



Clawson Strikers S.C.

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Strikers Soccer Club Operating Rules

ARTICLE I- RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Section 1: Clawson Soccer shall enforce and abide by the bylaws, rules, and regulations set forth by Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA), the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program (MSPSP), Michigan Youth Soccer League (MYSL) and any other affiliated soccer league that a Clawson team may belong.
- Section 2: The Rules, Regulations and Policies of Clawson Soccer will be in accordance with those set forth by MSYSA, MSPSP, MYSL, and the Clawson Soccer operating rules. Additional rules and regulations will apply upon approval of the Clawson Soccer Board.
- Section 3: It is the responsibility of any Board member, Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager, Treasurer, Tournament Coordinator, and Player to know and understand and apply the Rules and Regulations set forth by the Clawson Soccer, MSYSA, MYSL and MSPSP. Any person who violates any of these rules and policies could be brought before the Coaching Development Committee and/or Board Consistent with these rules.
- Section 4: The Director of Coaching shall meet regularly with the Clawson Soccer Board to discuss the state of Strikers Soccer Club, and address any concerns that above set rules are not be followed.

ARTICLE II- COACH SELECTION AND EVALUATION

- Section 1: The Club Director chooses Coaches but appointment of coach and approval of salaries must be approved by the Clawson Soccer Board.
- Section 2: Striker Soccer Club coaches must make a one-year commitment to the club.
- Section 3: The Club Director shall be responsible for overseeing club coaches and evaluating said coaches' performances each year. The Club Director will make decisions on retainment and salaries that must be approved by the Clawson Soccer Board.

Section 4: If for any reason a team coach cannot fulfill their one-year commitment or must be terminated, the Club Director shall have the power to fill said position, without Clawson Soccer Board approval for the remainder of the year.

ARTICLE III- PLAYER SELECTION

Section 1: Each division will hold tryouts annually, scheduled with the Premier Division Manager and in accordance to MSYSA and MSPSP rules and regulations. The tryouts will consist of at least two tryout periods on two different days. All coaches approved by the Board shall be present for the tryouts of all players that may be selected.

Section 2: At tryouts or before Strikers Soccer Club shall provide to all players and/or parents a team and player commitment overview outlining time commitment and cost estimates.

Section 3: Player recruitment must be in accordance with MYSL, MSYSA and MSPSP rules and regulations.

Section 4: Selection one year does not guarantee selection the following year.

Section 5: Selection criteria will be based primarily on soccer skill level. Other criteria include attitude, athleticism, coachability, and behavior.

Section 6: Club Director and team coach shall agree upon Player selection.

Section 7: All players trying out shall sign a Tryout Registration and Waiver of Liability form at the beginning of the tryout. Any player who fails to appear at tryouts shall not be eligible to be placed on a team unless approved by the Board or Club Director. There shall be no individual tryouts for any player(s) unless the Club Director has approved such tryout and such tryout shall be conducted in the presence of all coaches within that Division.

Section 8: Within two days of the last tryout, the coach will inform all tryout participants in a nonpublic manner (for example, by phone, email, letter or private discussion) whether they have made the team. The coach will contact those who made the team first in case a selected player declines. A list of ranked players must be submitted to the Club Director including all players on the team(s) and the identity of the last five (5) players who did not make the team in order of the highest ranked player to not make the team.

Section 9: U-14 or younger age groups must make a one-year commitment: U-19 through U-15 players must make a one-season commitment.

- Section 10: A player may play one age level up provided placement on said team's roster complies with Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA), the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program (MSPSP), Michigan Youth Soccer League (MYSL) and any other affiliated soccer league that a Clawson Soccer or Strikers Soccer Club team may participate in.
- Section 11: The coach must release a player from the team between Fall and Spring seasons if the player moves a long distance away, the player is injured and cannot play, or for disciplinary reasons outlined in Article 8, Section 6.
- Section 12: In the event of player loss, or other valid reason through the above release process, a coach may add player(s). Any such action changing any team roster shall be in accordance with the rules of Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA), the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program (MSPSP), Michigan Youth Soccer League (MYSL) and any other affiliated soccer league that a Clawson Soccer or Strikers Soccer Club team may belong. The Club Director must approve any such change to a roster.

ARTICLE IV- TEAMS

- Section 1: Teams will be formed from those who have gone through the Player Selection process. Acceptance in one year does not mean that a player is automatically accepted in the next year. The Club Director and the team coach determine placement on a team.
- Section 2: When the number and quality of both players and coaches is sufficient, the Club Director shall form teams per age and gender. In cases where no qualified coach has stepped forward, the Club Director may appoint a coach.
- Section 8: Roster sizes are to be within the allowance of the leagues that the teams participate in.
- Section 9: Underage players may play up one year if their skills and physical abilities allow them to.
- Section 10: Players may be added after tryouts and between seasons as long as they have participated in the player selection process and have the approval of the Club Director. When adding players they are not to be offered a spot without approval from the Club Director.

ARTICLE V- PLAYER REGISTRATION

- Section 1: Player registration will be in accordance to the Clawson Soccer, MYSL, MSYSA, and MSPSP rules and regulations, and guidelines.

Section 2: A player must dual register to play on two teams. The teams must not play in the same State league. Premier players are not allowed to play on a Clawson Soccer house team except in U-19 division. The player's primary commitment is to be the premier team.

ARTICLE VI: UNIFORMS/TEAM NAMES

Section 1: Strikers Soccer Club requires that all teams use like uniforms, warm ups and any and all team wear. The Club Director and the Clawson Soccer Board shall determine the uniforms' color and design.

Section 2: All uniforms and team apparel shall be purchased from the same vendor, which is agreed upon by the Club Director and the Clawson Soccer Board.

Section 3: All teams playing in the travel, select, or premier divisions under the Clawson Soccer and or Strikers Soccer Club name shall be referred to as "The Strikers."

ARTICLE VII- COACH'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND SANCTIONS

Section 1: The Head Coach or his designee will be responsible for the following:

- A. All team operations. The coach is expected to delegate team operations wherever possible to adult volunteers but it is the coach's responsibility to ensure that the tasks have been completed.
- B. Conduct tryouts consistent with these rules as directed by the Premier Operating Rules, the Premier Committee, the Premier Division Manager and the Director of Coaching and Player Development. Conduct themselves with integrity, professionalism, honesty and sportsmanship in fulfilling all duties in their interaction with players, coaches, parents and other individuals in the tryout process, coaching and other related duties. Respect and dignify each athlete as an individual.
- C. Create an environment that encourages each athlete to reach his/her potential.
- D. Promote the safety of each athlete, including remaining at the field, game, or practice until each player has been picked up or left in the manner he/she came.

- E. Complete a written evaluation at the end of each season for each player. One copy will be given to the player and one copy will be given to the Club Director.
- F. Attend scheduling meetings as needed.
- G. Be a model of appropriate behavior and language at all times.
- H. Communicate your expectations often with players and parents. Utilize only trainers as directed or approved by the Clawson Soccer Board, or the Club Director. Conduct a preseason meeting with the parents and players to discuss the following:
 - a. Dates, times, and site of practices;
 - b. Rules and regulations concerning player and parent behavior at all events; Consequences for tardiness, missing games or practice, yellow cards and red cards, behavior during practices and games;
 - c. Attend any training or orientation programs as directed by the Premier Committee, Premier Division Manager and/or Director of Coaching and Player Development.
- I. All coaches shall abide by all Clawson Soccer and Strikers Soccer Club rules and focus on the growth of the player, team, and club.
- J. Appear before the Clawson Soccer Board and Club Director if any formal written complaint is received.

ARTICLE VII- PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1: It is a privilege to play for the Strikers Soccer Club. Each player is expected to put forth his/her greatest effort, cooperating with coaches and teammates, and at all times behave in a sportsmanlike manner.

Section 2: Each player is expected to attend and be on time to practices and games, be prepared to play and wearing the appropriate equipment. If a player is unable to attend a practice or game it is the player's responsibility to inform his/her coach in a timely manner. Failure to participate as expected will affect team placement the following year.

- Section 3: Game time is guaranteed for each player who meets his/her player responsibilities consistent with the Strikers Soccer Club operating rules; however, the amount of game time beyond that is at the coach's discretion.
- Section 4: Players are expected to play the field position the coach assigns.
- Section 5: Each player is expected to approach the coach at practices and NOT at games regarding any questions or issues that arise regarding play time, position, or otherwise.
- Section 6: A coach may dismiss a player from his/her team for unsportsmanlike conduct or for other disciplinary reasons, after first warning the player and his parents in writing of possible dismissal, and informing and discussing the situation with the Club Director. Under these circumstances a player can be removed with Board approval.

ARTICLE IX- PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

- Section 1: Parents must sign and obey the Parent Code of Conduct form.
- Section 2: There may be additional costs such as but not excluded to, tournament fees, hotel and food expenses, and others involved in Premier soccer that is not covered by the predetermined fee. The parents are responsible to see that these costs are paid.
- Section 3: Parents need to ensure that the players arrive at practices and games on time and prepared to play.
- Section 4: Comments and concerns should be addressed to the coach either by phone or at a noncompetitive, such as practice, situation in a private setting away from players, parents and other individuals.
- Section 5: Physical or verbal abuse of referees, coaches, players or the opposing team's fans, players and coaches will not be tolerated. The offending parent or guest may be asked to leave the field. Repeated offenses may result in barring the parent from the soccer field during all games and practices.
- Section 6: Parents will be expected to be an active part of the team and may be looked upon to volunteer.
- Section 7: Parents are expected to resolve any differences with the coach in a civil manner after a game or practice and away from the children. If however a resolution cannot be agreed upon, present all formal complaints in writing to either the Club Director and/or the Clawson Soccer Board.

Section 8: In the event of financial hardship or player fee default, the parent or guardian will complete and submit a Clawson Soccer request for financial hardship application to their coach for sponsorship. The coach has the option, but is not required, to fundraise as a team or reduce his coaching fee to cover the unpaid player balance. All team fundraising shall be completed by December 31st or prior to the beginning of winter indoor sessions for the current season, whichever comes first. If the team and/or coach are unable to satisfy the debt through fundraising or coaching fee sponsorship, the application for financial hardship shall be submitted to the Clawson Soccer Board of Directors for consideration. The application will be accompanied by two letters of reference on behalf of the player from either an unaffiliated coach, teacher, counselor, principal or other civic leader. The letters do not need to address the financial hardship of the player, only provide character references of the player and further substantiate the benefit of current soccer team participation to the player's overall well-being.

Section 9: The Clawson Soccer Board of Directors will consider financial hardship applications on a case by case basis. Clawson Soccer and coaching staff will make every effort to facilitate anonymity of the player and family. The Clawson Soccer Board reserves the right to require parent/player volunteerism or an individual fundraising goal in exchange for any fees awarded. Volunteerism shall be calculated at a rate of one hour per \$50 award, total hours required will depend on the amount awarded. Individual fundraising goals will be determined on a case by case basis. If the player fee obligation has not been met prior to December 31st or the beginning of winter indoor sessions for the current season, the Clawson Soccer Board reserves the right to release the player from their team to minimize club financial losses.

ARTICLE X- TEAM OPERATIONS

Section 1: The Strikers Soccer Club will compensate the Clawson Soccer Treasurer to provide the financial service of tracking, expensing, paying, and submitting all necessary financial documents on behalf of the Strikers Soccer Club, including, but not exclusive to, 1090 forms and tax forms. The Board on the recommendation of the Club Director shall determine compensation.

Section 2: A volunteer from each team shall oversee collecting and organizing all paperwork relevant to the team.

Section 3: Fundraising shall be permitted under the approval of the team coach, club director, and the Clawson Soccer Board.

A. All fundraising must have a specific purpose, but may be used to offset cost of the playing fees.

B. Funds raised through fund raising shall be handled by a team volunteer and Strikers Treasurer

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