



Spirit of Liverpool USA

(Offer of Acceptance for U9 and U10 - 2015 and 2014)

Player/Parent Commitment for the 2023-2024 Season

Congratulations!

Congratulations on your roster spot offer for the 2023-2024 season. This program requires dedication and commitment from ALL coaches, parents and players. Competing in high level leagues such as IMPACT and NEP NPL leagues, NECSL, EDP National and leagues, as well as top level tournaments, will require all players selected 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 48 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 season and agree to the payment terms and general refund policy provided. ***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: S.P.I.R.I.T. Standards, Pride, Integrity, Responsibility, Inspiration and Teamwork.

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 - NEP NPL - NEP - NECSL - EDP P1) 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 Program Details:

Cost: Annual Cost: \$1,595.00. (\$300 deposit plus \$1,295.00) plus processing fees if applicable.

Details: Fall 2023 season league play and training , Spring 2024 season league play and training, Winter one and winter two training. Session two winter indoor soccer, plus additional winter programming (4 v 4 or Goalkeeping). Two (2) scheduled tournaments listed below.

The team will participate in the following events. All players are expected to be available for all events. Tournaments and events listed below. All events are to be decided by the club/ team/coach at the beginning of the season. All other events will be "OPT IN" events that will incur an additional cost

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

- August: Pre Season Celtic Camp (Additional Cost)
- **1. August: Local Pre season tournament or September Labor Day Tournament**
- Fall Season League Play 2023
- **2. Session Two Indoor Soccer at Five Star (Session one will be at an additional cost)**
- Winter training Program (See winter 2023-24 below)
- Spring Season League Play 2024
- **3. May: Local Memorial Day tournament.**

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.

Grow and Develop years. Ages U9 and U10 (NECSL Teams)

7 v 7 teams will begin with a simple 3-3 formation (Offense and defense) and evolve to a 3-1-2 or 3-2-1 formation introducing a "midfield" player. Our Future Elite Players are encouraged to play with flair and confidence.

Playing time: ALL Teams: Fair and Equal. **Roster Size:** Minimum 9 - Maximum 14 - Ideal 11

Develop to Compete years. Ages U11 and U12 (Pre-IMPACT NPL - NECSL or EDP Teams)

9 v 9 teams will play a variety of formations to suit the playing roster, preferred formation is an expansive 3-3-2 in possession, and a compact 4-3-1 out of possession. Playing out of the back and through the midfield to create chances to score. Passing and movement off the ball is extremely important and should be encouraged over individual play or long ball. Players will be required to work hard to defend and attack as a team, as well as being encouraged to play with creativity and confidence as individuals.

Playing Time: Playing time is earned using the PACE method; Performance, Attitude, Commitment and Effort. However, coaches are encouraged to monitor playing time and address any issues effectively. **Roster Size:** Minimum 11 - Maximum 18

Compete to Succeed years. Ages U13 and U14 (IMPACT NPL - NECSL or EDP Teams)

11 v 11 teams will play a variety of formations to suit the playing roster, preferred formation is an expansive 4-3-3 in possession, and a compact 4-3-2-1 out of possession. Playing out of the back and through the midfield to create chances to score. Passing and movement off the ball is extremely important and should be encouraged over individual play or long ball. Players will be required to work hard to defend and attack as a team, as well as being encouraged to play with creativity and confidence as individuals.

Playing Time: Playing time is earned using the PACE method; Performance, Attitude, Commitment and Effort. However, coaches are encouraged to monitor playing time and address any issues effectively. **Roster Size:** Minimum 13 - Maximum 26

Typical Calendar of Events

Fall 2023

1. Season start date: September 1st (Pre-season practices or events may take place in August)
 2. First Tournament: Pre-season or labor day tournament provided.
 3. Season end date: Mid to late November
 4. Typical training per week: 2 x 60 minutes.
- *Goalkeeper training 1 x 60 minutes per week. Locations TBD
5. League Play: Typically 2 games every other week (Festival Style)
 6. Games: typically 6-8 games played mostly on Sunday's, some Saturday or mid-week games may occur due to rescheduling/cancellations.

Winter 2023-2024

1. Winter One: November thru January - Winter Two: February thru April
2. One scheduled team training per week (approx 18 to 20 weeks in total)
3. Scheduled skills night per week (approx 10 weeks)
4. Session 2 Indoor Soccer at Five Star Soccer Academy
5. Goalkeepers training for dedicated goalkeepers. inspiring goalkeepers by invitation.

Spring 2024

1. Season start date: April 1st (Pre-season practices or events may take place in March)
 2. Season end date: Late May / early June
 3. Typical training per week: 2 x 60 minutes.
- *Goalkeeper training 1 x 60 minute per week. Locations TBD
4. League Play: Typically 2 games every other week (Festival Style)
 5. Games: typically 6-8 games played mostly on Sunday's, some Saturday or mid-week games may occur due to rescheduling/cancellations.

Credit/Refund policy for unforeseen cancellations and injury:

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

General Refund Policy: Spirit of Liverpool USA operates a strict "No Refund Policy" unless a season-ending injury occurs. In order to receive a credit or refund for such injury, a credit/refund form must be completed and submitted with a doctor's note stating the type of injury and a return to activity date. ALL players will be expected to complete annual payments prior to the start of the spring season 2024 to be in good standing. Players leaving the club at any time of the season must be "paid in full" to be eligible for release.

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.

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 preferred uniform supplier. Further information will be emailed to all players regarding the ordering of uniforms for the season. All new players are required to purchase the selected uniform style for 2022-2023. It is advisable to order your uniform package as early as possible to guarantee delivery for August tournaments and practices. Current players are not required to purchase new uniforms.

Spirit of Liverpool (SLFC) Club Policies

Team Commitment Requirement

- Commitment from SLFC is extended to the players - players will not be cut or released 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)(Playing Down)

SLFC is committed to making a concerted effort among the various teams to ensure that our ambitious players have the opportunity to play 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 TD and DOC, SLFC recommends playing up "one age group" only. Some leagues also allow for players to play down an age group for developmental purposes only, SLFC will utilize this option on a case by case basis.

Playing Time

There are no guarantees of playing time, however there are recommendations per age group 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 a coach. If parents have questions regarding coaching decisions, they must address the coach and not the team manager. The Team Manager will utilize the club app/website platform to communicate with 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:

The team may travel to matches that require an overnight stay by the team coach. In this case, the team will be responsible to reimburse the coach for necessary travel 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 US Club Soccer, USYSA, IMPACT, NECSL, EDP or 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 and others 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 "2022-2023 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.