



## **Empire United Soccer Academy Commitment for Participants and Families**

The Empire United Soccer Academy is committed to the team and individual player development of each participant in the EUSA program. The combination of talented, dedicated players and quality coaches equals a successful program. Commitment is critical in this premier level environment.

The following information outlines the basic expectations required to assure the success of the program:

### **Time Commitment:**

The game of Soccer must be the player's sports passion. Participating in other sports programs is accepted, primarily in the fall and early winter months. Participation in other sports that require multiple activities per week could jeopardize the player's ability to develop or maintain skill sets that will help his or her team. The players and teams train and compete both indoors and outdoors from November – July.

Indoor training - consists of practices, league play and tournaments. On the average, teams will train and compete approximately 2-3 times per week.

Outdoor training - consist of 2-3 days of practice per week once weather permits. Tournament participation begins as early as March.

Tournaments – Most teams will compete in at least 4 tournaments throughout the season. This involvement could be greater depending on State Cup championships, etc. Out-of-town and out-of-state tournaments are common, requiring the player and even family travel. The club and individual teams expect players to attend all tournaments chosen by that team.

League play - begins in late April and runs through July. Teams (U10- U19) will compete in appropriate leagues that will offer higher levels of competition. For away league games, travel to sites outside the Greater Rochester area is required.

The exception to the above would be the younger age groups (U7 – U9), which generally require less commitment because league games and most tournaments are around the Upstate area.

### **Financial Commitment:**

Each team has an operating budget, which includes items such as uniforms, equipment, indoor training facilities and coaches/ref/league fees. The approximate cost for a team player (U12- U19) is \$1900. Per player costs on individual teams could be greater depending on training and competition schedule. Each family and player will know their respective cost at the start of the indoor season. The cost per player for players younger than 12 years will be substantially lower because of the local nature of their competition base.

Acceptance for permanent positions within the academy must be accompanied with an initial payment of \$250 which is applied to the player's tuition. All fees will be paid to the club in full by March 30<sup>th</sup> of that season. Fees submitted to the Club will not be returned unless players are in good standing. They will receive credits and/or refunds if overpayments occur.

### **Financial Aid:**

Families can alleviate much of the cost of the program if they participate in fund raising activities and employ a Corporate Sponsorship program. Travel costs for tournaments are the responsibility of each individual family.

### **Team meetings, club events, etc.:**

The club and teams expect players and appropriate family members to attend all team meetings and club events to ensure communication effectiveness.

### **Volunteers:**

The quality of programs we offer to the players is equivalent to the talent and participation level of parent volunteers. If you have an idea, if you have a talent, please let us know.

### **Summary:**

**A big commitment? You bet!**

**Worth the Effort? Absolutely!**

**This program will provide players with the best opportunity to train and develop their soccer skills in order to compete at a higher level of the game of soccer! And to have Fun!**