

EFC PLAYER/PARENT INFORMATIONAL PLAYBOOK



Players and Parents,

It is with great excitement that we welcome you to the Elizabethtown Football Club (EFC)! As soccer continues to flourish in our county and surrounding areas, we are committed to matching the ambition of our community by providing an unparalleled player experience that is equitable, consistent, and developmentally appropriate across various age and skill levels. The information included in the Playbook provides an overview of our club and our general policies, procedures, costs, and expectations.

Our foremost goal at EFC is to support the growth of each player, both on and off the field. We understand that every player is unique, and our mission is to provide a product and pathway that allows them to improve their game while fostering a deep love for it. Whether your player simply wants to have fun or aspires to play at higher levels, be it high school, college, or professionally, we are dedicated to helping them achieve their goals.

What sets EFC apart is our unwavering commitment to delivering a comprehensive player development program at an affordable price. In partnership with the Elizabethtown Youth Soccer Association recreational program (U4 - High School) and the Bluegrass Sportsplex Soccer Academy (U6 - U12 training and leagues), as well as Louisville City/Racing Louisville professional clubs, we provide a holistic approach to player development that impacts both our EFC teams and surrounding high school programs.

With that in mind, we understand that EFC may not be the perfect fit for every player's needs, and we pledge to provide 100% transparency in answering all your questions to ensure that each player is on the right path tailored to their goals and abilities. Our dedicated staff, comprised of past-players, coaches, and athletes of all levels, are always available to have discussions about how best to support your player. Moreover, we are deeply committed to the growth and development of our coaching staff. We believe that the best teachers aren't always the best players and prioritize a growth mindset, encompassing child development, and life skills in our coaching philosophy. Our qualified and experienced coaches are also structured to mentor and nurture our staff, ensuring that they continue to grow alongside our players.

On behalf of everyone at EFC, I extend a heartfelt welcome to you and your family. We are honored to have you join our club and look forward to embarking on this exciting journey together. Here's to a season filled with growth, friendship, and success!

Thank you for your interest,

Mark Dowell

Elizabethtown FC Director of Coaching

Connect with EFC

- Website: www.etownfc.com
- Facebook:
[Facebook.com/etownfc](https://www.facebook.com/etownfc)
- Instagram: [instagram.com/elizabethtownfc](https://www.instagram.com/elizabethtownfc)

Facilities

Elizabethtown Sports Park

1401 West Park Rd.

Elizabethtown, KY 42701

www.etownsports.com

- The majority of all EFC games are played here
- State-of-the-art tournament facility with 12 soccer fields
- Bermuda grass and turf Fields available for optimal training
- Convenient parking and playgrounds
- Family restrooms

Bluegrass Sportsplex

208 Peterson Dr.

Elizabethtown, KY 42701

www.bgsportsplex.com

- Premier indoor facility used by EFC for winter training, practices, futsal, and other events
- Additional leagues available for off-season touches
- Conveniently located
- Multi-use turf field
- Concessions

Mike Carrol Soccer Complex

217 Peterson Dr.

Elizabethtown, KY 42701

[facebook.com/EYSAsoccer](https://www.facebook.com/EYSAsoccer)

- Six well-lit soccer fields used as overflow for SportsPark
- Playground
- Family restrooms
- Concessions

OUR MISSION

To grow and develop the game of soccer by developing a culture centered around accessibility, learning and growth, while serving each player to see their potential realized.

OUR CORE VALUES

Our Club Values are rooted in the word RESPECT. Youth sports in America has been caught up in hyper-competitive environments causing a deterioration of respect for players, coaches, parents, and referees. Our club will work to ensure we show respect to all involved by living out the following values across all levels of our club.

Responsibility: We are committed and accountable to ourselves, our teammates, our club, and our community to ensure a positive experience for all. We operate with transparency, integrity, good faith, and trust in our relationships with others and in the treatment of our facilities.

Excellence: We will promote a culture of excellence where continuous effort to learn and improve each day is the basis for our actions. We will work hard to be outstanding at everything we do as players, coaches, parents, team and club.

Safety: We will ensure a safe environment for players, referees, staff, parents, and club representatives, both physically and from ridicule and attack.

Passion: We will promote a love for the sport that drives players and coaches to be the best versions of themselves they can be. We will work to instill an unparalleled work ethic to help all parties succeed in their pursuit of their individual development goals on and off the pitch.

Enjoyment: we will create a positive and fun experience that builds friendships and encourages a lifelong love of the game.

Commitment: We are committed to developing the individual to become a reliable teammate and positive contributor to our community. We believe our club makes a meaningful contribution to our community and are committed to giving back where we can to the greater good.

Teamwork: We will tirelessly pursue our common mission as one team and one club. Teams can achieve what individuals cannot. We want our coaches, players, staff, board, and parents to work together towards our common goals. We understand disagreements may occur from time to time, but we will treat one another with respect as we solve problems and work towards our mutual success putting out players first!

OUR CODE OF CONDUCT

It is a privilege to be a part of the United States Soccer Federation, the United States Youth Soccer Association, and the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association. Our actions shall always reflect upon these organizations and their affiliates.

Any inappropriate behavior by coaches, players, parents or managers that are determined to violate the below conduct shall result in disciplinary action by the EFC Board.

Penalties may extend to, but are not restricted to, expulsion from game(s)/field(s) and/or EFC. Coaches have the right to expel players from the field if parents aren't following the code of conduct on the sidelines. Coaches and/or parents will repay EFC for fines incurred by leagues/tournaments based on infractions.

Coaches Conduct Expectations

- Coaches and assistant coaches are expected to maintain a high level of sportsmanship, professionalism, and integrity both on and off the field. The primary responsibility of EFC coaches is for his/her players to develop as soccer players, to instill a passion for the game, and to provide a fun outlet for players. A coach's performance is not measured in wins and losses, but by their adequacy in teaching players technique, sportsmanship, and fair play. Coaches must maintain respect for the game as well as the referees and their assistants, and are responsible for ensuring both players and their parents are respectful at all times during a match. EFC coaches lead and teach by example, and players are a reflection of their coach's leadership.
- Coaches and assistant coaches are expected to have a basic knowledge of the game and to pursue coaching education, allowing them to better develop their players. Positive reinforcement should be used when dealing with players, foul or abusive language should never be used, and players absolutely should never be abused mentally, verbally, or physically.
- Harassment, abuse, or berating of referees and/or their assistants during or after the game is strictly prohibited, and coaches/assistant coaches should never enter the field of play without a referee's permission.
- Good sportsmanship should be displayed both on and off the field. Players should be taught the rules of the game, rules of fair play, and proper game behavior.

Players Conduct Expectations

- Players participate in soccer to have fun, to learn and develop a passion for the game and to improve their skills. Players have a responsibility to their team, coach, and soccer organization. They are a representative of the club as well as their team, coach, parents, and the community. A high level of sportsmanship and fair play must be maintained, and players must have respect for their coach, opponents, and the authority of the referee and his/her assistants.
- Players will play within the laws of the game and spirit of the game, and they are expected to be on-time and prepared for matches and training sessions. Self-control should be demonstrated in all situations and foul or abusive language will not be permitted at any time before, during, or after a game or training session.
- Players should train and play to the best of their ability, have a positive attitude, and encourage others to do the same. They must also show respect towards the referee and his/her assistants as well as towards their opponents. They will not harass, abuse, or berate a referee for any reason.

Parents/Spectators Conduct Expectations

- Parents/spectators must set a quality example for the players by exemplifying the highest standards of sportsmanship. They participate in a game by watching, cheering, and supporting the efforts of all participants of the match. The game is for the players, and their participation and enjoyment of the game is the most important element. Parents have responsibilities to the coach, team, and soccer organization they are a part of. They must have respect for their coach, all players on the team, and the authority of the referee and his/her assistants.
- Parents/spectators cannot harass, abuse, or berate the referee during or after the match and they cannot enter the field of play without the referee's permission. They should never criticize a coach in a public manner. "Coaching from the sideline" is not permitted; coaches should be given the autonomy to fulfill their responsibilities, no matter how much parents may disagree. If there is a concern parents should talk to the coaching director or the director of their organization.
- Respect for all players is expected among parents and spectators. All cheering should be done in a positive manner as a way to support players, not berate them. Cheering should be done to reward the efforts of both teams and to promote fair play. Foul or abusive language towards anyone for any reason is strictly forbidden.
- Parents/spectators have a responsibility to learn the laws of the game and the spirit of the game. They are encouraged to get involved with the organization and promote the game in a positive way. Parents are the role models for their children, and as such, must demonstrate utmost sportsmanship and integrity.

Team Managers Conduct Expectations

- Team managers should direct all questions concerning player selection, player positions and playing time to the coach. They are responsible for ensuring the team is organized and running smoothly by communicating practice information and game schedules, utilizing the EFC system as an outline. It is important that the team manager works with parents to ensure that player availability is kept up-to-date for all games and practices. The sooner updates are provided, the better families can prepare.
- Team managers should stay abreast of concerns among team members and parents and should inform the coach of these concerns. They must maintain all records and information relevant to game play, such as ensuring player cards are laminated and game scores are logged and reported. A close working relationship with the club registrar should be maintained to register players and collect paperwork as needed. Every effort should be made to attend all club manager meetings. All responsibilities associated with participating in tournaments fall on team managers if these responsibilities are not handled by the club administrator.
- Team managers should understand and help share the philosophy of their team's coach. For example, in the case of a coach with a younger, inexperienced team, the coach may wish to focus primarily on skill-building and leave lessons on game strategy for the following season.

Tips for becoming a successful Team Manager:

- Possess a willingness to listen to the complaints and concerns of parents.
- Keep private information provided to you in confidence.
- Encourage parents to become active participants in EFC. Don't be afraid to ask them to help out.
- Know the rules of the game for your team's age group as outlined by league and tournament organizers.
- Handle confrontations one-on-one, not in a public setting. Be willing to listen; often that is all that is truly needed.
- Allow the coach to make all the coaching decisions. Don't make promises you don't have the authority to keep.
- Be consistent and fair in your dealings with parents and players

TRYOUT AND TEAM POLICIES

Competitive Selection

- Each team is re-selected every year with supplemental tryouts offered in the winter.
- Players are evaluated based on dimensions that may not be apparent to the bystander, including technical skill, tactical awareness, physical attributes, work rate, character, mentality, and fit within a particular age group or team. Evaluation is based on those factors only.
- The club will initially place players on a team that is best suited to their performance based upon the evaluation factors above. Players may be moved from one team to another during the year based on what the age group coaches determine is best for the teams and the player.

Current Players

- Current players are evaluated throughout the season during practices, scrimmages, and games.
- If a player does not intend to return to the club, he or she should inform the coach as soon as that decision has been made. To be fair, coaches will tell players as soon as they have made a decision not to ask a player back.

New Player Evaluation and Tryouts

- New players are evaluated during annual tryouts, practices, scrimmages and in game situations.
- Tryouts are held annually in May and are open to all players who are eligible to play in the following year's U8-U18 program. Players will be evaluated by all the coaches with teams in a particular age group as well as the club's Director of Coaching.
- Coaches may have one or more additional tryouts after the open tryouts to narrow down their selection.

Players Playing Up

- EFC believes that most players will develop best within their age appropriate level. EFC strongly encourages players to play in their appropriate age group based on the age cut-offs as directed by US Youth Soccer.
- EFC does recognize a few exceptionally talented players' development needs may exceed their chronological age. The club will look at this when requested or as coaches and the Director of Coaching sees fit. We will not purposely hold players back for team results.
- EFC also recognizes that there will be exceptions to this with special circumstances outside of the player being a top tier player. The EFC board will look at it on a case by case basis.
- The EFC Director of Coaching and coaching staff will base the decisions off a players technical, tactical, mental and physical abilities.
- EFC will allow these opportunities if it is determined to be in the players best interest to develop.
- EFC will then revisit these decisions yearly.
- EFC expects coaches and families to make these decisions in a non-bias way. These decisions will not be based on friendship, comfortability and coaches desire to win.

UNIFORMS

Once a player is selected for a team, uniforms are required to be purchased. The team store is open year round to order uniforms, gear and spiritwear online at teamhubsports.com. Once you've created an account, please enter the Club Code ETOWNG24 (for girls) or ETOWNB24 (for boys) to access the EFC store. Additional instructions about ordering uniforms will be sent via email and [can be accessed here](#). For questions, please contact registrar@etownfc.com.

Required Uniform Kit

- Jersey (3) - Black, White and Pink
- Shorts (2) - Black and White
- Socks (2) - Black and White two pairs of socks
- Goalie Kit (if applicable to your player) - Full or Partial

Additional uniform items, backpacks and other EFC swag may also be purchased. All players are required to wear EFC apparel to all practices and training sessions. Each player will be given an EFC shirt at tryouts. Additional shirts can be purchased online in the EFC team store.

LEAGUE/TOURNAMENT SELECTION

Following the formation of all teams, coaches with insight from the Director of Coaching will make final decisions about what leagues and events each age group will participate in. These decisions are based on the team's skill level and structure. This includes but is not limited to exact league, showcases, playing up as a team, etc. Each team decision will be in that team's best interest to develop. NOT just win.

CLUB STRUCTURE

U8-U10 Foundational Phase

FOCUS: Develop a Love for The Game

- Enjoyment - Shows a desire to attend training and loves to play games.
- Habits - Create habits that will last.
- Encouragement - Inspire players to learn, play and grow.

U11-U14 Youth Development Phase

FOCUS: Play to Learn and Compete

- Culture - The environment should influence players to compete.
- Habits - Continue to reiterate good habits.
- Accountability - Create standards of training and play.

U15+ Professional Development Phase

FOCUS: Compete to Win

- Knowledge - Develop a deep understanding of the game.
- Competition - A strong desire to win and perform in a professional manner.
- Preparation - Understand how your lifestyle and decisions affect play.

U7/U8 Program:

Goals - Build and instill a passion for the game with a focus on training, beginner skills, and motor development.

- **Skill Acquisition:** The U7/U8 EFC program is offered in support of the Elizabethtown Youth Soccer Association recreational program. The goal is to create a fun, structured learning environment to help players develop their ivi attacking and defending skills (i.e. body control, close touches/ dribbling, cuts, turns, change of speed/direction, pullbacks, cruyfs, caps, chops, etc.). Players will learn to defend with balanced pressure and move the ball as fast as possible.
- **Technical Acquisition:** Intro to team shape, balance, and positional awareness. This is not limited to positions and structure.

Playing time and positional change should be spread out across players, giving each child the opportunity to play frequently in the games so they can learn and grow. All players should play multiple positions. This will be matched with opportunities to ensure each player feels successful while also learning from their mistakes

U7/U8 Boys/Girls	Fall Season (Aug-Oct)	Winter Season (Nov-Feb)	Spring Season (March-May)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017/2018 Birth Years • 5v5 (4 plus GK) • 6 to 8 per team • Sign up seasonal • Jersey/shirt included 	1 training per week (10)	Off-season leagues can be joined at the Bluegrass Sportsplex	1 training per week (10)
	3 to 4 intraclub mixed gender games		3 to 4 intraclub mixed gender games
	2 affiliate/outside EFC friendlies		2 affiliate/outside EFC friendlies
	EFC Boo-Grass Tourney		Travel U8 event/tourney

U9 Program:

Goals: Build and instill a passion for the game with a focus on personal development, basic skills, and motor development.

- **Skill Acquisition:** The U9 program is offered to build off of the U7/U8 introductions. The goal is to create a fun and structured learning environment to help players develop their iv1 attacking and defending skills. In this program, coaches will begin implementing more iv1, 2v1, iv2, 2v2, 3v3, 3v1, and 3v3 training (i.e. body control, close touches/dribbling, cuts, turns, change of speed/direction, body feints, pullbacks, cruyff, caps, chops, etc.). Players will learn to defend with balanced pressure and move the ball as fast as possible. Coaches will also Introduce cover/balanced numbers to defend. At this age, coaches will also train players to pass/shoot with both feet - as it's important for all U9 players to get comfortable with using both feet to play the ball shorter and longer distances.
- **Tactical Acquisition:** Training players to start seeing numbers offensively and defensively, understanding that the faster they win the ball back and attack, while learning that the farther up the field we do this, the better. This extends to the back line and goal keeper.

Playing time and positional change should be spread out across players, giving each child the opportunity to play frequently in the games so they can learn and grow. All players should play multiple positions. This will be matched with opportunities to ensure each player feels successful while also learning from their mistakes

U9 Boys/Girls	Fall Season (Aug-Oct)	Winter Season (Nov-Feb)	Spring Season (March-May)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Birth Year • 7v7 (6 plus GK) • 8 to 10 per team • Full-year commitment • Players are offered a spot in a "pool" of players - using the first two weeks of August to evaluate and determine teams 	2 trainings per week	1 indoor training per week - 9 to 10 weeks	2 trainings per week
	League games (Etown, Louisville, Bowling Green, etc.)	Hosted at the Bluegrass Sportsplex	League games (Etown, Louisville, Bowling Green, etc.)
	KY Academy League		KY Academy League [c]
	EFC Boo-Grass Tourney		EFC Spring Invitational
	Note: Additional fall/spring tourneys TBD as a team/club - to Include two more tourneys from August to May		

U10 Program

Goals: Build and instill a passion for the game with a focus on personal development, intermediate skills, and motor development.

- **Skill Acquisition:** The U10 program is offered to build off of a player's growth within the U9 program (i.e. body control, close touches/dribbling, cuts, turns, change of speed/direction, body feints, pullbacks, cruyff, caps, chops, etc.). Coaches will also introduce cover/balanced numbers to defend emphasizing the importance of a great first touch with the ball and passing/shooting with both feet both short and long distances. Players will also work on scanning the field and manipulating/making the ball go where they want before they win the ball.
- **Tactical Acquisition:** Training players to start seeing numbers offensively and defensively, understanding that the faster they win the ball back and attack, while learning that the farther up the field we do this, the better. This extends to the back line and goal keeper. At this age, it's also important coaches will also discuss width/depth/height of possessing the ball, and compactness without the ball.

Playing time and positional change should be spread out across players, giving each child the opportunity to play frequently in the games so they can learn and grow. All players should play multiple positions per the coach's judgment. This will be matched with opportunities to ensure each player feels successful while also learning from their mistakes. Success at appropriate times may alter playing time (i.e. tourney championships, specific league games, etc.). This is important because the feeling of a team's success also compliments a player's development and love for the game.

U10 Boys/Girls	Fall Season (Aug-Oct)	Winter Season (Nov-Feb)	Spring Season (March-May)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 Birth Year • 7v7 (6 plus GK) - some may play 9v9 starting in the spring if developmentally ready • 9 to 11 per team • Full year commitment 	2 trainings per week	1 indoor training per week - 9 to 10 weeks	2 trainings per week
	League games (Etown, Louisville, Bowling Green, etc.)	Hosted at the Bluegrass Sportsplex	League games (Etown, Louisville, Bowling Green, etc.)
	KSSL League if needed		KSSL League if needed [d]
	EFC Boo-Grass Tourney		EFC Spring Invitational
	Note: Additional fall/spring tournaments TBD as a team/club - to include two to three more tournaments from August to May		

U11/U12 Programs

Goals: Build and instill a passion for the game with a focus on personal development, advanced skills, and motor development.

- **Skill Acquisition:** The U11/U12 program gives players the opportunity to fine tune their skills. The focus on IV1 skills, using both feet, feints, etc. should be emphasized at home and in personal/small group settings. Individual player development will also compliment a team's ability to move towards advanced skill/team skill achievements (i.e. chipping/shaping passes/shots, using IV1 skills to create numbers, etc.). Players should begin to strengthen their ability to play one to three main positions to deepen their understanding and skill set.
- **Tactical Stage:** Players will train to Improve on the U10 introduction of team shape/spacing both offensively and defensively and recognizing how using width/height/depth in possession can create patterns for the team to use when attacking and possessing the ball. Defensively, players should know when to be compact, press faster/slower, sit back, etc. At this age, players should begin to recognize the other team's strengths and weaknesses.

Playing time at this age is NOT guaranteed. Every player should expect to play but may play more or less than other teammates. Teams/coaches will take all factors into account when making these decisions (i.e. opponent, type of game, scoreline, player commitment to EFC team, attendance, etc.).

U11/U12 Boys/Girls	Fall Season (Aug-Oct)	Winter Season (Nov-Feb)	Spring Season (March-May)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/2014 Birth Years • 9v9 (8 plus GK) - some U12 teams may play 11v11 games to prepare for the U13 program • 11 to 15 per team • Full year commitment 	2 to 3 trainings per week	1 indoor training per week - 9 to 10 weeks	2 to 3 trainings per week
	League games (Etown, Louisville, Bowling Green, etc.)	Hosted at the Bluegrass Sportsplex	League games (Etown, Louisville, Bowling Green, etc.)
	PreECNL, KPL and/or KSSL League		PreECNL, KPL and/or KSSL League [e]
	EFC Boo-Grass Tourney		EFC Spring Invitational
	Note: Additional fall/spring tourneys TBD as a team/club - to include two to three more tourneys from August to May		

U13/U14 Programs

Goals: Continue to instill a passion for the game with a focus on personal development, a growth/winning mindset, advanced skill acquisition, ownership, and soccer IQ/awareness.

- **Skill Acquisition:** At this age players should begin to narrow their focus and set athletic goals. Players will begin playing 11v11 with a size five ball and should switch their focus to a winning mindset. While it's important for each player to continue developing their skills, a deeper understanding of what it takes to improve as a player, team and club to win games is critical.
- **Club Guidance:** At this level, many players may begin to set long-term athletic goals. As a club, Player Development Plans will be utilized to help them reach their goals (i.e. club, high school, college, or professional goals). At every stage, the Director of Coaching and team coaches will be available to meet with players and their families to discuss goals and help guide players.

U13/U14 Boys/Girls	Fall Season (Aug-Oct)	Winter Season (Nov-Feb)	Spring Season (March-May)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011/2012 Birth Years • 11v11 (10 plus GK) • 15 to 20 per team • Full year commitment • U14 teams will be assessed after rosters are made and more input is received about fall JV commitments (i.e. some U14 players may play within our U15 program) 	2 to 3 trainings per week	1 indoor training per week - 9 to 10 weeks	2 to 3 trainings per week
	League games (Etown, Louisville, Bowling Green, etc.) and friendlies	Hosted at the Bluegrass Sportsplex	League games (Etown, Louisville, Bowling Green, etc.) and friendlies
	GLC, KPL and/or KSSL League		GLC, KPL and/or KSSL League [1]
	EFC Boo-Grass Tourney		EFC Spring Invitational
	Note: Additional fall/spring tournaments TBD as a team/club - to include two to three more tournaments from August to May		

U15 thru U18 Programs

Goals: A focus on physical growth, personal development, a growth/winning mindset, game management, and what comes next.

- **Tactical and Technical Development:** Players will train to improve their skills for their specific position(s) of strength. Their focus should shift to focus on winning (i.e. a winning attitude), game management, improving strength, conditioning, and agility.
- **Club Guidance:** At this level, many players should begin to narrow their focus and set long-term athletic goals. As a club, Player Development Plans will be utilized to help them reach their goals (i.e. club, high school, college, or professional goals). At every stage, the Director of Coaching and team coaches will be available to meet with players and their families to discuss goals and help guide players.

At this age, EFC staff will meet to discuss and evaluate each team's level of play to establish both individual and team goals

U15 thru U18 Boys/Girls	Fall Season (Oct-Nov)	Winter Season (Nov-Feb)	Spring Season (March-May)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2006 thru 2010 Birth Years • 11v11 (10 plus GK) • 15 to 20 per team • Full year commitment • These age groups will be assessed with more coach/player input regarding tourney or college events, leagues and schedules 	Season begins in Oct/Nov after the high school season ends. If any EFC events are held in the fall, it will work around high commitments and what each group wants/needs.	2 outdoor trainings per week	2 to 3 trainings per week
		Some weeks off will be given during the Dec/Jan holiday season	League games (Etown, Louisville, Bowling Green, etc.) and friendlies
			GLC, KPL and/or KSSL League ^[9]
			EFC Spring Invitational/showcase
	Note: Additional fall/spring tournaments TBD as a team/club - to include two to three more tournaments from November to May		

EFC is currently exploring all ways our club can afford to further develop this age group (i.e. video, ID sessions, camps, etc.). The primary goal for this age group is to develop improved Player Plans. The Director of Coaching will be available to meet with families to discuss goal setting and provide the necessary resources to help players grow and meet their goals.

TUITION COSTS 2024-2025

Age/Birth Year	Club Fee Paid in Full	Deposit	Two Payments After Deposit	Total Cost	Tournaments
Fall U7/U8	\$300	\$100	\$100	\$320	EFC (1)
Spring U7/U8	\$300	\$100	\$100	\$320	Travel (1)

Age/Birth Year	Club Fee Paid in Full	Deposit	Two Payments After Deposit	Total Cost	Tournaments
U9	\$850	\$100	\$80	\$900	EFC (2) + 2/3
U10	\$900	\$100	\$85	\$950	EFC (2) + 2/3
U11	\$950	\$100	\$90	\$1000	EFC (2) + 2 + State Cup
U12	\$950	\$100	\$90	\$1000	EFC (2) + 2 + State Cup
U13	\$950	\$100	\$90	\$1000	EFC (2) + 2 + State Cup
U14	\$950	\$100	\$90	\$1000	EFC (2) + 2 + State Cup
U15	\$850	\$100	\$80	\$900	EFC (1) + 1 + State Cup

- Fees include administrative, coach pay, tournaments, referees, and facilities costs. Prices do not include KY 6% sales tax.
- Our U8 program is seasonal, not annual. Players can choose to play both fall and spring, or just one season. There will be separate registration for Fall U8 and Spring U8.
- If using the payment option, payments are due the first of each month. Credit cards must be kept on file (no exceptions).
- The ten-payment option is only available for players who accept their invitation by July. If accepting an invitation after July, missed payments are rolled into the deposit.
- Refunds must be approved by the board of directors.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The EFC scholarship program was developed to help parents in financial need offset the cost of their player's club tuition. To qualify for an EFC scholarship, you must first meet the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch income requirements outlined here, or have other extenuating circumstances that make it impossible to pay in full. Families awarded a scholarship will have up to 50% of their annual tuition covered.

To apply, EFC will require the following:

- Statement of need
- Current year's Form-1040 (Income Tax Return)
- Number of individuals in the household

To express your interest in a scholarship, email registrar@etownfc.com. Please note that families must first pay the \$100 deposit after accepting their player's offer to place an application in review. Any remaining tuition not covered by a scholarship must be secured by a debit/credit card which will be charged in accordance with EFC's installment plans.

Please Note: Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis and don't cover uniform, travel, or optional camp and clinic costs. Failure to submit the required information will result in a denial of the application. Scholarships will be awarded by the EFC Board of Directors' Scholarship Committee. All requests will remain strictly confidential.

REFUND POLICY

EFC is a nonprofit organization that plans for staffing and resources in advance, limiting our ability to provide refunds. Please see below for our refund policy.

- Refunds will be prorated based on medical issues that arise such as injuries. Refunds will be prorated based on the amount of time the player was able to participate.
- Refunds may be processed based on schedule changes such as loss of tournaments. EFC has the right to evaluate these on a team-by-team basis.
- Refunds will not be given for early withdrawal from the team or club. EFC will release the player based on the payment of their dues.
- Refund requests must be submitted in writing to the EFC President. The board will then discuss each situation on a case-by-case basis.

PROCEDURES FOR EXPRESSING CONCERNS

Elizabethtown FC knows there will be concerns, and there is a time, place, and way to address them. We want to hear all concerns, but they should be expressed away from the games, training situations, and public settings. Once they are expressed, the EFC coaching staff, administration, and director of coaching will make every effort to address the problems and/or concerns.

First, follow the 24-hour rule. The rule states that a parent should not contact a coach until 24 hours after the concern to make remarks, complaints, or observations about a conference. This is best practice as it allows the coach and parents to give themselves time to process their initial thoughts on the game. This will give all parties time to process the event and to resist or build upon our initial “gut” reactions.

When discussing the concern with the coach, set up an appropriate way to meet with them. These discussions should be held outside of practice and game-time. Give the coach a chance to hear you and discuss your concerns.

If after taking the above steps you are still concerned about the issues at hand, please reach out to the Elizabethtown Director of Coaching and/or Assistant Directors of Coaching related to your age group. Beyond the Director of Coaching, you can discuss the matter with a member of the EFC Board of Directors. Parents should also make every effort to discuss concerns with the parent representative assigned to their player’s age group and gender. Those include:

- EFC President: Alex Shearer - any and all concerns
- EFC U9-U12 Girls Representative
- EFC U9-U12 Boys Representative
- EFC U13 and Above Boys Representative
- EFC U13 and Above Girls Representative

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