



Spirit of Liverpool USA

(Offer of Acceptance for 2005 Boys)



Player/Parent Commitment for the 2022-2023 Season

Congratulations!

Congratulations on your roster spot offer for the 2022-2023 season. This program requires dedication and commitment from the coaches, parents and players. Playing in the EDP National Premier New England Conference as well as selected tournaments will require all players to give 100% effort and commitment to becoming the best they can be individually and as a team.

This is your official notification of acceptance. Player acceptance must be made within 24 hours of receiving the player offer. A \$300 non-refundable deposit is required to secure a spot on the team roster.

I _____ have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement. I understand that I am accepting a roster spot that could have been offered to another player, therefore I am committing for the full scheduled EDP National Premier New England Conference as well as selected tournaments and agree to the payment terms. ***Deposits are non-refundable and are necessary to accept/confirm placement on the roster.** Non-refundable deposits are necessary to ensure initial commitment to the club. Any player that "drops" after committing will forfeit this deposit. No refunds are provided once commitment/acceptance to the roster is made by player and parent. Your deposit and this signed agreement will serve as your official acceptance.

Date: _____

Mission: Spirit of Liverpool USA exists to provide its members an affordable premier soccer experience with an opportunity to develop their soccer abilities, train in a competitive team environment and to compete at the highest possible level regardless of gender, ethnic background, race, religion or socioeconomic status.

Vision: The Spirit of Liverpool USA vision is to be recognized for providing quality programming for both boys and girls across all age groups, consistently developing highly skillful and intelligent players to become capable of competing at the highest level possible.

Core Values: Pride, Passion and Integrity. Proud to be a club who cares about our players and their families. Passionate about what we do, how we do it and what we strive to achieve. Integrity breeds trust and honesty which is required to build and maintain positive relationships between the club, coaches, players and parents.

Philosophy: Spirit of Liverpool USA strives to teach, develop and grow players to become confident playing within our club playing style and systems, and to be capable of competing at the highest possible level within the club structure. Currently (IMPACT NPL -NECSL - EDP P1 - PRO-E) When successful, the player will achieve his or her goals of playing at the desired level, whether that be High School, College D1, D2, D3, or at the professional level.

Program Cost and Details:

Annual Cost: \$1,550.00 Payment plans available.

Cost includes but not limited to: Spring 2023 season league play and training, Winter training program and scheduled events listed below.

The team will participate in the following events. All players are expected to commit to and be available for all events. **(including events in bold and team OPT IN events)** *Note: Team "OPT IN" event is a tournament, jamboree, camp or clinic, that is not included in the base cost. This is an event that the team will opt into, these "OPT IN" events will be added to your calendar of events and the player will be charged an additional fee to cover costs, admin and other expenses.

**These events may be changed per club discretion. *Other "agreed upon" events may be added at additional cost.*

Club approved Leagues, tournaments, events and programs. ALL EVENTS MUST BE CLUB APPROVED.

- **1. November: New England College Showcase / Select November Cup or equivalent.**
- Winter training Program (See winter 2022-23 below)
- **2. March: Pre Season Tournament**
- Spring Season League Play 2022 (EDP LEAGUE: New England Conference)
- **3. MA State Cup**
- All other tournaments and events are OPT IN and MUST be CLUB approved.

Additional tournaments may be discussed and decided on at a later date. Some tournaments may be substituted for others on a case by case basis with club approval. Reasons must be justified.

Typical Calendar of Events

Winter 2022-2023

1. Winter training start date: On or around December 1st
2. Two scheduled team trainings per week (approx 18 weeks x 2)
3. November Pre-Season Tournament (see above)
4. December Winter training begins

Spring 2023

1. Spring Season start date: April 1st (Pre-season practices or events may take place in March)
2. March Pre-Season Tournament (see above)
3. Spring Season end date: early to mid June
4. Massachusetts State Cup

Other Information

Tournament Play: See events above.

Typical training per week: 2 x 90 minutes.

League Play: USYS EDP New England Conference

Games: typically 6-8 games played mostly on Sunday's, some Saturday or mid-week games may occur due to rescheduling/cancellations. Spirit of Liverpool does not cover or provide travel, accommodation or any other expenses.

COVID 19 Policy.

If a program or season is interrupted and cannot be performed as scheduled, SLFC will do their very best to substitute by rescheduling or providing remote training opportunities.

Credit/Refund policy for unforeseen cancellations:

Option 1: An alternative program will be offered in replacement.

Option 2: 100% of the remaining program will be credited to a future program.

Option 3: 50% of the remaining program will be refunded back to the players account.

Please note that the above options will be offered to those players in good standing, players still owing will be required to complete all payments to qualify for the credit/refund provided. Players may qualify for a portion of the credit/refund.

General Refund Policy: Spirit of Liverpool USA operates a strict No Refund Policy (unless a catastrophic season-ending injury occurs early in the season) (See COVID refund policy)

UNIFORMS

Uniform package is NOT included in the Player Fees. Game and practice uniforms are required for every player. All player uniform orders will be processed online through our uniform supplier "wegotsoccer.com." Further information will be emailed to all players regarding the ordering of uniforms for the season. All players are required to purchase the selected uniform style for 2022-2023. It is advisable to order your uniform package as soon as possible to insure delivery for scheduled tournaments and practices. The 2022/23 season PUMA uniform is to be worn per club requirements.

Whenever possible the team is to wear the club home kit of Red shirts, Red shorts and Red socks. In the event of a color clash the team will wear the alternate kit: Yellow shirt, Yellow shorts and Yellow socks. 2022/23 Practice kit is Black shirt, Black shorts and Black socks. (Do not wear the practice uniform for games)

Mixing and matching the uniform is not allowed unless there is a known color clash. Communication between home and away team management is important to avoid uniform infractions.

Spirit of Liverpool (SLFC) Club Policies

Team Commitment Requirement

- Commitment from SLFC is extended to the players - players will not be cut during the soccer year. In return, commitment is required of the players as well. This includes a comprehensive winter and spring program. Opting out of any aspect of the base program is not permitted; this includes the winter program.
- Players are required to attend all training sessions and matches. Reasons/excuses must be provided for all absences. Parents are required to communicate with the coach and/or team manager as to why players cannot attend.
- Participation levels (attendance history) will be considered in roster composition, playing time and offers to continue with the teams program the following soccer year.
- Players must arrive before all matches in time to participate in pre-match preparation activities. The coach will determine the arrival time for matches. Players and parents should expect an arrival time of 45min-1hr before kick-off time, depending on match circumstances.

Rosters

Players/parents should not expect roster composition to change dramatically within the course of the year. However, there are some factors, which can result in changes to rosters:

- Leagues and tournaments embracing the "Club Pass" rule will allow a number of changes to base rosters for associated matches in an ad hoc manner. SLFC will utilize the rule to provide opportunities for players to play with other teams within the club, for developmental and/or supplemental purposes.

Tournament rosters may vary in composition from league rosters for developmental and/or supplemental purposes.

Player Promotion (Playing Up)

SLFC is committed to making a concerted effort among the various teams to ensure that our ambitious players have promotion opportunities with the older age groups in order to further challenge them. We are eager to provide both training and match opportunities for players outside of their official age group who are ready for this type of experience. We are also committed to making sure that these players continue to contribute to, and have leadership opportunities with their official age group. All decisions regarding "playing up" will be managed by the coaches of the teams involved, the Technical Director, and the Director of Coaching. SLFC recommends playing up one age group only.

Playing Time

There are no guarantees of playing time, however there are recommendations within the club structure. The head coach will determine the players amount of playing time and the position they play in. This will be for all league, cup and tournament matches for all team players.

Team Manager's Role

The Team Manager serves as the administrative representative for the players, parents, coach and the club. The manager is not the coach. If parents have questions regarding coaching decisions, they must address the coach and not the team manager. The Team Manager will utilize TeamSideline to communicate with coaches, players and parents.

Weather and Cancellations

The team will train and play in a variety of weather conditions. All members should assume matches and training sessions are ON unless otherwise notified. Soccer is generally played in extreme temperatures, as well as during precipitation and wind.

Overnight Travel for Competition

Coach Expenses:

It is important to note that Spirit of Liverpool does not cover or provide travel, accommodation or any other expenses. The team may travel to league games or tournaments that may require extensive travel and/or overnight stay by the team coach. In this case, the team will be responsible to reimburse the coach for any necessary travel and/or hotel expenses, including: Hotel room; Airfare; Car rental; Mileage. Team managers and coaches will be required to document all collections and expenses for the team and the club.

Hotel Stays for Teams

When the team travels for competition, all families are expected to stay at the same hotel. Many tournaments require a "stay to play" policy which clubs must adhere to.

Rationale - there are three main reasons that team members must stay in the same hotel.

1. Group negotiations - Properties often give group discounts when entire teams stay over.
2. Competition rules - Many tournaments mandate that teams stay at certain hotels; players or teams breaking these rules can place the team's participation in jeopardy.
3. Team building - Team travel provides opportunities for team building, ultimately resulting in better team play, and positive relationships and memories of the overall team experience.

SLFC Communication Guide

Parents should expect to receive the following communication from coaches and Directors:

1. Program and Coaching Philosophy
2. Competencies and expectations for players age group/ability
3. Expectations of players and parents
4. Schedules of practices, games, tournaments and other team functions
5. Activities players can practice at home/with friends

Coaches should expect the following communication from the parents:

1. Questions and/or concerns regarding their child
2. Notice in advance for absenteeism
3. Positive support for all players, coaches and officials

It is not appropriate for parents to discuss the following with coaches:

1. Players other than their own child
2. Practice activities
3. Tactical decisions during games (positions, substitutions, systems, style of play, etc.)
4. Team strategy

Follow these steps to arrange discussions/meetings with coaches and/or directors to resolve any issues.

1. Contact the coach at an appropriate time to request a meeting. Do not request before or during a practice or game.
2. If you are unable to reach the coach, contact your Technical Director or DOC to request a meeting with the coach.
3. If after meeting with the coach, the issue is not resolved, contact your Director of Coaching to request a meeting. The Director of Coaching will meet with the coaches and/or parents to resolve the situation.

Codes of Conduct

SLFC WILL:

1. Provide professional training for the duration of the 2022-2023 seasons.
2. Offer optional playing/training activities (at additional cost) during the off-season (Footskills, league play, Futsal).
3. Foster and develop players' individual skills and character on and off the field.
4. Develop and assess the skills and qualifications of each coach.

SLFC Coaches WILL:

1. Make all playing time decisions in accordance with current US Club Soccer, IMPACT, EDP, NPL and NEP league rules.
2. Be responsible for training session curriculum and game lineups.
3. Communicate effectively with the team's manager regarding team related business
4. Be responsible for calling and presiding over team meetings.
5. Be on time for all meetings, training sessions, and games.
6. Communicate team goals and progress with team families during the season.
7. Communicate individual player progress and development to the individual player and their family.
8. Complete player evaluations at the end of season.

SLFC Players WILL:

1. Have a positive attitude and give 100% effort at all practices/games/tournaments.
2. Attend all scheduled training sessions and games. Excused absences due to illness, family functions, or school activities shall be communicated to the team's coach ahead of time and arrangements made to make up missed training sessions.
3. Report to games a minimum of 45 minutes prior to official game start, dressed in Club uniform, shin guards, and soccer shoes. Players must also bring their soccer ball and sufficient water to games, practices and tournaments.
4. Report to training sessions on time, dressed in Club training uniform, with shin guards, soccer shoes and sufficient water to training sessions.
5. Be attentive, cooperative and respectful to coaches, officials, and teammates and expend full effort for the duration of each training session and each game.
6. Not use profanity and strive to conduct themselves in a manner so as to avoid yellow and red cards.
7. Communicate with the coach about questions or concerns relative to their participation in the team, or the team itself.

SLFC Parent WILL:

1. Assist the development of players' individual decision-making abilities by NOT offering instructions from the sidelines during training and games.
2. Understand that SLFC teams strive to win, but more importantly, are concerned with the development of the players.
3. Support their player in a positive manner.
4. Entrust soccer decisions to the coaches.
5. Assist players' timely arrival to training sessions, games, and tournaments.
6. Not interfere once their player has joined the team's soccer activity until the coach dismisses the team.
7. Be supportive and respectful spectators of all teams, all players and their supporters, and all officials.
8. Allow the coach or club official to handle all communications with referees, opposing coaches, officials, representatives, etc. during and after all matches.
9. Parents may be required to assist in volunteering to help the organization of the team at practices and games.
10. Pay all fees for services in the specified timeframes as agreed to in the "2023-2023 Agreement to Pay Player Fees". Payments shall be credited first to overdue accounts, then to return check fees, and the remainder to current fees and charges. If your account is past due, SLFC reserves the right to withdraw the players pass card until past due fees are paid
11. Observe the game from the designated sideline area as determined by applicable rules.
12. Not use alcohol, other intoxicants, or tobacco during training sessions or games.
13. If deemed necessary, SLFC will hold a hearing to determine if a parent was in violation of the above "Role of the Parent." If a parent is found in violation, suspensions or other disciplinary action may be incurred.

Failure to follow the above rules may result in:

1. A verbal and/or written warning by the coach, official, or director.
2. Parental practice and game suspension.
3. Player practice and game suspension
4. Player expulsion from the team program without refund.