



**North State Soccer
26-27 Player & Family Participation and Membership Agreement**

Accepting a position as a player on a team involves a commitment of both time and money for the family and club. It is required that the player and their family commit to participating on the team for the entire season, abide by our sportsmanship and good behavior requirements, and meet the volunteer and financial obligations as outlined.

Sportsmanship and Good Behavior

At North State Soccer, we along with our league partners (NorCal Premier Soccer and US Club Soccer) deeply value good sportsmanship and ethical behavior. We believe the real win is in developing players who show respect, integrity, and civility both on and off the field.

We encourage all parents to take a long-term view of this game we all love one that prioritizes growth, development, and team-building over chasing short-term results. Coaches and players are expected to show maximum respect for the game at all times, including toward opponents, referees, teammates, and coaches. We expect our families to do the same.

Parents and spectators must demonstrate positive, respectful support at all times. Behavior outside the bounds of positive encouragement including inappropriate comments, aggressive conduct, or disrespect may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from club activities and events.

We also require all families to treat our club staff, volunteers, and officials with respect. Any threats (veiled or explicit), false accusations, slander, or hostile behavior toward North State Soccer staff or leadership will result in immediate dismissal from the club.

Frustration over playing time, team placement, or coaching decisions is not an excuse for poor sportsmanship or inappropriate behavior. Constructive conversations are always welcome and hostility is not.

Lastly, any public attempts to criticize, discredit, or defame North State Soccer, its staff, or leadership in a way that damages the club's reputation or operations will be treated as a serious breach of conduct and may result in permanent removal from the club.

Individuals dismissed from the club for behavior-related reasons will not be considered in good standing and will not be eligible to participate in future tryouts, camps, or events.

Team Commitment

Forming a team requires a significant investment of time, energy, and financial resources from North State Soccer's administrative and coaching staff. Once a team is formed, the club makes an upfront financial commitment to support that team for the full season.

For that reason, **families who accept an offer to join a North State Soccer team are expected to commit to the entire duration of the team's program.** This includes families who join mid-season your commitment is expected for the remainder of the scheduled season.

The **only exception** to this policy applies to **U18/U19 players who are graduating high school and moving on to college after summer.** In those specific cases, partial season participation may be approved.

Outside of that, full participation is expected. Accepting a roster spot means committing to your team, your coach, and your club all season long.

Communication Expectations

North State Soccer believes respectful, direct, and constructive communication is essential to a positive club experience. Families are expected to address concerns through the appropriate chain of communication whenever possible:

Player → Coach → Director of Coaching or PAD

Families agree to make a good-faith effort to resolve concerns through the club's communication process before escalating issues externally. Social media posts, public complaints, group chats, or discussions with other families are not appropriate methods for resolving concerns.

We are committed to listening to concerns and working toward solutions in a respectful and professional manner.

Social Media & Electronic Conduct

Players, parents, guardians, and family members are expected to conduct themselves appropriately on social media platforms, group chats, text messages, email, and other electronic communication channels.

Harassment, bullying, threats, intimidation, spreading false information, or conduct that negatively impacts team culture, player welfare, club operations, or the reputation of North State Soccer may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension or removal from the club.

Families understand that online behavior can have real-world impacts and are expected to represent themselves and the club appropriately.

Photo, Video & Media Release

North State Soccer regularly captures photographs, video footage, livestreams, and other media during practices, games, tournaments, camps, and club events.

By participating in club activities, families grant North State Soccer permission to use a player's name, image, likeness, photographs, and video recordings for promotional, educational, fundraising, operational, and marketing purposes without compensation.

This may include use on the club website, social media platforms, printed materials, livestream broadcasts, VEO recordings, and other club-related communications.

Playing Time

North State Soccer is committed to player development while also preparing players for the competitive nature of the game.

Playing time is earned and is not guaranteed. Playing time expectations may vary by age group, level of competition, attendance, effort, attitude, and adherence to team and club policies.

Families acknowledge that North State Soccer's official Playing Time Policy is outlined within the Club Handbook and may be updated periodically.

Attendance Expectations

Player development and team success depend on consistent participation. Players are expected to attend all scheduled practices, games, tournaments, and team activities whenever reasonably possible.

Families should notify their coach as soon as possible regarding absences.

Frequent unexcused absences, chronic lateness, or a lack of commitment to team activities may affect a player's role within the team and may be considered during future team selection and roster decisions.

Policy Updates

North State Soccer reserves the right to modify, update, amend, or clarify club policies, procedures, fees, schedules, operational guidelines, and program requirements when necessary to ensure compliance with governing organizations, improve club operations, or serve the best interests of the club and its members.

Families will be notified of any material changes through official club communication channels, including email, the club website, or the club management platform. Continued participation in club activities following such notification constitutes acceptance of the updated policies.

Parent & Guardian Responsibility

North State Soccer coaches, staff, volunteers, and team personnel are responsible for players only during scheduled team activities.

Parents and guardians remain responsible for the supervision, transportation, and well-being of their children before practices, games, tournaments, meetings, and other club activities begin, and immediately upon their conclusion.

Players should not be dropped off excessively early or left unattended following club activities unless prior arrangements have been made with the coaching staff. North State Soccer is not responsible for players outside of scheduled team activities.

Abuse of Officials, Staff, Volunteers, or Players

North State Soccer maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding verbal abuse, harassment, intimidation, threats, discrimination, bullying, or physical misconduct directed toward referees, coaches, staff members, volunteers, board members, players, parents, or spectators.

Any individual found engaging in behavior that creates a hostile, unsafe, or disruptive environment may be subject to disciplinary action, including removal from an event, suspension from club activities, permanent dismissal from the club, and/or referral to the appropriate governing authorities.

The club reserves the right to take immediate action when deemed necessary to protect the safety, welfare, and integrity of its players, families, volunteers, and staff.

Financial Obligations

Participating in North State Soccer's competitive program includes both a registration fee and a structured monthly dues plan. These funds are critical to maintaining a high-quality experience for all players and families.

Required Fees

Each player is responsible for:

- A \$250 Registration Fee
- A \$10 BYGA Platform Fee
- Club Dues (outlined in Appendix A and paid monthly)
- A Uniform Kit Fee
- A \$100-150 Video Services Fee for VEO Platforms and Accounts

*A new uniform kit will be required to purchase that outside the fees outlined above.

What Your Club Dues Cover

Club dues help cover the following expenses (partial list):

- League registration fees (NorCal, SOCL)
- Tournament and State Cup entry fees
- Field rental fees and insurance
- US Club Soccer player registration

Please note: Club dues are not designed to cover all team expenses. Other revenue streams, including fundraising and tournaments, subsidize the gap.

Dues do not include:

- Individual travel costs
- Personal gear and equipment
- Discretionary team expenses not budgeted by the club

Sibling Discount Policy

North State Soccer offers a multi-player discount to families with more than one child enrolled in the club.

- Families with multiple players registered in the club during the same season will receive a 10% discount on each child's club registration fee.
- The sibling discount will be automatically applied during the registration process when the same family account is used.

Please note: This discount is not retroactive and must be claimed at the time of registration. It cannot be combined with other registration promotions unless otherwise stated.

Payment Schedule & Policies

- Monthly payments are due by the 15th of each month, from August 15, 2025 through May 15th, 2026 (9 total payments, Skipping June and December).
- All dues must be paid via credit card or ACH (through the BYGA platform). The club may permit check payments on a case-by-case basis based on demonstrated financial hardship.
- Families can pre-pay any amount in advance by contacting the Club Administrator.
- All other Forms of payment must have prior approval from the club
 - For Example
 - Cash or check
 - Apple Pay

Late Fees & Delinquency:

- Payments more than 60 days past due will result in suspension from all games, practices, and club events.
- Each monthly payment more than 60 days overdue is subject to a \$50 late fee unless a pre-approved payment plan is in place.
- It is each family's responsibility to ensure successful monthly payments (e.g., updating expired credit cards).
- Accounts with unpaid balances at season's end (Fall and or Spring) will result in ineligibility for future programs, tryouts, or re-enrollment until cleared. No exceptions.

Refund & Cancellation Policy

Club dues are considered non-refundable tuition. No refunds will be issued for missed practices, games, tournaments, or closures due to:

- Illness or injury
- Weather conditions (rain, heat, smoke, etc.)
- Field closures or air quality
- Acts of God or other uncontrollable events (fires, pandemics, natural disasters)

Exception – Government Shutdown:

In the event of a mandated shutdown of in-person activities, the club may reduce dues:

- 1 monthly payment waived for every 30 consecutive shutdown days

- Maximum of 2 monthly payments waived
The club has sole discretion to determine eligibility for any such adjustments.

Injury Relief:

Players injured during official club activities who are sidelined for two months or longer may request financial relief through our Injured Player Relief Policy (available on our website). Approval is not guaranteed.

Withdrawal Policy

North State Soccer makes significant financial, administrative, and coaching commitments based upon player roster acceptance. As a result, families who voluntarily withdraw from the club prior to the completion of the seasonal year remain financially responsible for a portion of their seasonal commitment.

Players who voluntarily withdraw from the club before the end of the season will be subject to the following obligations:

- A minimum withdrawal obligation equal to **two (2) months of club dues**, regardless of the date of withdrawal.
- If the player withdraws after **60% or more of the seasonal year has been completed**, the family will remain responsible for **100% of the remaining club dues owed through the end of the season**.
- Any outstanding balances, including registration fees, uniform fees, late fees, or other approved charges, become immediately due upon withdrawal.
- Withdrawal from the club does not automatically cancel scheduled payments or outstanding financial obligations.

North State Soccer reserves the right to pursue collection of unpaid balances and may deny future participation, registration, tryouts, camps, clinics, or other club programs until all outstanding obligations have been satisfied.

Families experiencing extraordinary circumstances may submit a written request for consideration to the Club Administrator. Any adjustment or waiver is granted solely at the discretion of North State Soccer and is not guaranteed.

Financial Aid

Financial aid between \$540–\$1,140 is available for families in need. Aid does not cover the full season. Applicants must submit financial documents to qualify. Teams may also fundraise independently to assist financial aid players.

Visit our website for more information on Financial Aid

Agreement

By registering for the 2026–27 season, the undersigned family agrees to:

- Pay all required fees
- Follow the outlined payment schedule
- Remain in good financial standing throughout the season

Failure to meet these obligations may result in suspension from club activities and legal action to recover unpaid dues.

Name of Player(s)

Parent Signature

Date

Appendix A

North State Soccer Fee Structure 2026/2027

Age Group Birth Year	Events	Maximum Tournaments/Events	Registration Fee	Monthly payments (9 months)	Annual team Fee (9 Monthly Payments)
9 v 9 Format (U11 - U12)					
U11	Fall League Spring League State Cup	2-3 Northern CA Tournaments/Events	\$250.00	\$85.00	\$765.00
U12	Fall League Spring League State Cup	2-3 Northern CA Tournaments/Events	\$250.00	\$85.00	\$765.00
11 v 11 Format (U13 - U19)					
U13-U14	Fall League Spring League State Cup	2-3 Northern CA Tournaments/Events	\$250.00	\$110.00	\$990.00
U15-U19	Fall League Spring League State Cup	2-3 Northern CA Tournaments/Events	\$250.00	\$110.00	\$990.00
Training Players					
U11-12			\$250.00	\$45.00	\$405.00
U13-U19			\$250.00	\$55.00	\$495.00