



**Background:** Coronado Youth Soccer League, Inc. (CYSL) is a community-based non-profit organization run by volunteers to support youth soccer, both recreational and competitive programs. Coronado FC is the competitive branch of CYSL. Coronado FC hopes to assist players from Coronado and the surrounding communities who want to train and play in a more competitive soccer environment than is available in the recreational program or another community's AYSO program. Our quality program is designed for players who are interested in playing at a competitive level, and maximizing development of their individual soccer skills, techniques, tactics and team play. Equal value is placed on player development, team building and success on the pitch. The Club will hire the best available professional coaches to teach and develop players and teams in order to reach their maximum playing potential. Players will not only develop their soccer abilities, they will learn the value of discipline, hard work, leadership by example, teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play - important traits that will make them successful in future endeavors.

Kris Collins is CYSL's current President and the coaches are led by Director of Coaching (DOC) Jerry Ruiz. Jerry is a USSF "A" licensed coach, has played professionally and has coached youth soccer for more than 15 years. The Club recruits professionally licensed coaches who have played and/or coached at a highly competitive level. Coaches are hired based on the confidence that they will be able to accomplish the goals and objectives described above, and are assigned teams based on their coaching styles and the age groups of the players.

**Teams:** Players are invited to join a team based on the results of the pre-season tryout sessions. Sessions consist of drills and scrimmages that allow players to demonstrate their abilities. Coaches will select players who demonstrate solid skills, as well as a positive attitude. The number of players per team is normally capped so players will receive adequate playing time. Players are strongly encouraged to play at their age level. On occasion, a player may desire to play up in age. Consideration will be given to these requests on a case-by-case basis. The Director of Coaching will make the decision on the request, balancing the child's abilities and desires with the impact on the teams affected and the club.

Once tryouts are complete and teams are formed, each team will have a meeting between the coach and parents to discuss specific objectives for the upcoming season and set a training schedule. Coaches will discuss their expectations of players and parents, and the guidelines set forth in both the Parent Letter and the Coronado FC Code of Conduct. Coaches will also discuss what practice schedules will be like for the year, realizing changes may be required due to such things as coaching conflicts or the end of daylight savings time. The coaches will also discuss tournaments in which they would like the team to participate during the year. Parents are encouraged to present their questions to the coach at this meeting. Having a very reliable Team Manager with good communication and organizational skills is critical to the smooth operation of the team. An Assistant Manager should be identified to will fill in for the Manager in his/her absence from games or manager meetings. Managers are advised to have another parent handle the team finances if possible.

**Commitment:** Your young athletes have now tried out, proven themselves on the pitch and have been selected to be a member of an impressive Coronado FC competitive soccer team. Participation in the Coronado FC Soccer program requires a substantial level of commitment. Missing excessive amounts of practices and/or games is strongly discouraged and is disruptive to team cohesiveness. Besides having the players attend all practices and games ready to play,

there are additional tournaments and sacrifices a family has to make to support the players. Coronado host two tournaments that are held to subsidize the cost of playing competitive soccer. These are hosted two times annually – July/August and December. All players are expected to complete the season with their team, including participating in these tournaments and going to State Cup. Please consider these responsibilities before you make the decision to join our winning team here at Coronado FC. If this seems like more of a commitment than you can make, then it might be best to consider recreational programs. If, during the season, a player's lack of effort, attention, and attendance at practice, games or events becomes a concern, the Coach will address these concerns with the parents, DOC, and if needed, the Director of Competitive Soccer to resolve this concern. In addressing these concerns, CYSL may choose to remove the player from the team, move the player to a developmental status or implement another option as appropriate.

Throughout the season, the team and coach depend on every athlete's consistent participation. Again, if this responsibility seems excessive, please consider alternative options.

**Playing Time:** Coronado FC's philosophy is that all players in U12 (2011) and below age groups will get adequate playing time to foster the development of individual players and their skills. During the regular season games, each player in these age groups will be given an opportunity to play approximately 50% of the time. **This percentage is not game specific and may be earned over the course of the season.** Moreover, playing time will accumulate over time with players earning play time. More playing time (including U14 and above) is determined by effort, accountability to attending practice, work ethic, attitude and commitment as determined by the coach and DOC. Deductions from playing time or starting positions may be incurred as a result of missing practices. These instances will be considered by the coach if players and/or starters miss 1 or more practices the week prior to a game. There may be instances towards the end of the season when game results are pivotal to a team advancing to a higher ranking for subsequent years. During these games, it will be the coach's discretion to decide the best balance between playing time and achieving a competitive result for the end of season standings. Additionally, this percentage does not apply to tournaments and State/National Cup, and the coach will use his/her best judgment to decide the method of achieving the optimal results for the team as a whole. As a result, some players may not get as much playing time as others during a specific tournament. All coaches in both younger and older age groups will strive to achieve the 50% playing time for players; however as competition increases, playing time will be more influenced by the player's conditioning, efforts, attitude, ability, and attendance. Individual disciplinary problems may affect this policy as well. *NOTE: Except for injury or discipline issue, zero playing time during a tournament is not an option for any coach or team. In addition, "guest" players for tournaments will not have more playing time than rostered players for that specific team.* Players are encouraged to discuss any concern they may have with their coach at any time or they may elevate the discussion to Director of Coaching or Select.

**Required Training:** Training will consist of two, 1-1/2 hour practices per week for all age groups. The club may offer additional practice, skills sessions and/or strength and conditioning for certain age groups. The details on incremental training at no additional fee will be communicated via CYSL. Additional training opportunities are encouraged but not mandatory. Participation in scrimmages with other clubs for U11-U14 (2012-2009) is highly encouraged when offered and scheduled by the Coach. A four-day mandatory team training camp is held in the summer. Because these camps are run exclusively for the Coronado FC teams based on pre-arranged dates, there are no make-up camps or fee credits for missing camp. The cost of the team camp

is included in the registration fees. In addition, pre-season skills training sessions for various age groups may be held every Friday during the spring months.

**A schedule of important dates for the season, including training start dates, team camp dates and required tournament dates will be provided separately.**

All Coronado FC teams play regular season games in the SoCal Soccer League. Schedules will be available around mid-August on the SoCal Soccer League website <http://www.scdslsoccer.com> and from your team manager. The regular season generally runs from late August (Olders) or early September (Youngers) to mid-November.

**Tournaments:** Part of playing in the Competitive program for CYSL is participation in tournaments. Two Coronado tournaments, Crown City Classic (All Ages) and Holiday Cup (2006 and below), are hosted by CYSL as fundraisers to keep registration fees at reasonable levels. These tournaments are mandatory for Coronado FC teams and each team must pay their respective tournament fee. However, coaches' fees for these tournaments are part of their annual contract and teams do not pay coaches separately. Each player **MUST** pay their respective portion of their team tournament fee for our Coronado tournaments whether they are available to play or not. In addition to these two mandatory tournaments, all eligible teams are encouraged to participate in State or National tournaments at the end of the competitive season, as appropriate for their respective levels of play. Teams are also encouraged to participate in other pre-season tournaments during the summer to prepare for the season games. These extra tournaments are not part of the normal coaching schedule, so teams must pay the coaches separately. (See "Tournament Fees" below.) For most tournaments, teams may have "borrowed" players on their rosters; however, borrowed players are to be primarily used as subs. Borrowed players will not incur tournament fees to participate in the event. The team borrowing the player and associated team members will share the cost of the borrowed player(s) fee for that tournament. Teams should not participate in a tournament if the majority of the players have to be borrowed.

**Player Registration Fees:** As a league, we have consciously sought to hire and retain the best coaches available. Fees cover coaches' compensation, player registration, league registration, equipment, field maintenance, administrative costs, insurance, referee fees, etc.

Uniforms will now be ordered through our online ordering system. Each player/parent will order their individual uniform kit and provide payment for these items at the time of ordering through the online vendor store. This will provide players the opportunity to order additional items as desired, and the items will be shipped directly to your residence or available for pickup at the vendor store in San Diego. The uniform fee is in addition to the competitive registration fee. Required uniform items will be clearly marked on the site and the team manager or CYSL staff member will be able to assist each player/parent in any questions. It is very important not to order your uniform until the team manager has approved the player's number. More information will be provided for our online ordering when available.

Fees may be paid all at once (at registration), or in installment payments. If paying in full at registration, a discount is provided. If paying in installments, payees are required to enter a credit card number at the time of registration. An initial registration deposit will be made at that time. All future installment payments will be made on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If the installment payment is not complete, alternative credit card payment must be made in 48 hours or player is ineligible to train and player card will be retrieved until payment is resolved. If paying in installments, the **first**

**payment** will be collected at Registration. An addendum listing the 2022-2023 Coronado FC fees will be provided as needed.

**If a player has unpaid fees from the previous year, then payment of the delinquent fees will be required prior to the player being permitted to register for the 2022 - 2023 season.** Further, the player will not be allowed to participate in any other CYSL activities, including the CYSL recreational program, until all delinquent fees are resolved.

Payments are to be via our online registration system upon the initial registration. You may choose to pay in full or pay in installments. You must register and input a credit card for automatic payments. If you have issues with your credit card, please call our book keeper - Sharon Darr, 619-319-5636.

**Late sign-up fee schedule:**

- Between Registration and start of league play: no discount. A 10% discount may be given to families that move in to the San Diego Area within 30 days of League play starting.
- After SoCal League season starts:
  - Discount 20% off total registration fee for player's age group
- After October 15<sup>th</sup>:
  - Discount 35% off total registration fee for player's age group

**Coronado FC Refund Policy:** Once a player is rostered to a Coronado FC team, SoCal Soccer League and US Club Soccer rules apply to movement of that player within and outside of the league during both regular and pre-/post- season play. Please contact your team manager who will work with the CYSL Registrar on issues of this type. A parent/guardian who notifies in writing the team manager, coach, Director of Coaching or Director of Competitive Soccer, of the intention to drop his/her child from a team will receive a refund as follows:

- **Prior to June 1:** CYSL retains 25% of total registration fee amount for player's age group.
- **June 1 – to start of the SoCal Soccer League Season:** CYSL retains 50% of total registration fee amount for player's age group.
- **Start of SoCal Soccer League Season to end of SoCal Soccer League Season:** No refund, with exceptions for a job/military transfer out of the area or a season-ending injury. In these cases, assuming the player has paid in full, a portion of the fees will be refunded based on the last day of participation in a team activity. The amount to be refunded will be prorated based on when the player moved or suffered the season-ending injury, and will not exceed 10% of total fees for the player's age group per month up to the end of the current SoCal Soccer season. The club reserves the right to request a written letter from a physician in the case of season-ending injuries.

There will be additional costs as part of playing competitive soccer, such as:

- Tournament fees: Costs for tournaments include:
  - Tournament registration fees *per team*: approx. \$550 (Youngers) to \$1000 (college showcase tournaments for older divisions).

- Coaching fees: up to a maximum of \$180 per weekend *per team*. (Note: The coaches' fees for the two mandatory CYSL tournaments (Crown City Classic and Holiday Cup), will be paid by CYSL.
- Coaches' out-of-pocket travel expenses (for out-of-county tournaments outside the normal range of the SoCal Soccer League playing area: up to \$150 per day and a maximum of \$300 per weekend *per team*).

Team Managers will communicate with parents regarding specific costs for each tournament. These tournament expenses must be covered by each player, and are in addition to CYSL player registration fees. Tournament expenses are shared equally by all members of the team rostered for participation in the tournament. If a player decides not to participate in a tournament after the team has registered for it, the player is still required to pay his/her equal share of tournament expenses. (Note: ALL players will pay equal share for CYSL tournaments regardless of participation)

- **Coronado FC Apparel and Trophies:** Warm-ups, additional uniform items, and end of season trophies or medals are optional, and must be paid for by individual players.
- **Insurance:** As a US Club Soccer participating club, CYSL has purchased secondary insurance coverage for our players. Refer to the US Club Soccer website ([www.usclubsoccer.org](http://www.usclubsoccer.org)) for specifics. This policy should not be considered a player's primary insurance.

**Financial Assistance (FA):** We recognize that some families may be limited in their ability to meet the financial obligation required to participate in competitive soccer, and therefore we have created a Financial Assistance program. This program was designed to provide a limited number of competitive players an opportunity to offset their financial obligation. Receiving financial assistance does not absolve a family from making a monthly payment towards a player's fees. Please see the CYSL FA application for more information.

FA applications are available by emailing [info@coronadoyouthsoccerleague.com](mailto:info@coronadoyouthsoccerleague.com). They must be completed and turned in to the address on the form by the due date indicated. Late applications will be considered on a space available basis. Applications will be reviewed by committee and judged solely on need. All applications will be kept strictly confidential. The CYSL Board will notify recipients.

If a Financial Assistance recipient chooses to leave CYSL before the season has concluded, then the recipient forfeits all FA received and is responsible to pay CYSL and team fees in full in order to request transfer.

**Donations:** We have several members who have given extensively to provide for financial assistance to either specific teams or specific players. As we are a non-profit organization, there are tax advantages that may be realized. If you would like to donate to CYSL, either to the League for our FA program or to a specific team or player, contact our Bookkeeper, Sharon Darr, (619-435-0539 or [sdarrd@gmail.com](mailto:sdarrd@gmail.com)). We encourage you to check with your employer to see if they match charitable donations. Also, please see the CYSL sponsorship/booster club program on the CYSL website.

**Developmental Players:** There may be situations in which a player shows promise and has an interest in trying to achieve a higher skill level by training with Coronado FC coaches, but has not

yet reached the level of play of the other members of a given team. In such cases, the Director of Coaching may consider allowing a player to train with a team as a Developmental Player. This allows a player to train with the Coronado FC team at practices, in order to improve his/her skills. However, if the parent desires and if a recreational team is available, the player will be placed on a recreational team and participate in regular recreational team games and some recreational practices during the season. Additionally, Developmental players may be invited to play with the Coronado FC team during tournaments at the coach's discretion. Parents should get clarification directly from the coach and DOC regarding participation of a Developmental Player. In carefully chosen individual cases, a player may be invited to join the Coronado FC Team on the SoCal League roster (if space allows) for the regular SoCal League season as a Developmental player, but these players are not guaranteed playing time in the standard manner outlined previously in this letter. A written contract accepting these terms must be reviewed and signed to assure complete understanding of these terms. The coach will get approval from the DOC prior to making such an arrangement. In recognition of the reduced level of participation, Coronado FC offers a lower fee (1/2 of full fee) for all Developmental players. Our goal is to support as many players as possible that wish to play soccer. Those players that move from Developmental status to full members of a competitive team will then be given a revised pro-rated fee by the Director of Competitive Soccer.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** CYSL has a number of volunteer opportunities available for parents who wish to get more involved in their children's soccer experience and make a difference. Volunteer opportunities range from teams supporting CYSL fundraisers. Some teams may choose to fundraise to help offset some of the costs of attending tournaments. Each family may have the opportunity to work a snack bar, sell Coronado FC gear, and/or other activities a team may decide to undertake. Additionally, there are ample opportunities for parents to act as a team manager, or become a member on the Board of Directors – and many things in between. If you are interested in volunteering with CYSL, please contact the league President at [president@nadosoccer.com](mailto:president@nadosoccer.com) or the Director of Competitive Soccer at [director@nadosoccer.com](mailto:director@nadosoccer.com).

#### **CORONADO FC SOCCER COMMITS TO:**

**Professional Coaching/Playing Time** - Coaches will teach soccer and stress the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline and hard work, enabling players to reach their full potential. Adequate playing time helps ensure the development of the player; therefore roster limits are capped so that playing time goals can be achieved whenever possible.

**Team Camp** – Jerry Ruiz is a USSF A-licensed coach who, along with our professional staff of coaches will provide an intense, yet fun, soccer camp. This will be a great way for players to get back into soccer shape and will help the team get the season started on the right note.

**Organization Support** - The club will endeavor to handle the administrative aspects of putting together competitive teams, including organizing tryouts, player registration, game scheduling, field set-up, collecting fees and paying coaches. Coaches and teams will set goals for the year, and will determine practice schedules and tournament participation with assistance from the DOC.

**Team Fundraising:** The Club will provide teams the opportunity for fundraising. We encourage each team to get a team sponsor (see option B under Sponsors on CYSL website) to assist in team fundraising and advertisement for the team sponsor. If CYSL gets a League Sponsor and/or an individual team gets a sponsor each player must allow the player's uniforms to have the

appropriate sponsorship art work put on their jerseys. This artwork must be approved by the CYSL Board. Other team fundraising ideas are encouraged, and will be approved by the fundraising coordinator as appropriate.

**Scholarships:** As mentioned above, CYSL provides some financial assistance funds, as available, for players who otherwise would not be able to participate. The Club does not provide scholarships. The Club offers Financial Assistance through an application process.

**Conflict Resolution:** The league strives to offer the best possible soccer experience for each player. We have developed a Code of Conduct that each parent, player and coach must sign. These rules are set in order to ensure the highest standards of sportsmanship, moral and ethical conduct. As members of the Club, we are expected to understand, follow and uphold these rules. As with any activity involving a large group of people, minor misunderstandings and disagreements will arise during the course of a season. Everyone is expected to follow the “48 hour rule”: **Give the situation and the people involved a couple of days to calm down before initiating communications.** After a few days to allow emotions to cool down, most situations will be more easily resolved. After the cooling off period, individual issues should be first brought to the attention of the coach for discussion and resolution. This is best done in private and in person. We ask that these communications are not engaged through e-mail or during a practice or game. If a resolution cannot be reached, the issue should be elevated to the Director of Coaching. If the problem remains unresolved, contact the Director of Competitive Soccer within a week of the event, or as soon as practical. Please do not wait until the end of the season to raise serious issues that occur, as we can more easily address problems if they are brought to our attention in a timely manner.

In order to provide an appropriate learning environment, CYSL requires coaches to report any player behavior issues to the Director of Competitive Soccer, the Director of Coaching and the player's parents. Specifically, any time a player is removed from a practice or other team event due to misbehavior, the Coach must report that suspension. Repeated behavioral issues or practice suspensions will result in suspension of the player's eligibility to participate in games and/or the remainder of the season. In the case of suspension for behavioral issue, even if a suspension is for the remainder of the season, there will not be a refund of fees paid or reduction in the amount owed.

Remember that members of the CYSL Board and our amazing team managers are volunteer members of the community, and have given extensively of their own time and effort to make your son's or daughter's soccer experience very special. Please treat all of them as you would wish to be treated if you were in their position.

**Information:** If there are questions, please contact the Director of Competitive Soccer at [selectdirector@nadosoccer.com](mailto:selectdirector@nadosoccer.com), or Jerry Ruiz, Director of Coaching at: [jerry\\_pumitas@hotmail.com](mailto:jerry_pumitas@hotmail.com). You may also visit our web site at: [www.coronadoyouthsoccerleague.com](http://www.coronadoyouthsoccerleague.com). We sincerely hope you enjoy your Coronado FC soccer experience. Thank you for your support!