the most important element.
- Parents shall maintain a professional relationship with the team coach and avoid a confrontation immediately following the game. Should a parent need to talk with a coach, a full 24 hours is required before contact can be made.
- Parents should refrain from publicly criticizing the TSC coaching staff. If a problem exists it should be addressed directly with the Coach or the appropriate DOC.
- Parents will exhibit good sportsmanship and refrain from foul language and verbal abuse of players, coaches, referees, opponents or spectators.
- Parents shall not coach or otherwise instruct players during practices or games.
- Parents shall avoid "reply all" email chains with concerns regarding the team and shall interact directly with the coach to address those concerns.
- Parents are expected to have their child on time for training and games.
- Parents are expected to notify the coach or team representative in each instance in which a player is unable to attend a scheduled team activity.
- Parents shall stay current on all financial obligations to TSC and the team.
- Parents are encouraged to get involved with the Club and promote the game in a positive way.
- Parents will refrain from parking in the Handicap Parking spots at practice locations.
- Parents will refrain from dropping kids off on the overpass on Heritage Way at Tower Park.
- Parents will not use alcohol, tobacco, or drugs on or near the playing or practice field.