



**COMPETITIVE PLAYER AND PARENT CONTRACT 2009 - 2010**

Congratulations on being selected to join Gulf Coast United (GCU) Soccer Club's Competitive Soccer Program for the 2009-2010 Season! Your skills and hard work have earned you a spot in the most exciting and up and coming soccer club in the Tampa Bay area. Our Director of Coaching, Jimmy McDonald, and his coaching & training staff are excited to have you as a Member in GCU's 2009-2010 Competitive Soccer Program and expect that this will be a phenomenal year for you and your family. Just as we expect of our players, GCU strives to improve every day to reach the highest level of competitive soccer in the area.

As part of the registration process, GCU's Board of Directors also wants to welcome you and ensure that you are fully aware of and understand the commitments the club will make to you during the season. We also want you to understand your obligations to GCU as a Member of GCU's Competitive Soccer Program. Please initial below acknowledging your understanding of the mutual expectations between you and GCU, then sign and date at the end of this agreement.

Sincerely,

GCU Board of Director & Staff

GCU Responsibilities & Obligations: GCU will take reasonable steps to provide a safe, fun and instruction environment for the Members of GCU's Competitive Soccer Program to participate in and play the game of soccer. Notwithstanding, we understand that there are some inherent risks associated with playing competitive sports and agree to hold harmless GCU, its Board of Directors, coaches and training staff in the event of injury. Furthermore, we understand GCU's Competitive Soccer Program competes in several premier soccer leagues, and that there is NO guarantee of minimum playing time during the season. Notwithstanding, where possible, coaches will make reasonable attempts give all players equitable playing time during the season.

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Team Selection & Registration Fee: It is our intent to play with GCU for the entire 2009-2010 Season and understand that accepting the position offered, upon completing the registration documents, obligates us to pay the full registration fee of **\$675 per year** regardless of whether we later decide to leave GCU prior to the end of the 2009-2010 Season. Upon acceptance to a team, we agree to 1) pay in full (\$675) or 2) provide GCU a non-refundable \$200 deposit and agree to pay the balance (\$475) in full by July 15, 2009 (or before the first regular season and/or tournament game, whichever comes first). GCU's Competitive Soccer Program Registration Fees may be paid by check or credit card and include payment

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for items such as FYSA registration, field maintenance, uniforms, insurance, referee fees, club overhead expenses, and one league tournament (Region C).

### **GCU Competitive Program Fee:**

Acceptance on team: \$200  
15 July: \$475

*Note: Failure to pay in full will result in one's player pass being withheld & the player not being allowed to play until such time that full payment is made. Furthermore, failure to fulfill one's financial obligations to GCU may result in the player being placed in "Not in Good Standing" status with GCU and FYSA, which will result in the player's playing privileges being suspended until the obligations are fulfilled. This will also impact the player's ability to register with GCU or any other affiliate next year.*

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Other Expenses: We understand that we are required to share in team expenses above and beyond the club registration fees during the course of the season including, if applicable, professional coaching fees, professional training fees, entry fees to tournaments, travel expenses associated with attending these events, or other team-based expenses. (See below.) The team may fund raise to defray these expenses. GCU will also provide opportunities for teams to fund raise in the community during the year. All funds collected to cover these expenses will be deposited in your GCU Team Account. These funds remain with GCU should the player leave the club.

Coaching Fees: *If applicable*, the Coaching Fee for a GCU approved coach is **\$500 per month per team**. It is the responsibility of the team parents to cover the Coaching Fees. We understand that we have the option of directly paying the coaches fees, obtaining sponsorships, or fundraising to pay for said fee. The exact cost per family will be determined following tryouts but will range from about \$30-\$50 per family (depending upon the number of families per team). These funds will be collected by the team's team manager at the beginning of the month and deposited in your GCU Team Account to cover these expenses.

Training & Team Expenses Fees: We understand that if our team does not have a licensed professional coach, we may be responsible for paying a Training Fee for a GCU approved trainer. The Training & Team Expense Fee is **\$20 per month per player**. These funds will be collected by the team's team manager at the beginning of each month to supplement the training allowance provided to our team by GCU for training. (All funds will be deposited in your GCU Team Account.) Funds remaining in your GCU Team Account after Training Fees have been paid can be used by the team to pay for other soccer related expenses including tournament fees, team scholarships, etc... (Note: *This monthly fee only applies to U11-U13 teams in 2009-2010. Where applicable, families will be responsible for paying either a monthly Coaching Fee or a monthly Training Fee, not both.*)

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Volunteer Requirements: We understand that as a Member of GCU's Competitive Program, all families are *required* to 1) work in the SJWAA Concession Stand during the course of the season in addition to 2)

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volunteering at least **five (5) hours on one of GCU's Committees** (see attached "GCU Volunteer Form"). *This volunteer requirement is mandatory* as it allows the club to provide services to our Member families.

Concession Stand Duty: Concession Stand volunteer hours will be organized by the Concessions Committee and managed by your team's Team Manager. In general, concession stand volunteer hours will be **2-4 hours per family per team** (in addition to your other volunteer requirement).

Community Service Hours for Bright Futures Scholarships: Senior competitive players will also have an opportunity to earn documented Community Service Hours as part of their State of Florida Bright Futures Scholarships requirements at GCU. (See attached "GCU Community Service Hours Agreement")

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Guest Play Requirements: We agree to abide by the GCU policy of not allowing players to guest play with other teams or members of other teams to guest play with GCU teams, except with the express written approval of the Director of Coaching or his designee. This approval must be accompanied by an authorized "FYSA Guest Player" form. (Note: These exceptions will only be granted if all player's fees and financial obligations have been fulfilled, and will generally be limited to opportunities that the player would not otherwise be able to participate in, or in unusual circumstances.)

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Release Requirements: Should the player wish to be released (other than for season ending injury or a move out of state) or to transfer to another club prior to the end of the 2009-2010 season, the player/parents will be required to 1) fulfill all financial obligations noted above, 2) return all GCU uniforms & equipment to the club and 3) pay an additional **\$300 per player** processing fee before the "Change of Status" request is processed and the player is released from this contract.

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Photography & Image Consent: We give GCU expressed written consent to release and/or reproduce images that may be taken of my child during the course of the 2009-2010 Competitive Soccer Season. These images may appear in future promotional materials or on the GCU website. These images may also be made available to consenting players and their families, as well as to participating teams, for purchase. We further release GCU from any and all liability and waive all rights and claims connected to publication, display, copyright, and distribution of any photographic images.

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GCU Website: We understand that it is our responsibility to go to the GCU's website ([www.gcunited.com](http://www.gcunited.com)) to register our player online if we choose to pay via credit card. We further understand that we will have online access to team, club and league information via GCU's website.

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GCU & FYSA Code of Ethics: We have received and read the FYSA Code of Ethics (printed below) and agree to abide by these requirements. We further acknowledge that, as Members of GCU's Competitive Soccer Program, our behavior during practices, games, travel and in the community reflects on Gulf Coast United Soccer Club and agree to represent the club in a positive light to the best of our ability. Players and/or parents whose behavior is deemed detrimental to the club by GCU's Board of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from GCU's Competitive Soccer Program. If a Member is expelled from GCU's Competitive Soccer Program as result of a violation of the Club's Code of Ethics, the Member family agrees to pay the remainder of its financial obligations to the clubs and agrees to forfeit any fees already paid to the club.

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### **FYSA CODE OF ETHICS**

#### **PLAYERS:**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
- I will always remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol: and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer training and games.
- I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I will concentrate on playing soccer, always giving my best effort.
- I will play by the rules at all times.
- I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation to retaliate.
- My conduct during competition towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior, and in accordance with FIFA'S Laws of The Game, and in adherence to FYSA rules.
- While traveling, I will conduct myself so as to be a credit to myself, and my team.
- A player cannot be cut from a team after he/she is registered to that team, unless he/she has exhibited conduct requiring dismissal, without prior consent from the BOD. If requested by the player and/or parent, a hearing must be held for any involuntary player release.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco products and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any time at the field and/or game complex.

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### PARENTS/SPECTATORS:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators at all times.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
- I will always be positive.
- I will always allow the coach to be the only coach, by refraining from coaching from the sidelines.
- I will not enter into arguments with the other team's parents, players, or coaches.
- I will not enter the field of play for any reason during the game.
- I will not criticize game officials.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco products and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during, after the game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.

Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned events, for the following periods:

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Suspension for a minimum thirty (30) days to a maximum of (5) years.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Suspension for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of ten (10) years.

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Suspension for a minimum of five (5) years to a maximum of fifty (50) years.

### **FYSA ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REGISTRATION**

FYSA RECOMMENDS THAT PLAYERS NOT REGISTER TO A TEAM WHOSE AGE GROUP EXCEEDS THE PLAYERS NORMAL AGE.

**INSURANCE NOTICE:** All injuries must be reported within 90 days of the date of the injury. Benefits satisfied.

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**INFORMED CONSENT:** I, the parent/guardian of the registrant, agree that we will abide by the rules of GCU, the state association (FYSA) and all its affiliated organizations. My/our child wishes to participate in soccer during the season of this registration. I/we realize risks are involved in my/our child's participation. I/we understand that the risk to my/our child includes full range of injuries from minor to severe, and the result could be death, paralysis, or other serious, permanent disability. I/we accept this risk as a condition of my/our child's participation.

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PLAYER NAME (PRINT)                      PLAYER SIGNATURE                      Date

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PARENT NAME (PRINT)                      PARENT SIGNATURE                      Date

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(CLUB REPRESENTATIVE)                      (TEAM COACH)                      Date