

FC Premier

Player Handbook

Mission Statement-

The FC Premier program is for the serious player who would like to compete at the Regional and National level and who has intentions to continue his play past high school and compete at the college level. The FC Premier program's mission in addition to developing both technical and tactical skills is to ready and work with the high school player and their family in all aspects of the college selection process during their Junior & Senior years. We can also provide guidance during their freshman and sophomore years to help ready the player.

It is our vision to develop a premier program that will offer high school age boys the opportunity to learn the value of healthy competition at the highest levels as well as foster an environment to develop strong individual characters that excel within a team unit.

- FC Premier is a program that competes in the State, Regional and Nation level tournaments and leagues
- FC Premier is a secondary preparatory program readying the player for college play

Club Goals/Objectives-

- Coaching athletically as well as academically is one of the key ingredients to developing skilled soccer players who can play at the next level. The FC Premier coaching staff composed of coaches who have successfully competed and coached at the premier and college level.
- FC Premier will compete in State, Regional National and International competitions in order to expose players to diverse philosophies of the game as well as give them the opportunities to be recognized by college coaches
- Strength and speed training will be incorporated into the FC Premier training regimen.
- FC Premier players will be taught to demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- FC Premier training sessions will focus on the development of individual skills and team play.
- FC Premier would like to play a significant role in the creation and development of exciting opportunities and guidance for High School age players, both academically and athletically.
- FC Premier will aid in players college searches, by helping to match players' skill levels, career interests and financial considerations to the appropriate college and help the individual players to communicate with the college coach.
- To help players reach their maximum playing potential.
- To provide a professional environment for our players to play. Our coaches will conduct themselves professionally at all times and standards will be set for players to act in the same manner.

Guidelines/Policies-

1. FC Premier is an open program to any player and will conduct open tryouts at least 1 per year.

2. The FC Premier program is intended for the premier level player who has interests in playing at the college level.
3. Rostering of any player at any time is at the decision of the coaching staff for that team.
4. Players' playing time is a privilege and will be decided per game by each teams' coach.
5. Players are expected to attend practices and games. Absences should be discussed with coaches.
6. FC Premier players will be expected to be students of the game as well as academic students. A minimum "C" average is mandatory to receive game time. Each coach should be informed of their players' academic standings.
7. Fees are to be received on the first of every month. There will be one registration fee a year and monthly coaching/club fees.
8. Parent Conduct: it is to be expected that parents conduct themselves in the same professional manner that is required of coaches and players. .
9. FC Premier desires to help develop parents' knowledge of the game and the college recruiting process. Improving parents' knowledge of the game and college options will help parents become more informed and help them to mentor their children through the program. Classes will be offered and parents will be urged to participate.

Fees-

- Once a year there will be a registration fee that will cover, EPYSA insurance, referee fees, club fees, uniforms, equipment and Known league fees.
- Monthly there will be dues for coaching and field usage

If at any time you have questions as to where your fees are going please contact a board member. This information is always accessible to you.

Academic Policy-

FC Premier would like to develop elite soccer players as well as elite people. FC Premier believes in the value of academics. Education will last with our players forever and soccer will serve as their medium to receive a great education. "Achievement in the classroom first".

Facilities-

Home facilities for the Fall 2006 season will be the Perkiomen Valley HS Varsity field. This facility is located at PVHS, 108 Gravel Pike Collegeville PA.

Affiliations-

FC Premier had most recently had been affiliated with West-Mont United. New FC Premier affiliations will be announced soon.

Travel

Travel Distance:

Distance may vary per competition; however, the idea is to engage in the highest level of competition where ever that may be. To provide an awarding experience for the players and expose them to reputable sources.

Coaching Staff

Paid Coaches:

The club will provide professional trainers for each age group. Money for the coach will be paid to the Club and the Club will contract each coach.

Coaches are available for additional training. Those sessions are not included in club fees.

Parents Role**Parent involvement:**

The Club appreciates parent involvement and encourages parents to be supportive of their child; however, it is discouraged for parents to coach from the sidelines or to feel the need to advise the Clubs staff. As parents you are entrusting us with your child's development just as you would when you entrust them to educators, so please leave the decision making of the Club and the training of your youth player to the coaching staff.

The Club encourages parents to emphasize learning and having fun. We hope that parents find joy in watching their young athletes develop. We feel that soccer is a player's game and that it is the coaches' job to advise the players to make the best decisions regarding soccer. Parents shouting out instructions will only deprive the player of making their own decision and implementing their proper training.

FIFA Rules:

The teams all play under FIFA rules. To better become more familiar with these rules you may log onto www.fifa.com web site.

Voicing Concerns:

The Club's staff will always be open to your opinions. Feel free to discuss concerns; however, remember the final decision regarding any issue is made by the coaching staff.

Dear Parents and Players,

In reviewing the club's handbook we hope that you find the information to be informative and helpful. The purpose of the guide is to communicate Club procedures and policies. Additionally, the guide communicates the philosophy of the Club and the expectations of players and parents. As FC Premier members, both parents and players are expected to uphold high standards of excellence, respect, commitment, and sportsmanship. The aim of these high standards is to develop elite players and reputable people.

Sincerely,

George Gray
General Manager

Parents Signature

Date

Players Signature

Date