

POLICY:	Tri-Cities Premier Program Parent and Player Expectations
SUBJECT:	Premier Expectations
PURPOSE:	Establish expectations for both premier players and parents
PREPARED BY:	TCSA Board of Directors
EFFECTIVE DATE:	January 1, 2010
APPLICABILITY:	This policy pertains to all TCSA players, coaches, trainers, and TCSA player family members

INTRODUCTION

The Tri-Cities Premier program is the highest level program at the Tri-Cities Soccer Association (“TCSA”). The Premier program offers the highest level of competition within the sport of soccer for “club soccer”. Professional Coach Drago Jaha will develop and lead the Premier program for those TCSA participants who have the desire, competitiveness, and dedication to play at this level. Our Premier coaches believe in developing players over several years versus selecting players others have developed. This way the Premier program truly prepares the child to play a highest level of soccer in high school and college.

TCSA’s goal is to provide every child the opportunity to play soccer at the highest level of their capability. The Premier program is intended to complement our Recreational and Parent Coached Travel programs.

PREMIER PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

Based on the Premier program model, TCSA believes that the following outlines many of the expectations for both the players and parents in the Premier program. When making the decision as to what level of soccer is most appropriate for the player, TCSA strongly encourages both parents and players consider these expectations associated with the Premier program.

- Commitment/Competitiveness
The Premier program is intended to be a highly competitive program. As such, players and parents that accept a Premier program roster spot are agreeing to a 1-year commitment to attend training sessions, league games, and tournaments.

In order to maintain the high degree of competitiveness throughout the year, it is expected that all players participate in the indoor training sessions during the winter months.

Additionally, it is highly encouraged that all players continue to play competitively during the winter months by participating in the indoor league chosen by the Premier program coaching staff.

- Playing Time
Due to the highly competitive nature of the Premier program, there should be no expectation of equal playing time. Playing time will be at the discretion of the Premier program coaching staff. There are a variety of factors that determine playing time, which include, but are not limited to; player commitment, player ability, competition, game situations, and make-up of the team. Guest players may be utilized at the discretion of the Premier program coach, which may also affect playing time.
- Game/Training Schedule
Due to the utilization of paid professional coaches in the Premier program, parents and players should realize that both training schedules and game schedules will primarily focus on accommodating the Premier program as a whole. In order to accommodate the scheduling of the Premier programs games and training sessions, there will be times when a training and/or game schedule will need to be adjusted. Parents and players should not expect that all games will be played on one specific day of the week. In general, a training schedule will be set at the beginning of each Fall and Spring season with the intent of following that schedule. However, adjustments could be required in order to accommodate the coach's schedules.
- Tournaments
Tournaments for each team will be determined by the Premier program coaching staff. The coaching staff will consider the competitiveness of each team when determining which tournaments would be most appropriate. For some of the highest level Premier teams, the coaching staff may choose to attend out-of-state tournaments. Parents and players should expect to incur additional out-of-pocket expenses (lodging, food, transportation) to attend an out-of-town tournament. Additionally, travel and accommodation expenses for the Premier program coach will be divided equally and paid for by the team parents.
- Indoor League
The Premier program coaching staff will determine which indoor league each team will participate in during the winter season. Some of the criteria used to select a league will include competitiveness of the team, the age of the team, the location of the facility, the day of the week league is played on (in order to accommodate coaching schedules) and type of facility. Players are highly encouraged to participate in the indoor league play as it will have a strong impact on the competitiveness of the team for the spring season. The cost assessed by the facility where the team plays will be divided equally amongst the team players. **There may also be an additional coaching fee for indoor league play.**

Additionally, there may be a coaching fee for any groups of players that choose to participate in any small-sided tournaments (3V3, 5V5, 5-3-1 Challenge) and choose to utilize a Premier program coach.
- Player Movement

As noted above, TCSA's goal is to provide every child the opportunity to play soccer at the highest level of their capability. The Premier program is intended to complement our Recreational and Travel programs.

If during the season it is noted that Premier program is not the most suitable team for the player, TCSA will help with finding a more suitable team for the player to play on. Some possibilities are another Premier team, a Travel team, or a recreational team. There is no guarantee that a move will always occur as factors determining the move include the number of players on the existing team, the number of players on Travel and Recreational teams, the level of play of the teams, and the reason for the move.

Because funds are allocated to the Premier program at the time a player commits, there will be no refund to any player should that player decide to move to a Travel team or leave TCSA completely. Additional fees may be required for the move to the new team.

CONCLUSION

I have hereby read and understand the expectations of being a parent and a player in TCSA's Premier Program.

Print Parent Name

Parent Signature

Print Player Name

Player Signature