



HANDBOOK

2022 - 2023

CLUB STRUCTURE

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VISION

FD Football Club aspires to be the most respected Football Club in Florida State and the Southeast United States. Our goal is to develop players with a long-term project enriched in timeless values of sportsmanship, mutual respect, teamwork, and game concepts. We wish to inspire our youth into amazing athletes and leaders who have a safe and positive experience with a lifelong love of the game and a desire to improve their community.

MISSION

To positively impact our community by executing high-quality programs for players of all levels in a positive learning environment, while teaching good sportsmanship, respect for the opponents, spectators, referees, and coaches.

PLAYER DRIVEN

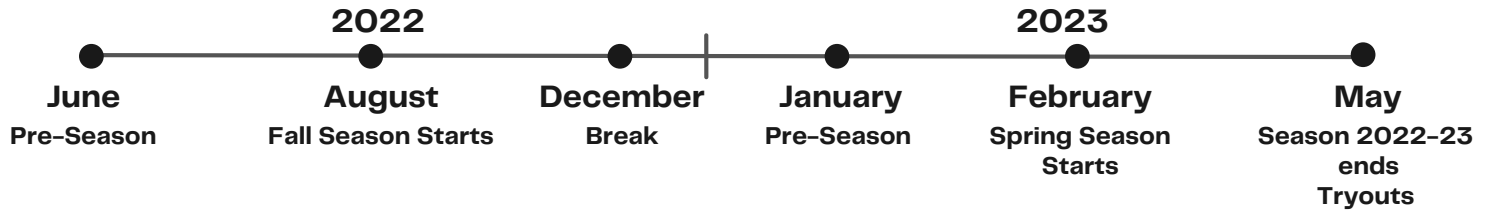
- FD Football Club puts **Player Development** first.
- **Competitive Developmental Environment** – Development is emphasized over results.
- **Realistic Training Environment** – Challenging, Motivating, Enjoyable, Encouraging
- **Ideal Game Environment** – Age/Ability appropriate against teams that will push the players to their maximum capabilities, where players receive “fear-free” continuous playing time and are encouraged to keep possession goal to goal.
- **Player identification System** that can find the top players and place them in the appropriate level and program
- **Opportunity** – Players become the best they can be.

LEAGUES

These organizations provides leagues for players to play in and require registration from players through GotSport



SEASON TIMELINE



OVERALL IMPORTANT DATES

- **New Season:** Officially Starts August 1st
- **Thanksgiving Break:** Nov21st - Nov 25th
- **December Break**
- **Spring Break:** Mar13th - Mar17th
- **FD Football Club Tryouts:** May (Date TBD)

PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS

Selections for each team are a process that contains the main different components:

- All current FD players have been evaluated by their current coach and director from the previous season. These year-long evaluations have been compiled and organized for the current tryout.
- Tryout performance by new players and current FD players. Coaches will look at the pool of players and evaluate the tryout performance for all players.
- Attitude and effort of all players.

COMPETITIVE PROGRAM

Our competitive program offers players **U9 (2014 Birth Year) through U19 (2004 Birth Year)** the opportunity to play at the highest level. To provide the top soccer program in Orlando, and the State of Florida, where players who have demonstrated the ability and commitment to play at the highest level receive the advanced training and competitive play required to compete successfully at the state, regional and national levels.

THROUGH THIS PROGRAM, WE PROVIDE:

- Quality coaching to help, guide, direct, and assist players to reach their full potential.
- A training environment that is age-appropriate, challenging, motivating, enjoyable, encouraging, stimulating, and realistic to the game.
- An ideal game environment that is age/ability appropriate against teams that will push the players to their maximum capabilities.
- Directors of Coaching who have the education, background, and vision to fulfill the club and program mission statements
- A player identification system that can find the top players and place them in the appropriate level and program.
- An experienced and dedicated environment that includes the club's core values of integrity, family, and passion.

COMPETITIVE TEAMS BREAKDOWN

Teams and Leagues

(Subject to change)

Boys | U8 Future Stars

- **Black** – Elite Development Platform (EDP) \$1,585
- **Yellow** – Greater Central Florida (GCF) \$1,585

Boys | U9 – U10 Junior Academy

- **Black** – Elite Development Platform (EDP) \$1,735
- **Yellow** – Greater Central Florida (GCF) \$1,735

Boys | U11 – U12 FD Elite Jr

- **Black** – Elite Development Platform (EDP) or Similar \$1,835
- **Yellow** – Greater Central Florida (GCF) \$1,835

Boys | U13 – U19 FD Elite Sr

- **Black** – Elite Development Platform (EDP) or Similar \$1,835
- **Yellow** – Greater Central Florida (GCF) \$1,835

Girls | U9 – U10 Junior Academy

- **U9** – Florida Club League (FCL) \$1,735
- **U10** – Florida Club League (FCL) \$1,735

Girls | U11 – U12 FD Elite Jr

- **U11** – Florida Club League (FCL) \$1,835
- **U12** – Florida Club League (FCL) \$1,835

Girls | U13 – U19 FD Elite

- **U12 – U19** NPL/ECNL \$1,835

WHAT'S PROVIDED FOR YOUR CLUB REGISTRATION FEES:

- Coaching fees
- Team training fees
- Goalkeeper training fees
- Playmetrics for each team
- 2-4 practices per week depending on age group & program level
- Kidsafe Program – background checks for all coaches, team managers, administrators, and directors
- Primary league team registration fee
- Player & coach registration for league play
- Referee fees for primary league games
- Club overhead costs (field maintenance, field equipment, lights, administrative expenses, website, insurance, etc.)
- Full-time administrative staff (with set office hours)
- Admin support
- Club website (Active and Updated) www.fdfootballclub.com
- Club email communication & social media feeds

TEAM FEES

Depending upon age level and playing level, each team will have separate team expenses/fees which are not covered in club registration fees. These expenses/fees may include the following:

- Tournament registration fees
- Bus/Van and Hotel expenses for players
- Travel expenses for the coaching staff
- State Cup/ Region Cup fees
- Referee fees for non-league games
- Special team events

Your coach or Team Manager will provide information regarding any team expenses for the season and those fees will be collected separately from club registration fees.

UNIFORMS

Competitive uniforms are not included in the registration fees and are purchased in 2-year cycles. FD Football Club is an exclusive (*To be released soon*) member and uniforms are ordered online through (*to be released soon*) by each family. An email will be sent to you regarding uniform ordering instructions in June.

PLAYER & PARENT EXPECTATIONS

It is a joint effort between players, parents/guardians, coaches, administrators, and the club to provide everyone with a positive experience – beyond just soccer.

WHAT TO EXPECT

COMMUNICATION

- Expect we will do our best to communicate with you.
- Expect regular communication from the Directors and coaches.
- Expect to receive information about FD Football Club events & programs.
- Expect to have any concerns addressed.

TRAINING

- Expect to receive quality training in a positive, learning environment.
- Expect us to uphold our goal to improve your child's skills, their understanding of the game, their physical development, and their growth as children.

GAMES

- Expect the coach to attend games or obtain proper coverage for the games.
- Expect an age-appropriate instruction game.

TOURNAMENTS

- Coaches work with Directors to decide on appropriate tournaments for each team.
- We represent FD Football Club at tournaments.

COACHES

- Expect your child's coach to be a leader and role model for your child.
- Expect your coach to help your child to grow as a person and in their love of the game.
- Expect your coach to demonstrate good sportsmanship and leadership.
- Expect your coach to be prepared for practices and games.

APPRECIATION

- We appreciate the time and support you put into your child's soccer team and FD Football Club!
- It takes the effort of many people to help players grow in their soccer experience and as children!

FD FOOTBALL CLUB EXPECTATIONS

YOUR CHILD

- Is your child prepared?
- Physically – eating properly, sleeping properly
- Mentally – excited to play, a full “emotional tank” where they're not worried about mom/dad analyzing their play.
- Technically – does your child get out with a ball on their own?
- Watching soccer – does your child watch soccer on television?
- Grades – is your child balancing soccer with their schoolwork?

COMMUNICATION

- Communicate with the coach about being late or any missed practices (marked on Playmetrics).
- Communicate with the coach about any possible missed games well ahead of the game.
- Parents/guardians are not permitted to approach the coach after the game for discussions about playing time, playing position, complaints, etc. Parents must follow 48 hours rule before scheduling a meeting with the coach.
- Communicate with the coach first about any issues related to your child. If the issue is not being resolved, then contact the Director of Coaching.

TRAINING

- Players are expected to be at practice on time and you are there to pick them up on time.
- Players need to be properly dressed and have water.
- No parents/guardians are permitted on the field at FD Football Club fields. All parents/guardians are to remain behind the fence/lines at each designated park.
- The club expects players' parents/guardians to demonstrate behavior that aligns with the club's core values and beliefs.

GAMES

- Make sure your child is on time.
- Make sure they are prepared – physically, mentally.
- Make sure they arrive in the appropriate game-day uniform, always bring both uniforms kits, and bring water (this is something they should ultimately be responsible for).
- Support your child, team, and coach.
- Respect the referees knowing that it could be your child very soon who will make mistakes and should not have adults yelling at them.
- The club expects players' parents/guardians to demonstrate behavior that aligns with the club's core values and beliefs

WEATHER POLICY

- Monitoring weather conditions are the responsibility of the game officials, FD Football Club Directors, and Coaches.
- Everyone should be aware of the potential dangers caused by different weather conditions and we need to work together to keep the players and other participants as safe as possible. If the weather conditions warrant, coaches will discuss before the game/training starts what the procedures will be to ensure the safety of the players.
- Club Directors, Coaches, and game officials will monitor weather conditions including the warnings and watches issued by the National Weather Service.
- In ALL cases, FD Football Club will keep the safety of its players, families, coaches, and all persons as the highest priority.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

The FD Competitive Program is a Full Season Program.

Option 1 - PAY IN FULL

During club registration, families will be able to pay upfront the full season Club Fees.

Option 2 - MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN

During club registration, a payment plan is offered as a registration fee + 10 equal recurring monthly payments by the 1st of each month beginning in August, 2022 (A 3% convenience fee is applied on the monthly payment plan).

U8 Future Stars

Competitive program for players born 2015. (League Fees are included). Tournament Fees, if any, will be communicated at the start of the season as these are additional to Club Fees.

Opt 1 - Pay in Full - \$1,585.00

Opt 2 - Registration Fee - \$185.00

Monthly Payments

01 Aug 2022 - \$145.00

01 Sep 2022 - \$145.00

01 Oct 2022 - \$145.00

01 Nov 2022 - \$145.00

01 Dec 2022 - \$145.00

01 Jan 2023 - \$145.00

01 Feb 2023 - \$145.00

01 Mar 2023 - \$145.00

01 Apr 2023 - \$145.00

01 May 2023 - \$145.00

Total \$1,635.00

FINANCIAL POLICIES

Junior Academy (U9 - U10)

Competitive program for players born 2014 and 2013. (League Fees are included). Tournament Fees, if any, will be communicated at the start of the season as these are additional to Club Fees.

Opt 1 - Pay in Full - \$1,735.00

Opt 2- Registration Fee - \$185.00

Monthly Payments

01 Aug 2022 - \$159.00

01 Sep 2022 - \$159.00

01 Oct 2022 - \$159.00

01 Nov 2022 - \$159.00

01 Dec 2022 - \$159.00

01 Jan 2023 - \$159.00

01 Feb 2023 - \$159.00

01 Mar 2023 - \$159.00

01 Apr 2023 - \$159.00

01 May 2023 - \$159.00

Total \$1,775.00

FD Elite Jr and Sr (U11 - U12) & (U13 - U19)

Competitive program for players born 2012 and 2011 & 2010 - 2004. (League Fees are included). Tournament Fees, if any, will be communicated at the start of the season as these are additional to Club Fees.

Opt 1 - Pay in Full - \$1,785.00

Opt 2 - Registration Fee - \$185.00

Monthly Payments

01 Aug 2022 - \$165.00

01 Sep 2022 - \$165.00

01 Oct 2022 - \$165.00

01 Nov 2022 - \$165.00

01 Dec 2022 - \$165.00

01 Jan 2023 - \$165.00

01 Feb 2023 - \$165.00

01 Mar 2023 - \$165.00

01 Apr 2023 - \$165.00

01 May 2023 - \$165.00

Total \$1,835.00

FINANCIAL POLICIES

Discounts

- **Sibling discount:**

Sibling discounts are available to all FD Football Club families.

Each of the family members will have a 10% off for the first sibling and 15% off for the second one to the Club fees*

Financial Aid

We are committed to working with families to make soccer affordable for all. We offer payment plans for our players.

FD Football Club provides need-based assistance to those that can demonstrate financial need. Between 2020 and 2022 FD Football Club has given over \$40,000 in financial assistance including scholarships and donations made from local businesses. To determine eligibility for assistance we use the Federal Poverty Thresholds and your household adjusted gross income (AGI).

FD for All is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Please consider making a charitable contribution to this fund to assist families in our community.

The following information is required:

- 1040 Tax return - pages 1 & 2 showing your AGI.

No pay no play policy

Failure to pay fees within thirty (30) days of the due date will result in disciplinary action. The player will not be able to attend either practices or games until all payments and late fees are paid. If you expect payment issues, contact us by email at payments.fdfootballclub@gmail.com for possible alternatives.

Refund

FD Elite Program is a 10 month commitment program. Our refund policy was established to protect team integrity and follow our strict player development guidelines, dictated by our Staff. In the interest of fairness, the additional cost of leaving a team should not be passed on to the other players or affect the organization as a whole. With this in mind, FD Football Club has a limited refund policy. The initial registration fee paid at registration is non-refundable.

TOURNAMENT POLICIES

In addition to league games, FD Football Club Team will work on analyzing and selecting the best tournaments according to the club standards and will invite teams considering the different aspects of the tournaments. FD Football Club teams are required to attend any scheduled tournament by The FD Football Club Team.

- Participation in a tournament as a guest player with an FD Football Club team that is not the player's own will incur charges equal to the amount paid by every other player on the team.
- Families are required to pay the invoice by the established deadline, no later than one week before the tournament start date. Failure to pay the invoice by the deadline could result in the forfeiture of the player's roster spot for the tournament.
- Any family with a pending invoice will result in no invitation for the following tournaments.
- Reimbursement for canceled tournaments will be the full tournament fee minus any costs withheld by the tournament host.
- Any player who knowingly will miss a tournament game must notify the Coach and Team Manager by a deadline of one week prior to the tournament start date.
- Any player who will miss a tournament game due to a game day emergency must notify the Coach and Team Manager as soon as the emergency is known.
- Failure to attend a tournament game could result in limited or no playing time during subsequent games.
- Excused absences for missed tournament games will include player or family emergencies and player medical illness/injury.



ONE CLUB,

ONE FAMILY