



**Northside Soccer Academy  
2017-2018 Academy and Select  
Team Commitment Form**

**Player Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Group and Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Academy/Select Commitment Level**

The Academy and Select Programs require a full two season commitment Fall 2017 and Spring 2018, for all teams U8-U15. For U16+ teams, this commitment is for the Fall only. These programs are for serious soccer players looking to develop their skills in an environment with professional coaches and staff. Players are expected to make all practice sessions and games during BOTH seasons. Academy teams practice 2 days a week with an optional Friday practice during the season and play 1 or 2 games per weekend (Fall practices Aug-Nov; Spring practices Feb-May). Select teams practice at least 2 days a week with a possible third practice during the season. Academy and Select soccer ARE different than recreational soccer. Both programs require a two season commitment (U9-U15) and attendance at practices is required or playing time is subject to limitation based on the discretion of the coaching staff. The competition at both the inter-club and intra-club levels is much greater at the Academy and Select level and training sessions help build a player's skill level to meet the demands of that competition. Professional staff members coach the teams to deepen a player's skill and understanding of the game. Please take this commitment seriously and know that you are committing to a FULL seasonal year of soccer on the team, BOTH Fall and Spring seasons. Once you have committed, registered and paid, there are no refunds of your player's registration fee. At the conclusion of both the fall and spring seasons, teams are expected to participate in an end of season tournament. Team managers will collect the money from all players on the teams in order to cover the cost of the tournament registration as well as to compensate the coach for coaching in the tournament. Each player is expected to play in and contribute towards these costs. Black level teams will likely attend an additional preseason tournament in either the fall or spring seasons before league play starts. You are paying for your coach's time, knowledge, and expertise in coaching youth soccer. Practices are where the overwhelming majority of their teaching and player development happens, as opposed to the games, which are the practical implementation of the training they receive at the biweekly practices. It is a hindrance to both your player's individual progress and their team's collective development to miss practices. Please remember that the practice time is the most valuable time for player development, and it is imperative to attend two training sessions a week.

## **Northside Church Soccer Academy Code of Conduct**

NSA believes that all children have the right to play soccer in a safe and rewarding environment, in a manner that is free from criticism and ridicule from teammates and where every team will have qualified and compassionate leadership and coaching that prepares them for full participation in soccer, at a level commensurate with their maturity and ability. All children will be treated with dignity, and have an equal opportunity to strive for success. Above all, we believe that every child should have fun playing soccer.

### **Our Mission**

...Playing together for God

### **Our Philosophy**

The Sports & Recreation Ministries serve God through the life of our members as well as the surrounding community.

We provide creative and meaningful leisure activities in a Christ-centered environment where individuals can realize the value of a church, and where participation in sports promotes healthy competition that fosters physical, emotional, spiritual and mental growth.

We are a part of Northside Church.

At Northside Church there's a place for you to  
KNOW the love of God  
To GROW as disciple of Jesus Christ and, to  
GO into the world and serve others.

### **Northside Values**

Relationships  
Christ-Centered Activities  
Excellence  
Teamwork  
Leadership  
Character Development  
Integrity  
Discipleship

### **Player Conduct and Commitment**

1. All players are to respect themselves, their teammates, their coaches, their opponents, and the referees at ALL times.
2. Players are to have fun and be encouraging to each other being gracious when they win and gracious when they lose.
3. Player conduct at the fields should be done in a dignified manner with no negativity towards teammates or opponents.
4. Players are expected to attend all training sessions and games, and be both focused and on time to both.
5. Players will not distract other teammates at practice or at games, and will listen to the coach or referee when directed.

### **Parent Conduct and Commitment**

Soccer Games are as exciting for some parents as they are for the players. We want to make sure that all parents support the team, support the players, and encourage the children! Parental support is an important foundation of the Northside Soccer Academy program. Parents must make a commitment to support their children in their soccer efforts. They must reinforce the importance of the commitment made by their children and help the child to fulfill their commitment. This is crucial to the overall learning process for our players. To help our children get the most out of competitive sports, we need

to encourage them that although winning the game is important, being a winner in life is more important. We must help them to make every effort to learn and improve and refuse to let mistakes (or fear of making mistakes) stop them. Let your child know you appreciate it when he or she tries hard even if unsuccessful. Recognize hard work and let the coaches' critique their play. Encourage them regardless of what happens in the game.

- **SPORTSMANSHIP**

It may seem like an out of date concept today, but we are GOOD sports.

- **RULES**

We don't bend the rules to win we respect the letter and spirit of the rules.

- **OPPONENT**

A worthy opponent is a gift that forces us to play to our highest potential. We try our hardest to win but not at the expense of demeaning our opponent.

- **OFFICIALS**

We treat officials with respect even when we disagree.

- **TEAMMATES**

We never do anything that would embarrass our team.

- **SELF**

We try to live up to our own standards regardless of what others do.

- **PARENTS**

Be a good role model. Honor the game when you attend games and encourage the parents to honor the game.

1. NSA soccer should be a positive experience for your child, and we urge you to be a parent, not a coach. Resist the urge to critique. Encourage, do NOT criticize players (especially NOT other players on your child's team)!
2. Please be kind and courteous in your cheering for all teams and players.
3. Be respectful to your child's coach and to the officials! Do not confront coaches or officials in front of players.
4. If you feel that you need to speak with your player's coach, please arrange a time outside of practices or games (unless agreed upon by the coach) to meet and discuss any potential issues. Please wait AT LEAST 24 HOURS before contacting the coach to meet.
5. If you feel your issue has not been resolved AFTER speaking with your coach, THEN contact the Academy Director/Director of Coaches to set up a time to meet with them AND your coach.

At the end of the day, by registering to play at Northside, you are affirming that we will provide the best possible environment for your player to improve and develop both his/her skills as a soccer player (on the field), as well as his/her character and behavior (both on and off the field). We work hard to hire the best staff possible, and to place each player on a team (and with a coach) that will best serve his/her development. We are excited to have your player and family with us at Northside and look forward to an excellent year of soccer!

We have read the terms and expectations of the Academy/Select Commitment Level and agree to comply.

**Player Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_