

**Arlington Soccer Association  
Arlington Travel Soccer Club  
Commitment Letter**

Dear Player and Parent/Guardian,

***Congratulations!*** The Arlington Travel Soccer Club welcomes you and looks forward to having you as part of our club. The ATSC is the competitive branch of the Arlington Soccer Association, and we are excited about the upcoming soccer year, and we hope you are, too!

Now that you have verbally accepted an offer to join one of our teams, the club would like you to more formally acknowledge your commitment to play and participate with the club during the next year. As such, please read and sign this Commitment Letter, and follow the instructions to submit your initial payment. Receipt of this initial payment and Commitment Letter will secure your spot on the team.

**Player and Parent Commitment Confirmation**

Recognizing that soccer is a demanding sport, and that playing travel soccer requires commitment and dedication, we hereby choose to accept a spot on an ATSC team and understand that we are expected to make soccer our priority sport for the fall and spring seasons. The fall season begins in mid-August and goes until mid-November, and the spring begins in mid-March and goes through mid-June. That means that any other sport should be secondary to soccer training sessions, games and tournaments during these seasons. We understand and expect our coaches to provide a very challenging and fun environment to learn and love the game of soccer. They will also expect individual work on your own or in small groups to accelerate the development process. This extra work will be outlined by your coach in verbal feedback and written evaluations. Hard work and commitment are qualities needed to excel in any sport. We expect our players to have that type of approach when participating in the programs ATSC offers. By agreeing to accept an offer to play on a team in the ATSC, a player is promising to give their best efforts to participate in every event the team schedules. That promise will greatly increase a players chance to become the best player possible and to assist the team in reaching its goals.

We also understand that the top teams will generally commit more time and money because of the extra tournaments and travel that can be involved. The budget for each top team can differ, but generally these teams pay more than the second and third teams in the age group over the course of the year to participate in their approved yearly plan. The costs for tournaments and any additional team costs are shared by the members of the individual team. The specific expectations for each age group and team can be found on ATSC's website <http://www.atsc-va.org/>

The yearly plan for each team will be determined in July by the head coach of the team and the Directors of Coaching and the Director of Player Development.

We also acknowledge that the Arlington Travel Soccer Club is a volunteer-run organization. The club relies on the help of parent volunteers to serve in critical roles such as team officials, ATSC committee members, league representatives, and Directors on the ASA Board. As such, we agree to participate in supporting the club by way of taking on a volunteer role at either the team or club level. Any and all support is vital to the success of the team and the development of the players on it.

In addition, we have read, signed and submitted to our team manager the **ATSC Player and Parent Code of Conduct** forms.

**Participation Obligation**

Soccer, like any other sport, requires commitment and dedication to become a good player. Just being rostered on a team will not make me a better player. I can maximize my improvement as a soccer player and as a teammate by being an active and focused participant. I can do this by:

- Being on-time to all practices, games and other team events
- Communicating frequently with my coaches and listening to them as well
- Focusing and working hard during all team events
- Playing hard to maximize my enjoyment of the game
- Providing the best support possible to my teammates to help them improve

**Financial Obligation**

We recognize that the players’ and coaches’ commitment to ATSC and to each other is for the soccer year, Fall and Spring seasons, and we understand and accept the following financial terms outlined below to play with ATSC:

Annual player fees for the year beginning July 1, 2010 are \$1,650.00. This fee can be paid by check or credit card as follows:

<b>Payment in Full:</b> Due June 30	\$1,650.00	- or -
<b>Installment Plan:</b>		
Payment 1- Due June 30	\$525.00	
Payment 2- Due August 31	\$375.00	
Payment 3- Due September 30	\$375.00	
Payment 4- Due November 1	\$375.00	

In addition, Arlington County is charging a user fee for fields that must be paid each season of \$8/player (\$20 for non-resident). The \$16 or \$40 annual fee will be collected in the initial payment due June 30.

A late fee of \$25 will apply to any payment received past the due date.

Financial assistance is available for those families that qualify. In order to see if you qualify for some level of financial assistance, please fill out and submit an application to ATSC, available on the website at [http://www.atsc-va.org/policies/index\\_E.html](http://www.atsc-va.org/policies/index_E.html). A separate commitment letter outlining the specific payment terms for families receiving financial assistance will be mailed with your approved application.

Failure to fulfill your financial obligations will result in the suspension of your son’s/daughter’s eligibility to play with ATSC until all payments and applicable late fees are current.

**We hereby acknowledge that we understand and agree to the terms and obligations outlined in this Commitment Letter.**

Signatures:

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Parent/Guardian (Printed)

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Player (Printed)

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Parent/Guardian (Signature)

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Player (Signature)