

## CLUB ITALIA SPORTS ORGANIZATION

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Make sure that each player and parent agrees to the Player Manual and Team/Coaches Guidelines. Each player and coach & any person affiliated with the team will read, agree with the manual by signing the Player and Team/Coaches Guidelines. Failure to do this may result in Club Italia not approving the Coach or Player or any other person in participating in Soccer.

### **Player Manual and Team/Coaches Guidelines**

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**Philosophy:** Club Italia wants only committed athletes and parents. Club Italia soccer will be the primary sport.

**Approach:** Club Italia practice and training sessions are designed to be professional and demanding in nature. The objective is to have each athlete perform at his/her very highest ability. Please come prepared to work hard.

**Attendance:** Attendance at Club Italia practice sessions is part of your commitment. You must attend if you plan to play. The policy for practice is as follows: You are committed to attend practices. If you cannot make a practice, inform your team manager or coach by phone at least three (3) hours prior to practice. If no commitment from the athlete, Club Italia has the right to release you without question.

**Positive Attitude & Respect:** You are expected to encourage your teammates. If you have nothing positive to say, say nothing at all. All criticism, constructive or otherwise, is reserved for the coaching staff. Each player is to act with good sportsmanship and respect at all times.

**Gear & Cleats:** As Club Italia practice and training sessions are demanding, please come dressed appropriately. This means: bring both running flats and soccer cleats. It also means wear the appropriate training gear. **UNIFORMS: For Adult teams** – The uniform is the property of Club Italia and belongs to the club. When you leave the team or are suspended from playing soccer in Club Italia, the uniform **MUST** be returned to the club in good condition. Failure to return the uniform will put you in bad standing with the club and will be reported to the Michigan Soccer Association and the Adult soccer leagues in Michigan.

**Soccer Ball:** Please bring your own correct size soccer ball to practice. It must be inflated properly and marked with your name (in permanent ink).

**Game Day & Location:** Game day policy is as follows – you must arrive at least 40 minutes prior to the start of each game if you expect to play. **Unlike house league, there is no guarantee of equal playing time. Playing time for each player is at the sole discretion of the head coach within the rules of the league.**

**Fines & Responsibilities:** Each player is responsible for their own uniform. If you lose your uniform it will cost you the replacement value of a new one plus \$25.00 for each game that you can't play because of no uniform (Club Italia board members may vote to dismiss any cost).

I understand that we are expected to be prompt at practices and games, as well as with any fees that may be required. The team will practice a minimum of twice per week. The team will play approximately five home games and five away games. Including scrimmages and one or more tournaments. Indoor winter sessions will be at the discretion of the coach. **Winter indoor training is mandatory. Soccer camp is held in August and is strongly encouraged for all players to attend.**

Players, coaches or any person affiliated with the team issued a yellow card, will



pay \$25.00 for each yellow card. Players, coaches or any person affiliated with the team issued a red card, will pay \$35.00 for each red card. Players, coaches or any person affiliated with the team receiving an additional red card within the season year are suspended until there is a hearing before the Club Italia disciplinary board. In addition, there will be a \$25.00 fine levied on teams who accumulate more than one red card, payable before the start on the next game. Subsequent red card offenses will result in a progressive \$35.00 increase in the fine (i.e., second red card \$70.00; third red card \$95.00. etc) Fines are cumulative (i.e. 3 team red cards in a season: red card #1, no fine; red card #2, \$35.00; red card #3, \$70.00; red card #4, \$95.00. etc....). Club Italia board members may vote to dismiss any cost.

**Club Promotional Activities:** I give Club Italia permission to use photos of myself, my child/children to be used in promotional literature, brochures, flyers, advertisements, posters, and publication on the website of Club Italia.

**Club Participation:** Club Italia relies on parent Commitment and support! Club Italia is committed to keeping your child's soccer costs low. Club Italia has only one or two fund raisers per year to make this happen. We strongly encourage all families to participate to make these fund raisers successful!

**Parents/Athletes & Spectators:** You are responsible for your own actions, during, and after games, within the local vicinity of the field. Coaches and managers or any Club Italia Board members have the right to ask for the removal of any parent, athletes or spectators if they are acting in a manner detrimental to CLUB ITALIA or the affiliated league. Be aware that you may be subject to a yellow card for your conduct on the field and sidelines and be asked to leave the field/vicinity.

Any disputes or complaints about the coach, manager or club are to be handled as follows:

1. Go to the coach & manager first. You may ask for a parent meeting to address any issues/concerns. If you are not satisfied –
2. Repeat number one but this time; invite the Director of Soccer. If you are not satisfied-
3. You would then go to the Soccer Board. All the parents, coach, and Director of Soccer would discuss the issues/concerns. If you are not satisfied-
4. You would then go to the Club Italia Board. If you're still not satisfied-
5. You will then need to go to the league MYSL Board. If you're still not satisfied-
6. you will then go to the MSYSA

All Club Italia soccer teams (coaches, players, parents or any person affiliated with the team) will abide by the rules and regulations of Club Italia and all associations and leagues with which Club Italia is affiliated with. Club Italia disciplinary committee will review all disciplinary matters concerning players and coaches of Club Italia and will take appropriate action's with any player, coach and any other person associated with Club Italia. Slanderous/negative email campaigning will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action may involve, counseling, paying fees or removal from Club Italia and possible legal recourse.

I \_\_\_\_\_ will comply with the above guidance. (print name)

Player signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Person affiliated with the team signature \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's name \_\_\_\_\_ (print name)

Coach's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Italia Soccer Board Of Directors**