

# BETHESDA SC



## 2024/2025 Bethesda Royal/Red Player Registration Packet

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#### WELCOME AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations on being selected to play for Bethesda Soccer Club during this upcoming year.

#### OUR MISSION

The Bethesda Soccer Club (BSC) is committed to creating a competitive, supportive, challenging, and fun environment for all our players to reach their potential through the beautiful game of soccer. With commitment to our goals and appreciation for the opportunity, we accept the responsibility to develop every player to their highest level of skill, athleticism, teamwork, and leadership in soccer. We strive to use all of our faculties - strength, spirit, courage, compassion, and intelligence - to achieve positive results on and off the pitch for our players and families. BSC's passionate leadership and detailed, holistic approach to long-term elite development at every age group support our uncompromising resolve to be the best youth soccer club in the country. We also strive to be a positive role model for our community, including through the provision of financial support for needy families to the best of our ability.

#### REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Please go to our website [www.bethedasoccer.org](http://www.bethedasoccer.org) to learn more about the club.

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## DESCRIPTION OF FEES AND FINANCIAL POLICIES

- Costs Included in Annual Fees:
- BSC Club Fees
- MSYSA Registration and/or US Club Registration
- Practice Sessions: Two sessions per week (**NOTE: U15-U19 will have one session perweek in the fall**).
- Goalkeeper Training: Weekly specialized training for team keepers
- Speed & Agility, Fitness and Strength Training
- 2024/2025 League Fees (NCSL, ERL, EDP, NPL)
- Game Fields and referees
- Minimum of two (2) non-BSC tournaments
- Bethesda Premier Cup Tournament
- State Cup/Presidents Cup fees, fields and referees

The fee **does not** include required player uniforms, warm-ups, practice jerseys or player travel-related costs.

**Fees:** Fees are determined annually on a per player basis.

**Uniforms:** 2024/25 is the second year of our uniform cycle for the club, so all Royal/Red players will need to purchase new uniform kits for the season. We have posted further instructions on our website under the [Uniforms page](#).

**Mid-Season Roster Additions:** Fees for players added/transferred during a season will be adjusted according to a set schedule based on the month the player joins the team. Please contact your Age Group Director for more information about joining mid-season.

**Scholarships:** Bethesda Soccer Club is proud to offer financial assistance to those members of our community who have demonstrated need. Please visit the resources section of our website for more information on the financial aid process. The majority of financial aid is given in the form of a partial scholarship. Any remaining fees are the responsibility of the family and will need to be paid on time to avoid penalties. Please note that COMPLETE applications for assistance are **due within 10 days of acceptance of an offer** to join a Bethesda Team. To apply for a BSC Scholarship go to: <https://www.bethesdasoccer.org/financial-aid/> Scholarships are awarded on a “first come, first serve basis” The Scholarship Fund will award money to those in need of financial assistance until the allotted amount for the year has been used.

You are required to pay your deposit even though you may be applying for a scholarship. Scholarships **WILL NOT** be awarded to anyone who has not paid their deposit or completed the Scholarship Application. Your registration fee will be adjusted to include the deposit upon receipt of scholarship award.

**Payment Schedule: Payments are by credit card, debit card or bank ACH  
(2 Options)**

- Pay in full at time of registration (No Processing Fees are charged for players paying in full)
- Automatic Charge Payment Plan: The **non-refundable** deposit of \$500 will be charged at check out. The balance is divided into 9 additional monthly payments. When registering for a team, select **Automatic Payment Plan** as your Payment Method on the checkout screen. The balance of the payments will be automatically charged on a set schedule as listed at check out. There is a 3.5% processing fee for monthly installments.

Players joining after November 1<sup>st</sup> will be offered a shortened payment plan.

It is the responsibility of the player's family to remain current with the payments and maintain the membership in good standing.

If payments are not made within 30 days of the payment due date, the club will take the following actions:

31 days late: **Notify Director of Coaching, Coach and Manager** of balance due and that member is not in good standing. Player will receive a warning that if payment is not made within 30 days, the Director of Coaching will be notified and appropriate actions taken by the Executive Director (suspension from games, suspension from practices and games, suspension from club, etc.)

61 days late: **Director of Coaching** will discuss past due balances with the **Executive Director** and appropriate sanctions of player and family will take place until such time as player and family become a member in good standing.

Member Player accounts with balances that are greater than 60 past due should expect that their participation in team and club activities will be suspended until such time as the balance due is paid in full.

**Refund Policy:** Fees for participation in Bethesda Soccer Club cover the entire soccer year (Aug 1- May 31). By accepting an invitation to play with Bethesda Soccer Club, I commit to pay the entire fee for the full soccer year. No refunds, partial or full, will be made to players who choose not to participate at any point after registration for any reason, including players suspended from the program. [Player Fee Insurance](#) is offered as an optional benefit to member of BSC to protect fees in the case of injury or job transfer. Please understand that by opting out of player fee insurance, I will not be eligible for a refund.

## CARDING

So, you have registered your player for their team, purchased their uniform, and are all ready to get them on the field. But wait! There is one more step: your player needs to complete their carding! Before your player can play in a match, it is required that all players playing in leagues U9 and above must have a player card. **No exceptions.** If you registered for MSYSA last season, your information will still be available. All that is required is that you login and make sure your information is up to date.

Your team manager will reach out to you with further information regarding registration with MSYSA. A player will not be allowed to participate in a game with Bethesda Soccer Club until they have registered with Bethesda SC's League Apps system **AND** MSYSA's GotSport system.

All carding information must be submitted and approved within the MSYSA system by close of business Wednesday in order to participate in a game that weekend following.

## SCHEDULE AND POLICIES

### Scheduling

- The Director of boys & girls will schedule the practices. Practice schedule will be sent out 2 weeks before the first practice.
- The practice schedule will be sent to the coaches and managers of your team using the team app.
- Game schedules will be set by Director of Operations. Game schedules will be communicated with coaches and managers for the season and will be uploaded to the team app.

### Weather Policy

- Weather Policy our club will follow Prince George's County Parks Department and Prince George's County Public Schools athletic fields cancellations.
- Practice will be canceled when the temperature is 28° and below.
- The coaches and managers will be the first to be notified. The notification of cancellation will go out through the team app.

**Discounts:** As a member of the Bethesda Soccer Club family, you are eligible to receive a 10% discount at PJs Sports! Please identify your Club affiliation upon checking out at the store to receive your discount.

**College Recruiting:** All BSC players ages 14-19 receive a complimentary SportsRecruits account which gives them access to the best Division I, II, and Division III schools in the country. Players can upload videos and highlight packages, learn more about the college recruiting process, and communicate with college coaches from across the country. To create your account please contact your coach.

## PHOTOS AND VIDEO

If you have photos or videos that you would like to share of your player or team, we want to hear from you! You can email us at [marketing@bethesdasoccer.org](mailto:marketing@bethesdasoccer.org) or you can use one of the following social media handles:

- Facebook: [Bethesda Soccer Club](#)
- Instagram: [Bethesda Soccer Club](#)
- Twitter: [@Bethesdasnews](#)

## WELCOME AND STAY IN TOUCH

We look forward to great soccer year! Your team manager and coach should be your first stop for information regarding the team. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of help to you during the year.

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## PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Parent and Player Pledge: I\* recognize that players need to conduct themselves in a manner that is supporting to the development of the player, the team and the positive experience of all person's they interact with in the context of the BSC soccer program.

Player Code of Conduct: As a Player, I agree that I will abide by the following, and as the Parent of a Player, I\* agree to that my player will abide by the following:

### Individual Conduct

1. I will maintain a high level of fitness and nutrition and I fully understand my role in enhancing performance and preventing injuries
2. I will spend time on individual player development, before, after and outside of practice
3. I understand my commitment to BSC is from August-June (even after tryouts)
4. I understand that I am not allowed to guest play with other clubs or teams outside of BSC
5. I will embody the "Values" of BSC

### Conduct with Team

1. I will be respectful and professional on and off the field all of the time
2. I will challenge, support, encourage and motivate my teammates
3. I am fully committed to my team's success and will maintain a high level of competitive spirit
4. I am fully committed to the BSC style of play, which separates us from other clubs
5. I will embody a winning mentality in all activities all the time

### Practice Conduct

1. I understand that practice is mandatory and there are no excused absences
2. I understand that punctuality is a requirement: players must arrive 15 minutes before the start of practice or according to coach's requirements.
3. I understand that I will be ready to play at that time, and when needed support the team in practice setup and takedown, including getting equipment ready: pinnies, balls, cones, etc...
4. I will have 100% focus and commitment in all activities
5. I understand that practice performance impacts playing time in games
6. I will wear the correct BSC practice gear

### Game Conduct

1. I will wear the correct uniform for game and travel
2. I will arrive early for games according to my coach's instruction.
3. I will behave professionally during games and on trips

\*"I" shall include any relatives and/or friends of Parent attending any BSC function.

## PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

### Parent's Pledge:

*"Soccer is a players' game. The paramount concern of the adults involved is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players." - Code of Ethics NSCAA*

I\* recognize that parents are the most important role models for their children and that amateur athletics help develop a sense of teamwork, self-worth and sportsmanship. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and respect the rights of others. I understand it is important to enforce rules of play and conduct standards as necessary components in athletics and life. I will at all times encourage my child to respect the game officials' decisions and not criticize a game official's ruling during or after a game.

### Parent's Code of Conduct:

As a parent, I\* agree to abide by the following:

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.

I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child and other players ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of their race, sex, creed or ability.

I will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child.

I will remember that the game is for the children, not adults.

I understand that the coach has the right to remove parents/spectators from the sideline.

Additionally, I\* abide by the following BSC policies:

I will demonstrate positive sideline behavior and never "coach" from the sideline.

I will ensure my players are available for all activities

I understand my players are committed to the entire 10 month season (August-June)

I understand that U13-u18 Parents are not allowed around the fields during practices

I will abide by the "24 Hour Rule" – Which requires that I not contact a coach within 24 hours after a game to discuss issues

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