

Springfield Thunder Soccer Club

Parents Agreement – 2011

The parents or guardians of _____ a player on a fall 2011 and/or spring 2012
Springfield Thunder Soccer Club team agree to:

1. Pay the following fees
 - a. \$50 Non refundable deposit within 2 weeks of notification of acceptance.
 - b. \$270 for year (fall and spring seasons) to be paid prior to playing the first league game (the deposit is part of this amount)
 - c. \$250 if paid by August 1
 - d. \$200 for a single season
2. Honor the club philosophy as published on the club website which includes
 - a. The game of soccer is a process and the club understands that for the players to grow and development they must play the game, be engaged with their team, have fun at practice, be active and comfortable with the ball and enjoy the day to day environment.
 - b. Player development is the priority and will be emphasized consistently and over the long term during their time with the club
 - c. Player development is a long term commitment and will trump “win now” and “win at all cost”
 - d. The Springfield Thunder is a select club with competitive players and coaches. We approach each practice with the emphasis to get better and each game with the goal of winning it. However, we judge our success on “how” we played and not on “did we win” and we evaluate our players and teams on their development technically and tactically and not on the result.
 - e. Playing many different positions helps player development
 - f. Most children should play on a team appropriate for their age
 - g. Finally it is OK to give kids a break and time off from soccer it helps them process the game and rekindle their love for game. If we are always “pushing” as parents we will “push them away”
3. Communicate clearly and early whether my child will play both the fall and spring seasons or just one season
4. All players on the team my child plays on will receive relatively equal playing time except that my child’s playing time may be affected by his or her attendance at practice/training sessions
5. Follow the accepted chain of command when I have concerns – head coach first, club board second, league third
6. Follow the league code of conduct and not criticize referees, players or coaches during games or at any time in front of players
7. Not to coach, instruct, or criticize the players from their sideline. Allow the coach to coach the game and for the players to play the game
8. Encourage all team members effort and enjoyment especially during games in positive ways
9. Not talk to players or parents on other league teams about joining the Thunder club or the team my child plays on from the beginning of the fall season until the end of May
10. That indoor soccer is voluntary and independent of club fees
11. Do my fair share of volunteer service to the club which for most is helping with the Springfield of Dream Charity Cup
12. See to it that their child brings ball of appropriate size inflated, sufficient water and appropriate dress to practices, training sessions and games
13. Get their child to practice and games at the requested set time of the coach, or at least let the coach know if a player will be late or has a conflict.

Parent or Guardian

Date