

# Illinois Fusion Soccer – Parent/Player Commitment Letter

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My child, \_\_\_\_\_, and I accept the offer to join the Illinois Fusion Team indicated below for the 2007/2008 seasonal year.

Boys  Girls      Age Group – U-\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that by committing to this team:

- My child will be expected to participate in regularly scheduled practices, tournaments, and league games unless there is an emergency, illness, or conflict with an important family or school event.
- The teammates on my child's team will rely on a commitment, and that I am promising my child will live up to this commitment by joining the team.
- There are expenses in being a member of a team. These expenses include club, team, uniform, and equipment fees.
- Fees are due in 3 installments unless otherwise approved by the Finance Committee. Families with multiple children in the program can request more frequent payments at a lesser amount. See the Illinois Fusion Finance Policy for payment amounts and due dates.
- The payments are expected to be paid on time. Failure to make scheduled payments by the due date will result in a limited participation in practices, games, and tournaments for my child.
- Payments can be made by check, payable to Illinois Fusion, and mailed to or dropped off at 705 E. Lincoln St., Suite 113, Normal, IL 61761.
- If I request my child to be released from the team during the seasonal year I may or may not receive a refund of monies paid. The amount of any refund is at the discretion of the Finance Committee.
- If I need financial assistance to pay my fees, scholarships are available. Money for scholarships are awarded based upon hardship and require a written request with an explanation of the families financial situation as well as copies of the first two pages of the previous year's tax return. Uniform fees are not part of the scholarship/grant program (see Player Grant Application).
- The payment for the uniform package and any spirit wear ordered through Illinois Fusion is due prior to the order being placed. Uniform orders will be made on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Each player must have the following uniform items: 2 training shirts, 2 game jerseys, 1 game shorts, 2 pair game socks (different colors)
- A minimum number of tournaments are included in the team fees. Additional tournaments beyond those would be at an additional expense and I am responsible to pay those fees if this team chooses to attend more tournaments than the minimum number.
- I have read and understand my obligations laid forth in the following Illinois Fusion Policies:
  - Financial Policy
  - Parent Code of Conduct
  - Volunteer Policy
- The Illinois Fusion is a not-for-profit organization that relies heavily on volunteers. I understand my family will be required to volunteer in club related activities and events including but not limited to working at the club hosted tournaments. I will gladly do my part to make this organization a success so my child can gain the most benefit while keeping club costs down for everyone. If I do not choose to participate in any volunteer functions I may be required to pay an additional fee as set forth by the Board of Directors and dependent upon the requested hours. See Illinois Fusion Volunteer Policy for more information.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

# Illinois Fusion Soccer – Financial Policy

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Fees are due when indicated. If you have 2 or more children in the Illinois Fusion travel program, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> payments can be spread out over additional months. Send an email to [finance@illinoisfusion.com](mailto:finance@illinoisfusion.com) to request a special payment schedule.

## Scholarships & Grants

Scholarship/Grant money is available to qualified families but must accompany a request and proper documentation (see Player Grant Application). These funds are awarded at the discretion of the Finance Committee and Board of Directors. All decisions are final. If the payment schedule does not fit your family financial needs please contact the Finance Committee to determine available options.

If you have extenuating circumstances and cannot make a payment on time, please be pro-active and contact the Finance Committee to discuss available options.

## Refunds

Full Refunds for fee payments are given only for the following reasons:

- Payment #1: Represents a non-refundable committee fee
- Payment #2: Only if the player never attended any training sessions, games or tournaments in the fall season.
- Payment #3: Only if the player never attended any training sessions, games or tournaments in the spring season.

Partial Refunds for fees are given only for the following reasons and are prorated based upon time expired:

- Doctor written medical absence for more than 6 consecutive weeks within the same season
- Family transfer more than 50 miles from current residence

## Non-Payment or Late Payments

Payment not made within a 30 day grace period will result in the player card being held in the office and will disallow further participation of the player in training, programs, league, and tournament games. Please contact the Finance Committee for available financial options before getting to this point.

## Finance Committee Contact Information:

Email: [finance@illinoisfusion.com](mailto:finance@illinoisfusion.com)

Call: 309-451-GOAL

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact a member of the Illinois Fusion Board of Directors.

# Illinois Fusion Soccer – Parent Code of Conduct

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*Your child is playing soccer for fun. Please realize that everyone wants you to enjoy the game, too. Illinois Fusion Soccer has some of the most dedicated and supportive parents in central Illinois. Our Parent Code of Conduct is being provided in an effort to assist you and your child in gaining the maximum benefit possible from the soccer match. Below are some simple rules you should observe. Please consider them carefully.*

## Expectations

- 1. Do not shout instructions to your child or attempt to coach your child during games.**

This will cause confusion and may result in erroneous play on your child's part. The coaching staff has instructed your child on how to play. If you shout instructions, your child will probably try to please you and the coach at the same time. In trying to do two things at once, the child will fail at both. Furthermore, your instructions may directly conflict with the goals and objectives that the coaching staff has established for that particular game.
- 2. Do cheer for your child when he/she successfully plays the ball.**

However, remember that your child is as member of a team. Let the other players know you support them as well. Refrain from disparaging or degrading remarks.
- 3. Suffer in silence whenever something occurs that goes against your child's team.**

A display of anger may inflame an already delicate situation, resulting in embarrassment for you or your child. Some parents embarrass their own children by making a spectacle of themselves.
- 4. Do not enter into arguments with the other team's parents, players, or coaches.**

Remember that the parents from the other team are equally enthusiastic about their team's success. Be a gracious competitor.
- 5. Do not run up and down the sidelines.**

Find a comfortable place to sit down or stand and enjoy the match.
- 6. Do not shout insults at the referee.**

In the arena that is youth soccer, referees are attempting to gain the experience they need to improve, just as our players are striving to improve their own play. The referees are learning right alongside the players. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of quality referees in our country. We expect our parents to a) recognize that this concern exists; b) behave courteously and with respect.
- 7. If your team loses, adopt a positive attitude.**

Compliment the children for the good plays and ignore the mistakes. The child will be happy you noticed the good qualities. The coaching staff will work on the mistakes with the players at training.
- 8. The game is for the players, not the adults. Remember -- Your child will forget about today's game.**

Next week he/she will probably have forgotten the score. However, both of you will always remember if you had a good time playing the most popular sport in the world.
- 9. Do be a good role model at both home and away games.**
  - a. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages should be consumed at any soccer game.
  - b. No pets are allowed at any Bloomington/Normal soccer complex at any time.
  - c. All non-playing children must be supervised at all times.

## **Consequences:**

### **1. Parent Verbal warning**

This warning could come from the official, head coach, team manager, and/or Illinois Fusion Coaching Staff.

### **2. Parent Removal from game**

Parent(s) may be asked to leave the field area during the game by the official, head coach, team manager, and or Illinois Fusion Coaching Staff.

### **3. Game forfeiture**

The game may be stopped and ruled a forfeiture by the official.

### **4. Parent Suspension from future games**

Parent(s) may be suspended from a number of games by the League Board of Directors, the Illinois Fusion Board of Directors or Coaching Staff with written documentation of the incident kept on file.

### **5. Parent Suspension for season or multiple seasons**

Parent(s) may be suspended from the remainder of a season and additional seasons by the League Board of Directors, the Illinois Fusion Board of Directors or Coaching Staff with written documentation of the incident kept on file.

### **6. Player Suspension**

The Player may be suspended from activities (practice, tournaments, league games) as decided by the Illinois Fusion Board of Directors or Illinois Fusion Coaching Staff.

**NOTE:** Parent and player suspension considerations will be reviewed by the Illinois Fusion Board of Directors and Coaching Staff at special meeting to be attended by all parties involved.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact a member of the Illinois Fusion Board of Directors.

# **Illinois Fusion Soccer – Volunteer Policy**

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*Volunteerism is the foundation of all youth organizations. From the board of directors all the way through to the parents, the sharing of time and resources ensures success.*

## **Travel Tournament Volunteering --- Required**

The Illinois Fusion Soccer Association will host 2 travel soccer tournaments this season and the success of these events is dependent upon volunteers. In order to spread work out and keep the workload of a few to manageable level the Illinois Fusion will require each family to work a minimum number of hours per tournament.

2 hours/parent/child/tournament ---- not to exceed 6 hours/family/tournament

There will be many opportunities to volunteer at both the fall and spring tournament, such as overall organization, facility set up/clean up, parking attendants, registration, field marshals, concessions, etc. It would be our intention that each family volunteer during time slots when their children are not playing.

Consequences of not fulfilling this commitment will be \$125 per tournament per child fee ,unless otherwise approved by board of directors due to extenuating circumstances. Failure to pay the fee will result in your child/children not being able to attend practice and participate in games until it has been paid.

## **Social Fundraising Volunteering - Non-Required**

In addition to club tournaments, the Illinois Fusion will host “social” fundraising opportunities in which families will be asked to participate. These events will be a gathering of parents to socialize and have fun. By hosting these types of events there will be no need for fundraising drives that requires sales of candles, discount cards, candy, or other food items. Your participation in these events will be appreciated.

The Illinois Fusion Soccer will also take advantage of other opportunities to fundraise through business sponsorships.

All fundraising proceeds will go in to the operational budget and help keep costs manageable.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact a member of the Illinois Fusion Board of Directors.