

COMPETITIVE GUIDELINES

With the ever changing nature of youth sports policy, Paris United FC is currently reviewing and updating guidelines and policies club wide. Changes may occur at any time, either due to outdated information, compliance with new TN Soccer policy, or whenever Paris United FC sees fit to make modifications, adjustments, or updates.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of these guidelines is to clearly define the requirements of the Paris United FC concerning the formation of Competitive teams. Preferably, rosters will be filled with in-county resident players, provided registration time-lines and fees have been fulfilled. Any remaining vacancies may be filled with out-of-county residents, subject to the following guidelines.

AGE GROUPS

In the opinion of the Paris United FC, team age limits are defined to prepare as well as encourage athletes to compete on a level to which they are qualified. In the opinion of the Board, age limits are defined in the association as follows:

U6 teams will be recreational only. Children shall be given the chance to develop their skills and not be told at such a young age that they are not qualified to play on competitive levels. For the good of the game, Paris United FC feels this age bracket is too young to form such a team. We do encourage development of players wishing to work beyond the regular season.

An introduction to competitive soccer is permitted at the **U8** age group. The player must be at least 7 years old. For the good of the game, Paris United FC feels 6 year olds are too young to form such a team. Guidelines for forming such teams will be mentioned later in this document.

U12 and up age groups can be considered as Competitive Teams and guidelines to form such teams will be mentioned later in this document.

GUIDELINES

COMPETITIVE TEAMS

1. Roster sizes are determined by the TSSA guidelines. U8-10 may roster 12 players, U11-12 may roster 14 players, U13-16 may roster 18, U17-19 may roster 18 players but have up to 22 registered players (only 18 may be on team roster for events)

2. U17-19 may register 22 players but roster 18. Dates for team formations (tryouts) will be set by the Coaches/Team Managers and the Board will be informed a week in advance. Dates will be held prior to recreational team formations to allow players not making the team to be assigned to a recreational team. Names of players selected will be turned in to the Registrar after team formation. In the event the roster cannot be filled, due to lack of interest on date of tryouts, players can be added during the season, but the Board will need to be notified of such events. No players will be added or pulled from an already formed recreational team. Additional players can tryout and be placed on the Competitive team only if the player “legally” tries out or the roster is not filled after tryouts are held.

3. Selection of players will be determined by the Coach who has been approved and/or assigned by the Board.

4. All teams must have a registered licensed Coach, an Assistant Coach, a Team Manager, and a Treasurer. All coaches must undergo a background check. Coaches without a coaching license may apply for a one year deferment. Team managers must also be registered and undergo a background check. Managers and/or coaches that have a blood relation to a player(s) on the team shall not be compensated. The only exception to this would be waiving fees associated with the Competitive team.

5. Players are encouraged to play in their age group. On written request by a parent/guardian and approved by the Board, an under age player may try out. Requests for such exceptions will be required to be in the hands of the Association before tryouts. The approval of the request does not obligate selection of said player.

6. Players as well as parents will be informed that there is no guaranteed playing time. Each parent must understand this statement. The Board will not be responsible and will not react on complaints received from parents on amount of playing time their child receives.

7. The Board reserves the right to decide all matters “for the good of the game” and “in the best interest” of the Association. This includes, but is not limited to, the process used to select players, matters pertaining to scheduling, appointment/dismissal, and discipline of coaches, players, and parents.

8. Uniforms must comply with USYSA rules and the Paris United FC Board guidelines. As red and white has become recognized as identifying one with Henry County, it is our desire to continue to promote our association by featuring red and white as a part of our uniforms. Board approved uniform kits are available to purchase for each Competitive team through Hulme’s Sporting Goods. All team orders, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, etc., should be placed through Neely Ashby with Paris Soccer Club. Neely can be reached at (731) 225-7786 or at [sng rashby@charter.net](mailto:sngrashby@charter.net). Pricing typically averages \$150 for full home and away kits. Each uniform kit contains jerseys, shorts, and socks of each color – white

(Home) & red (Away). All Competitive teams must purchase and wear these uniform kits. Teams found not to be in compliance will be brought before the Disciplinary Committee of Paris United FC Board and discipline may include revocation of roster or denial of travel permits. Disciplinary actions will be defined in the Disciplinary Committee Guidelines.

9. Competitive teams should not solicit from major contributors to the Paris Soccer Club:

■ All solicitations/fundraisers must be approved by the Board in advance. An email with dates, times, description, etc. should be sent to Eric McCool (ericmccool@charter.net) and Jon Guess (jonguess@gmail.com) at least one week in advance. This will help get your event advertised on the Club website and Facebook page.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Birth Certificates are required for all players in the association, along with medical release forms and a player commitment letter. Competitive Coaches or Team Managers are required to submit all forms to the Registrar before blue rosters will be signed. It is the Team Manager's responsibility to secure and submit required forms. Required rosters will not be issued until the mentioned forms are supplied. Failure to do so will result in teams not being properly registered and will not be allowed to play or practice on fields secured by the Paris United FC. This is a TSSA rule as insurance is not in effect until teams are properly registered. No Board member will be held responsible for the Coach's failure to produce proper paperwork to register the team.

CONCLUSION

These guidelines, as set forth above, will be adhered to by all age groups as failure to comply can result in disciplinary action being taken against a team not in compliance. These guidelines are set to protect our Club and to protect the young ladies and young gentlemen depending on our Club to follow rules as handed down by higher authorities.

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