



Elkhart Flames Soccer Club Player Registration Agreement

The Elkhart Flames Soccer Club “EFSC” offers travel soccer opportunities for boys and girls ages U10 through U14 through the yearly fall and spring soccer sessions. In addition, the club has an Academy program for players U8-U10 and Sparks Academy for U6-U7. For U15 and older soccer players, the club is part of the Elkhart County United (ECU) soccer partnership. The focus for EFSC travel teams is individual player development. EFSC goal is to see each player achieve his/her potential, both as a player and as a person. Hard work, fair play, dedication, and respect are the things that we want to teach, along with outstanding soccer instruction.

Training Sessions: To play with EFSC is a privilege. Faithful attendance at training sessions and games is expected and needs to be a first priority. We do understand that all of our families are busy, and from time to time conflicts may occur. It is an expectation that these matters will be communicated to coaches and team managers prior to the beginning of the session.

Playing time: Travel soccer is a competitive playing situation. On EFSC teams, players will have equal practice opportunity, but equal game playing time is not guaranteed. All playing time decisions are at the discretion of the coach. If a player has questions about the playing time or questions on the position they are playing, the player needs to follow the following sequence of communication steps: 1st step- player with coach, 2nd step- player & parent/s with coach, and finally, 3rd step- parents, coach, and Director of Coaching “DOC”.

Club Commitment: All players selected to be part of the EFSC after the June Tryouts will be registered with the club for one year, the fall 2017 and spring 2018 sessions.

Team Roster Commitment: After a player is selected and accepts an offer to be registered with the club for **one** year, they are assigned to a club team roster. The assignment of a player to a team roster may be subject to change between sessions based on individual player and teams development needs at the discretion of the DOC. The club may offer a supplemental tryout between sessions in the winter to address this matter.

Indoor Policy for Winter Training: EFSC will offer a winter training program as part of their Player Registration Fee. EFSC rostered players are required to play and train with their Flames Team during the indoor season and winter training months. Player wishing to be rostered on a non Flames team must receive written authorization from the DOC.

Financial Commitment: The financial cost includes two playing sessions: Fall and spring and indoor training 1 time per week in the winter starting in January. A player’s session fee covers the cost of the following expenses: Indiana Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) Registration, weekly practices during each session, coaching fees, field usage / maintenance, and league registration in one of the following: Indiana Soccer League (ISL) or Midwestern Regional League Spring Player fees are due per the EFSC Annual Player Fee Payment Terms. The winter training program begins on or before January 1, 2018. After a player commits to be registered with an EFSC team, he/she or their family agrees to pay all amounts owed whether or not the player plays for the team or finishes the season with the team.

Financial Assistance: All players are expected to meet their financial commitments to the EFSC. Financial assistance is available. No EFSC player will be prohibited from participation solely because of lack of financial resources. However, players who have an outstanding balance from a previous session and have not made reasonable Financial Assistance arrangements will not be placed on a roster the following session.

Cost: U11-U14 travel Player Fees will be \$375.00 for Fall & Spring Sessions per the EFSC payment schedule. The Player Fees include Winter Training, and an approved EFSC tournament paid by EFSC. The uniform kit cost is approximately \$110.00 for the standard set and includes 2 game jerseys, shorts, an orange and blue pair of socks, practice t-shirt. All teams are required to wear club sanctioned soccer uniforms including a blue Elkhart Flames Soccer Club T-shirt at all practices. The U9-U10 Academy Player Fees will be \$250.00 per the EFSC payment schedule. The Player Fees include Winter Training. A monthly rebilling fee of \$2.00 will be charged on past due balances.

Player Deposit: There is a player deposit of \$75.00 to tryout with the Elkhart Flames Soccer Club which will be applied against the player’s registration fee. The \$75.00 player deposit is refundable if EFSC is notified on or before July 7, 2018 of the player intent not to register with EFSC. For player registering late 50% of the player registration fee is due with registration.

EFSC Service Offering – The EFSC additional service offering includes additional training opportunities, outdoor tournament and participation to play in indoor leagues or tournaments. Teams or players participating in additional training sessions, indoor leagues and tournaments are responsible for the additional cost including registration fees, coach’s meals travel, and accommodation. The Player Fees include Winter Training.

Tryouts: Elkhart Flames Soccer Club coaches will conduct tryouts. Players will be evaluated on skills and tactical ability to determine the following: First, is the player ready for travel level soccer? Second, what level of play are they ready? Finally, are the player and the player’s family prepared to make the commitment necessary to play at the selected team level?

Release of players: A player requesting to leave the club during the year will need to petition in writing the club board their reason for the player release; The board after receiving the request will have 30 days to review the request and provide an answer to the player on their decision. Fulfilling the total annual commitment of session fees may be required.

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