



## **2024/2025 State Cup Teams**

### **U13-U19 Player Registration Packet**

**#WEAREBETHESDA**

#### **WELCOME AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

Congratulations on being selected to play for Bethesda Soccer Club 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 providing financial support for needy families to the best of our ability.

## REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Please visit our website, [www.bethesdasoccer.org](http://www.bethesdasoccer.org), to learn more about the club.

### DESCRIPTION OF FEES AND FINANCIAL POLICIES

- BSC Club Fees
- MSYSA Registration and/or US Club Registration
- Practice Sessions: Two/three sessions per week (**NOTE: U16-U19 will have one session per week in through 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 four (4) 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:** The 2024/2025 is the second year of our 2-year uniform cycle. New players at the club 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 get in touch with 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 assistance process. Most financial aid is given in the form of a partial scholarship. Any remaining fees are the family's responsibility and must be paid on time to avoid penalties. Please note that COMPLETE applications for assistance are **due within ten days of acceptance of an offer** to join a Bethesda Team. To apply for a BSC Scholarship, go to: <https://www.bethesdasoccer.org/scholarship-program/>. Scholarships are awarded on a "first come, first

serve basis.” The Scholarship Fund will award money to those needing financial assistance until the allotted amount for the year has been used.

You must pay your deposit even though you may be applying for a scholarship. Scholarships will only be awarded to those who have paid their deposit or completed the Scholarship Application. Your registration fee will be adjusted to include the deposit upon receipt of the scholarship award.

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

- Pay in full at the time of registration.
- Automatic Charge Payment Plan: The **non-refundable** deposit of \$600 will be charged at check out. The balance is divided into six additional monthly payments. Select Automatic Payment Plan as your Payment Method on the checkout screen when registering for a team. The balance of the payments will be automatically charged on a set schedule as listed at check out.

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

The player’s family is responsible for keeping payments current and maintaining the membership's 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 the Director of Coaching and Coach of the balance due and that the** member needs to be in better standing. Players 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: The Director of Coaching will discuss past-due balances with the Executive Director. Appropriate sanctions will be imposed on the player and family until they become members of good standing.

Member Player accounts with outstanding balances over 60 past due should expect their participation in team and club activities to be suspended until the balance owing is paid in full.

**Refund Policy:** Fees for participation in Bethesda Soccer Club cover the entire soccer year (Aug 1- July 31). By accepting an invitation to play with Bethesda Soccer Club, I commit to paying the full fee for the entire soccer year. No partial or complete refunds 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 members of BSC to protect fees in the case of injury or job transfer. I understand that I will not be eligible for a refund by opting out of player fee insurance.

## CARDING

So, you have registered your player for their team, purchased their uniform, and are ready to get them on the field. But wait! There is one more step: your player must 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. Your information would still be available if you registered for MSYSA last season.** All that is required is that you log in and ensure your information is current.

A team representative will contact you with further information regarding registration with MSYSA. Players 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.

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

## SCHEDULE AND POLICIES

### Scheduling

- The Director of boys & girls will schedule the practices. The practice schedule will be sent out two weeks before the first practice.
- The team app will send the practice schedule to your team's coaches and managers.
- Shawn Wijeratne, Director of Operations, will set game schedules. For the season, schedules will be communicated to coaches and managers and uploaded to the team app.

### Weather Policy

- Weather Policy: our club will follow Montgomery Parks Department and Montgomery County Public Schools athletic field cancelations.
- Practice will be canceled when the temperature is 25° and below.
- The coaches and managers will be the first to be notified. The notification of cancelation will go out through the team app.

**Discounts:** As a Bethesda Soccer Club family member, you can receive a 10% discount at PJs Sports! Upon checking out at the store, please identify your Club affiliation so you can receive your discount.

**College Recruiting:** All BSC players ages 14-19 receive a complimentary Sports Recruits account, giving 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 nationwide. To create your account, please get in touch with 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 a 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 supports the development of the player, the team, and the positive experience of all persons with whom they interact within 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 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 1 to July 31
4. I know 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 know that punctuality is required: players must arrive 15 minutes before practice or according to the coach's requirements.
3. I understand that I will be ready to play and, when needed, support the team in practice setup and takedown, including getting equipment ready.
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 the game and travel
2. I will arrive early for games according to my coach's instructions.
3. I will behave professionally during games and on trips

\*"I" shall include any relatives and/or friends of the 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 their children's most important role models 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 essential to enforce rules of play and conduct standards as necessary components in athletics and life. I will always 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 prioritize the emotional and physical well-being of my child and other players over my personal desire to win.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials respectfully, regardless of 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 children, not adults.

I understand the coach can 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 season (August 1- July 31)

I know that U13-U18 Parents are not allowed around the fields during practices

I will abide by the "24-Hour Rule," –which requires not contacting a coach within 24 hours after a game to discuss issues.

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