

HUDSON UNITED SOCCER CLUB POLICIES

Travel and Junior Academy Programs

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Hudson United Soccer Club (“HUSC” or the “Club”) has always worked with families on various issues that may affect a player’s ability to participate with their HUSC teams. HUSC makes every effort to be accommodating.

However, there are times when it is necessary to rely on Club policies in making these sometimes tough decisions. The following is a list of policies that address the most common issues that arise. However, this is not intended to be an all inclusive list and to the extent issues arise that are not addressed by these policies, individual consideration of those matters will be made by HUSC.

1. Payment

- a. **Session Fees** – HUSC uses an autobilling system for the full Travel and JA Season. Families have the option of paying for the full year up front, or utilizing the autobilling system. If the payment method is declined for the upcoming session, failure to remedy the situation will result in the player being unable to participate in Club activities for that session until the invoice is paid or otherwise addressed.
 - b. **Past Due Balances** – Absent special arrangements being made with the Club, any and all past due balances for a season must be brought current before tryouts are held for the next season. Players with a past due balance will not be eligible to tryout.
2. **Practice** – On average, HUSC teams practice twice a week. While it is our hope and expectation that players attend 100% of these practices, the Club recognizes that there are outside activities or special circumstances through no fault of the player that could prohibit 100% participation. In the event a player cannot attend a practice this should be communicated to the Team Manager and the Coach in advance. The Club does require all players to attend a minimum of 50% of all team practices to be eligible to play in any given game. In the event that missed practices become common and disruptive to the development of the team a decision on game eligibility will be made on a case by case basis by the Club after consultation with the Coach.
 3. **Team Placement** – As a general rule, players are expected to play with their age appropriate team. HUSC understands that there may be specific situations in which a player would be justified playing with an older team. These situations are expected to be the exception, not the rule, and will be addressed on a case by case basis. All decisions regarding a player’s talent evaluation will be made by

the Club's coaches. However, the final decision on whether to allow a player to play with a team other than the player's age appropriate team will be made by the Directors of HUSC.

4. **Roster Spots** – HUSC plays 4 sessions during a soccer season; Fall, Indoor I, Indoor II and Spring. It is expected that players commit to playing all 4 sessions during the season. However, we appreciate that, for a variety of reasons, a player may want or need to take off a session. Should this be the case it is the Club's preference that a player miss Indoor I or Indoor II as missing an outdoor session presents administrative issues for the Club at the league level. Additionally, in the event a player does take off a session, there is no guarantee that his or her roster spot will be held open for their return. If the Club has an opportunity to fill open roster spots during the course of the season, it may do so if the Club believes it is in the best interest of the team.

5. Discounts

- a. **Multiple Player Discounts** – Families with multiple children playing for HUSC in the Travel and/or Junior Academy programs during the same session shall receive a discount of 10% off the session fee for the second child and a 20% discount off the session fee for each additional child thereafter.
- b. **Volunteer Discounts** – As a primarily volunteer run organization, HUSC values its volunteers. It offers a 20% discount off session fees for Team Managers (just for the child whose team they are managing); and a 15% discount for Board Members (for each child's Recreational, Travel or Junior Academy session fees). Tournament fees and Adult Recreational fees are not discounted.
- c. **Maximum Discount** - Any and all discounts can be combined but are limited to no more than 35% off during any one session.