

# Prince William Soccer, Inc. (PWSI)



## Courage Select Program Manual

2011-2012 Season

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#### **ABOUT THE MANUAL**

The purpose of this Manual is to assist team coaches, managers, players, parents, and others in understanding and carrying out their responsibilities in administering the PWSI Courage Select Program. The PWSI Board of Directors (BOD) does not intend for the Manual to be a compilation of all the rules and procedures governing PWSI, the PWSI Courage Select Program, VCCL, NCSL, WAGS, ODSL, VYSA and USYSA and its affiliated organizations, which all PWSI Courage Select Teams must follow. These organizations publish and make available their rules and procedures on their respective web sites for your use.

##### Club

PWSI Prince William Soccer Incorporated - [www.pwsi.org](http://www.pwsi.org)

##### Leagues

VCCL Virginia Club Champions League – [www.vcclsoccer.com](http://www.vcclsoccer.com)

NCSL National Capital Soccer League - [www.ncsl-soccer.com](http://www.ncsl-soccer.com)

WAGS Washington Are Girls Soccer League - [www.wagsl.com](http://www.wagsl.com)

ODSL Old Dominion Soccer League - [www.odsl.org](http://www.odsl.org)

##### State

VYSA Virginia Youth Soccer Association - [www.vysa.com](http://www.vysa.com)

##### National

USYSA United States Youth Soccer Association - [www.usysa.com](http://www.usysa.com)

## 1.0 OPERATIONS

Prince William Soccer, Inc. (PWSI) is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. The PWSI Board of Directors is the governing board for PWSI. The Board of Directors is responsible for the internal structure and policies of PWSI. The Board of Directors will oversee the progress and strategic goals of the **Club** through the leadership of the Executive Director and the Technical Director of Coaching (TDOC).

The Clubhouse is located at 14716 Minnieville Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22193. All payments should be mailed to this address. The Clubhouse telephone number is (703)670-6061. The **Club** website is [www.pwsi.org](http://www.pwsi.org).

The **Club** utilizes several forms of communication to relay necessary information and announcements to players and families

- Extratime – PWSI’s official newsletter
- **Club**-wide email – sent when information needs to reach the audience in an expedited manner
- PWSI does not provide email distribution lists to outside vendors.

## 2.0 CHARTER

**Prince William Soccer Incorporated (PWSI)** or the “**Club**” shall sponsor a Select program for its youth players from age group U-09 through U-19. This program shall be called **Prince William Courage Select**. The PWSI Courage Select Program Manual shall conform to and be in accordance with the PWSI Bylaws. Where inconsistencies are identified PWSI Bylaws take precedence.

The PWSI Courage Select Program Manual shall be updated by the Select Administrator on an annual basis, or more frequently if required, and approved by the PWSI Board of Directors (BOD) in April prior to the May Courage Select Program information meeting and June club-wide tryouts.

## 3.0 CLUB MISSION AND CORE VALUES

### Club Mission

Prince William Courage makes meaningful contributions to the community through the game of soccer.

### Core Values

Our core values are at the heart of who we are. They represent the best of our **Club** and provide the foundation which guides all of our efforts. Our core values allow us to maintain and strengthen our relationships within the entire community. They remind us of what is most important and keep us focused on the right things.

## **Pride**

We take pride in everything we do. We are committed to excellence both on and off the playing field. Our coaches, programs, and facilities directly contribute to our success in maximizing the individual development of every player. We consistently look for new and better ways to deliver a first class experience to our members and stakeholders in all we do.

## **Passion**

We are passionate about soccer. For more than 30 years, we have helped develop a life-long love of the game and sense of fair play in our players, parents, and coaches. We believe that to be seen as a leader we must act as a leader. We strive for innovation within our **Club** and seek to be recognized as a leader in our community. When we see others following our example or recognizing our efforts, then we know we have instilled real passion within our community. Leadership with real purpose and a profound passion for the game will drive us to newer and greater heights.

## **Possibility**

We believe soccer presents endless possibilities. We provide opportunities for players of all backgrounds and abilities and give back to the game through the varied charitable goals of our tournaments. We seek to create an environment where every person can reach their highest potential. We value the whole person and welcome people of different talents, abilities, and experiences. Soccer equalizes inequities and humanizes all people – together we can make a difference in our community.

## **4.0 SELECT PROGRAM MISSION AND VISION**

### **Mission**

The mission of the Courage Select Program is “to develop every player to his or her full potential”, per Ken Krieger, Technical Director of Coaching. **Prince William Courage Select** teams shall compete in premier leagues throughout Virginia and the Middle Atlantic States, and participate in highly competitive tournaments nationwide. The objective of the **Courage Select Program** is to develop players to their highest potential to provide opportunities for them to earn college scholarships, professional contracts, or selection to the United States national teams. The **Club** focuses on the development of the individual as a student athlete and as a citizen, while promoting teamwork and sportsmanship.

The **Club** shall sponsor competitive play for its youth players at four different levels of competition. The levels are structured by levels of ability and commitment as follows: Red (top level), White, and Black, and Gold. The **Club** soccer year shall be from August to June except for those teams advancing to state or regional cup play.

### **Vision**

*To be one of the premier youth soccer clubs in Virginia, as well as Region I, whose players are recognized for their excellence, commitment, and sportsmanship in the game of soccer.*

## 5.0 PHILOSOPHY

The **Club** believes that the pursuit of excellence in sports helps to develop maturity in children and young adults and that the experiences a player has with the **Club** shall be beneficial throughout his or her lifetime. The **Club** believes a youth sports program should be holistic and competition should produce more than wins.

Winning and competition are only part of the equation of a successful program or season. Winning is transient, but life skills learned on the field of play and in training sessions are enduring and last a lifetime. Good sportsmanship, physical fitness, goal setting, self evaluation, problem solving, dealing with disappointment, developing a positive self-concept, and group loyalty are skills and ideals utilized long after a player's career has ended. To this end, the **Club** shall strive to instill these skills enhancing a child's development as he or she matures into adulthood.

The pursuit of excellence in school is imperative. The **Club** is dedicated to promoting high academic standards and expects all players to pursue their schoolwork with a mature attitude.

The **Club** shall endeavor to provide its players and coaches with a wholesome and challenging soccer education program placing emphasis on learning, fun, excitement, and achievement. The **Club** is committed to making each player's overall experience a valuable one. Training and game environments shall be carefully designed with age-appropriate teaching techniques and competition in mind.

## 6.0 CODE OF CONDUCT

Players involved in the Courage Select Program play a vital role in creating and maintaining the image of the **Club** as a premier soccer **Club**. Therefore, in order to create a positive image and set a good example, each player must adhere to the Courage Select Athlete's Code. Please note the following:

- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- The use or possession of tobacco products is prohibited.
- The use or possession of illegal drugs (subject to penalty of law) is prohibited.
- In the interest of safety and fair competition, the misuse of any substance is prohibited as well as the use of any substance which is intended to alter performance.

Violators of any part of the Courage Select Athlete's Code shall be asked to leave the **Club**.

## 7.0 LEVELS OF PLAY

The **Club** develops all players by providing programs and opportunities to be exposed to the highest levels of competition from the local level through the national level. The **Club** has a comprehensive competitive program designed for the youth athlete to play in an environment matched to their abilities and desires. This program is designed to adhere to the needs of youth soccer players at four levels of competitive play: Red, White, Black, and Gold. At all four levels of play, the goal is to have players who strive for excellence and have confidence in their skills, and in their teammates' skills, in order to play under pressure from an opponent.

PLEASE NOTE AND CONSIDER: Courage Select teams are formed for a full year from August to June for the fall, winter, and spring seasons. The **Club** and its teams are making a year's commitment to each player. No player shall be cut from a Courage Select team. **The Club and teams expect a commitment from each player for the full year.** The commitment level varies slightly between levels of play (Red, White, Black, and Gold) yet all levels of play have as a minimum expectation attendance of all players at practices, games, and tournaments.

Occasionally it may be in the best interest of the **Club** and/or the player to move that player from one team to another within an age group. This would be done only after discussion with the parents, player, and coach. All of the parties must be in agreement.

Objectives of the Courage Select levels are as follows:

### **Red**

- The focus for the Red teams is the USYSA National Championship Series. This series begins with the Virginia State Cup, which takes place in the fall for teams under 15 (U15) and older. Under 14 (U14) teams (and younger) participate in the spring. Winners shall then play in regionals which take place every year at the end of June. For U-15 and above, the fall season and elite tournaments are considered preparation for Cup play.
- Highest level of competition.
- Highly competitive...exposure to regional & national champion caliber teams.
- Compete in VCCL (U9 to U14), WAGS, or NCSL during the fall and spring seasons. Indoor training/play during the winter season.
- Highest level of required commitment to attend multiple weekly practices, weekend games, local and out-of-town tournaments, including fly tournaments. The **Club** asks that the commitment to our Red teams be a priority over any other **Club sport conflicts.**
- Commitment level is one of the factors that affects playing time.
- No guaranteed playing time for players.
- Parental input to the team and **Club's** goals to play at the highest level of competition is always welcome. This does NOT imply, however, that decisions shall be made by team "voting".
- Most expensive due to professional training requirements and travel.
- Player selection based on ability and team requirements.
- A player has the right to refuse to join the team following participation in the June **Club-wide** tryouts.

## White

- Compete in NCSL and WAGS (U9 and U10 in VCCL) during the fall and spring seasons. Indoor training/play during the winter season.
- Very competitive...possible exposure to state champion caliber teams.
- High level of commitment required.
- 50% play time rule in effect.
- Parental input in conjunction with team goals at level of competition.
- Expense can be significant based on professional training requirements and number of tournaments team elects to attend.
- Player selection based on ability.
- A player has the right to refuse to join the team following participation in the June **Club**-wide tryouts.

## Black & Gold

- Competes in WAGS, NCSL, or ODSL during the fall and spring seasons. Indoor training/play during the winter season.
- A moderate to high level of commitment required.
- 50% play time rule in effect.
- Parental input in conjunction with team goals at level of competition.
- Expense is normally less than other competitive divisions based on professional training requirements & number of tournaments team elects to attend.
- Player selection based on ability.
- A player has the right to refuse to join the team following participation in June club-wide tryouts.
- Normal entry level for competitive teams added to an age group.

The **Club** strives to assist its players in their pursuit of soccer excellence by providing the best coaching and training available. Teams shall play the best competition available and shall be entered in local, state, and national tournaments in the continuing quest for player development and team success.

### **RED TEAM GOALS:**

- To field teams consistently competitive at the state and regional level.
- To advance to regionals and nationals (age level U-14 and above).
- To train players for positions in the Olympic Development and National Team programs.
- To create opportunities for college scholarships (Division 1).
- To create opportunities for college admissions that might otherwise be closed.

### **WHITE TEAMS GOALS:**

- To field teams consistently competitive at the local and state level.

- To create opportunities for college scholarships or continued participation in soccer at the collegiate level.
- To create opportunities for college admissions that might otherwise be closed.

### **BLACK AND GOLD TEAMS GOALS:**

- To field teams consistently competitive at the local and state level.
- To create opportunities for continued participation in soccer at the collegiate level.
- To create opportunities for college admissions that might otherwise be closed by presenting a well-rounded profile of a scholar athlete.

## **8.0 TRAINING**

Every team shall be required to take part in the training program as set forth by the Technical Director of Coaching (TDOC). The training program shall revolve around specific age-appropriate curriculums as established by the TDOC. Each age group shall be assigned a minimum of one training night a week at Howison Park. Additional opportunities will be provided based on field availability. The TDOC may reassign fields at his discretion for the benefit of the program as a whole.

- All Red and White teams shall train at least two (but preferably three) times per week with an assigned coach/trainer(s) during the fall and spring seasons and at least once per week during the winter season.
- All Black teams shall train at least once (but preferably two) times per week with an assigned coach/trainer(s) during the fall and spring seasons and at least once per week during the winter season.

## **8.1 TRAINING SCHEDULE**

Below is an overview of the 2011 - 2012 Courage Select Program Schedule. This schedule is not final, is subject to change, and is not appropriate for all age levels. It is provided for general planning purposes.

Specific Courage Select yearly program schedules by age and level shall be developed by the TDOC and provided to the Select Administrator by August 8 for distribution to Select Teams by August 15 of a seasonal year.

The type of indoor training provided as part of dues may change annually. Details on what training is included for the coming year will be provided at the time of tryouts in June.

### **Weekly Training**

Weekly training sessions shall be conducted based on the level of play and the following season schedule:

- Fall Season (including Pre-Season) - August 1 to December 1
- Winter Season (including indoor) - December 1 to March 1

- Spring Season - March 1 to approximately mid-June except for those teams advancing to state or regional cup play.

The Courage Select Training Schedules shall be posted on the PWSI website before training begins. This schedule is tentative, subject to change, and not appropriate for all age levels.

## 9.0 TEAMS

The **Club** provides four levels of play (with Red highest, White moderate, followed by Black and Gold - lowest). The demands for both time and commitment increase as players graduate to higher level teams as noted in Section 6.0 under “Levels of Play”. The Select Commissioner in conjunction with the TDOC shall decide on the number of teams formed in a particular age group and the level at which each team shall play. This is largely dependent on the number of players who elect to participate in the June club-wide tryouts.

## 9.1 TEAM NAME

All teams shall play under the **Prince William Courage** name followed by the oldest birth year and the team level identifier. For example: the first 97/98 team shall be identified as the **Prince William Courage 97 Red**, the second 97/98 team shall be identified as the **Prince William Courage 97 White**, and the third 97/98 team shall be the **Prince William Courage 97 Black**.

## 9.2 TRYOUTS

**Club**-wide tryouts shall take place for all age groups, U-09 through U-19, during the first and second weeks of June for the following **Club** year. Teams are authorized to conduct additional tryouts beyond the **Club**-wide tryouts. All players must attend a minimum of one of the **Club**-wide tryouts, unless they have notified the Team Coach or TDOC in advance.

Tryout announcements and schedules will be posted on the PWSI website at least 60 days in advance (on or about April 1). The **Club** shall also advertise the tryouts in the following local newspapers (Washington Post Prince William Edition, Potomac News, Old Bridge Observer) 30 days in advance (on or about May 1).

Every player must register online through the PWSI web site in order to tryout. A returning player shall NOT be allowed to tryout if he or she is not registered or has outstanding debts to the **Club** or their team. The **Club's** TDOC and support training staff shall be responsible for conducting **Club**-wide tryouts.

If a player does not make his or her desired team and does not wish to play on the team which he or she was placed, the Team Coach must be notified within 24 hours of the offer.

If a player leaves the **Club** at any other time for any reason, voluntary or involuntary, a refund shall be considered (minus any incurred expenses) if the Select Administrator is

notified immediately, within 48 hours, of the separation. There is no guarantee of a refund as team costs are based upon the number of players on a roster at the beginning of a Club year.

### 9.3 TEAM FORMATION

The TDOC, along with the Courage Select coaching staff, shall be responsible for team formation and selection. They shall be responsible for ensuring that team selection is completed and posted in a timely manner (within 72 hours of last club-wide tryout session or the last regular season league game – whichever is later). Team selection for the Red team shall be conducted first, followed by the White team, the Black team, and finally, the Gold team. In all cases, the TDOC shall have the final say in regards to a team's roster.

### 9.4 TEAM COACHES

#### Selection

The **Club** works very hard to provide an excellent coaching staff to fulfill the **Club** goals and commitment to each player and family. Team Coaches shall be contracted and compensated by the **Club** based on past success, experience (both playing and coaching), and coaching credentials, including recognized international and national coaching licenses. Each coach's salary shall be negotiated by the TDOC on behalf of the **Club** prior to the beginning of each seasonal year. Team Coaches' contracts shall be signed before the June club-wide tryout period prior to the next seasonal year.

Any individual interested in being a Select Program Coach must apply to the Select Coaches Committee by the deadline of March 1. The application announcement for Select Coaches will be posted on the PWSI web site at least 30 days in advance (on or about February 1). The **Club** shall also advertise the Select Coach application process in the following local newspapers (Washington Post Prince William Edition, Potomac News, Old Bridge Observer) 30 days in advance of the deadline (in or about February 1). If there are no suitable candidates, the TDOC shall solicit applicants. All applications are submitted online via the PWSI web site.

The Technical Staff will review each application and interview prospective candidates immediately after the March 1 deadline. Interviews will be concluded and offers made no later than April 1. The Technical Staff will submit the coaching slate to the board for approval at the April board meeting. Applicants who have not been selected by the staff will receive notice in the mail prior to the announcement of the following years coaching slate.

#### Responsibilities

The Team Coach is responsible for developing all soccer players to their maximum potential, as specified in the Prince William Courage Select Mission Statement. More specifically, the Team Coaches' responsibilities include:

- Proper conduct

- Complete (through USYSA & VYSA) a disclosure statement for the VYSA Risk Management Committee for the Kids safe program. Team Coaches shall be required to attend a MANDATORY meeting regarding issues of risk management.
- Conduct individual player meetings and evaluations. Player Evaluation Forms, Appendix D, shall be issued at the end of the Fall and Spring seasons.
- Attend all scheduled Select Coaches meetings.
- Conduct mandatory training sessions during contracted months. Specifically, during the fall and spring, each coach should organize and run a minimum or two, preferably three, sessions a week (including league play and tournaments). During the winter months of December through February, coaches should conduct a minimum of one, preferably two, sessions a week (including indoor league play).
- For coaches of U-15 teams and older, participate in and lead the effort to market their players to college coaches. This involves preparing and maintaining a team and player summary information booklet, contacting college coaches on behalf of interested players, and enrolling the team in tournaments and friendly matches that expose the players to college coaches.

Failure to meet the responsibilities established by the **Club** could result in dismissal from the coaching responsibilities.

All coaches are requested and strongly urged to abide by our NIKE sponsorship agreement and dress accordingly and professionally.

## 9.5 TEAM MANAGER

Each team shall have a parent volunteer that shall act as Team Manager (TM), chosen by the Team Coach. The TM shall help coordinate any communication between the coach and the team, helps coordinate travel to tournaments, and helps collect player fees at the appropriate times. Team managers shall not be asked to coach the team, either at games or practices. Further, the TM's are not asked to solve issues that parents may have. The TM is purely a volunteer that has agreed to pass on information to the team. Parents and/or players should communicate to the TM in a timely manner. If parents or players have any questions about the team that are not administrative in nature, for example, what tournament the team is playing in, then that question should be directed to the coach. The Team Coach is responsible for making the decisions for the team.

Other responsibilities of the Team Manager are as follows:

- Prepare player cards, roster, registration packet for the appropriate league (please see your league's website for a team manager manual and more information on preparing registration packets, rosters, and player cards)
- Assist in information flow between players/parents and the Select Administrator on administrative matters such as uniform sizing and distribution, volunteering for PWSI tournaments, fees, tournament registration, etc.
- Recruit volunteers – Team Sportmanship Liason, tournament representative to assist with PWSI tournaments, treasurer, social coordinator, etc.

- Keep the Select Administrator informed as to roster changes (adds, drops, transfers) in a timely manner.
- Prepare a roster of player/parent contact information for the team
- Aid in team fundraising for extras or to help pay dues
- Assist with PWSI tournaments
- Plan team social events

The Team Manager can also open a bank account for the team fees at the bank of their choice. If the team would like to open an account at BB&T, the bank of the **Club**, please get in touch with the Select Administrator for more information.

## 9.6 DURATION OF TEAMS

Teams are selected in June for the following fall and spring seasons. These teams shall remain together throughout the seasonal year (August - June). However, as with the **Club's** player promotion program, players may be asked to train with, guest play, or join older or higher level teams during the year. For protocol purposes, the Team Coach of the player being requested to transfer must be informed by the higher level Team Coach prior to contact being made with the player and/or player's parents. A player cannot be taken off of a roster unless the player or parents request a release from the team. The higher level Team Coach shall notify the lower level Team Coach and make changes to the team roster as soon after the season ends as possible.

Since teams are picked in June for both the fall and spring seasons, a commitment by the team has been made to every player on that particular team for a year. As such, the **Club** requests all players make the same commitment to their team and teammates and remain on the team for the both fall and spring seasons.

## 9.7 AGE REQUIREMENTS

<b>U-19</b> - Players born 8/1/92 & younger	<b>U-13</b> - Players born 8/1/98 & younger
<b>U-18</b> - Players born 8/1/93 & younger	<b>U-12</b> - Players born 8/1/99 & younger
<b>U-17</b> - Players born 8/1/94 & younger	<b>U-11</b> - Players born 8/1/00 & younger
<b>U-16</b> - Players born 8/1/95 & younger	<b>U-10</b> - Players born 8/1/01 & younger
<b>U-15</b> - Players born 8/1/96 & younger	<b>U-09</b> - Players born 8/1/02 & younger
<b>U-14</b> - Players born 8/1/97 & younger	<b>U-08</b> - Players born 8/1/03 & younger

## 9.8 HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

There is a strong interest and support for our high school soccer programs in our community. Therefore, in an effort to accommodate our players' desires, the **Club** has adopted a very supportive position regarding high school soccer programs as demonstrated by the following policies.

For high school-aged teams having 8 or more players participating on a high school sponsored soccer team, no regular season or tournament games shall be played during the Virginia High School League (VHSL) season except on specific occasions of college exposure tournaments or Virginia State Cup games. In these instances, the

TDOC shall communicate the conflicts with the respective high school coaches. The season starts early in March and continues through the second week in May (when the regular season ends), or the state playoffs which occur the first weekend in June.

**Club** team training sessions shall be held only once per week during the high school soccer season.

Our training staff and Team Coaches are required to maintain a supportive attitude toward the high school soccer programs. It is the **Club's** general policy that during the season, the high school programs are given priority in the event of a conflict with the **Club** teams' program or schedule.

## 9.9 PRACTICE AND GAME ATTENDANCE

All players are expected to attend all practices and games. The **Club's** training sessions and games will take priority over other sports practices and games and other extracurricular activities. In the event a player must miss practice, the Team Coach must be notified prior to practice.

Players are expected to be on time and dressed in appropriate soccer attire. **EVERY PLAYER MUST WEAR SHINGUARDS WITHOUT EXCEPTION.** Players are also expected to bring a ball and water to practice.

## 9.10 GAMES

Players are expected to attend every game except in highly unusual circumstances. As with practices, players must notify the Team Coach if they will not be able to attend a game.

Times and locations for all matches shall be provided by the Team Coach. Players must be at the field, dressed, and ready to play at least 45 minutes prior to kick-off. **BE ON TIME!!!** Our competitive teams shall be scheduled to play mainly on **SUNDAY, although Saturday games are not uncommon.**

## 9.11 PLAYING TIME

Red players are not guaranteed a specified amount of playing time; however the philosophy of the **Club** is to develop strong, competitive players and teams. To this end, the Team Coaches and trainers shall make a conscious effort to see that all players are given a chance to compete, but the Team Coaches and trainers must be allowed to do what they believe to be best for the team with regard to substitution during games.

White and Black players are guaranteed at least 50% playing time, however playing time may decrease for any player that misses practices or games or for other conduct that is detrimental to the team.

## 9.12 TOURNAMENTS AND TRAVEL

Tournament play is an essential ingredient in developing quality teams. Tournament match play shall expose teams and players to the best competition from the region and around the country. Each team shall play in four tournaments throughout the seasonal year; two in the fall and two in the spring.

All **Club** teams are required to play in the **Club** sponsored PWSI Invitational Labor Day tournament in September (Toys for Tots) and PWSI's Icebreaker in March. Note: the **Club** tournaments fees are covered by the **Club** program's dues, and as such, each team must volunteer in order to ensure tournament success. A successful tournament generates funds for the **Club** which then reduces dues for the members of the **Club**.

Other tournaments shall be selected by a Select Coaches Round Table, chaired by the TDOC, which meets in April to plan for the next seasonal year. A simple majority is required for a tournament to be added or removed from the **Club** calendar. **When selecting tournaments, the Select Coaches Round Table shall support the Club Mission and Vision for PWSI to become a premier soccer Club and to continuously improve Club ranking (<http://www.nationalsoccerranking.com/>).** Once tournaments are selected all teams are required to attend the selected tournaments. In most cases, there will be more than one tournament on the schedule based on the team level within the **Club**. For example, the Red teams may attend one tournament while the White and Black teams attend another. Any request for exception must be communicated to the TDOC.

The following rules on tournaments apply to teams U-13 and older:

All Red Teams shall be required to attend a varying number (depending upon age) of out-of-town tournaments and special "friendly" matches to gain exposure to the best competition from throughout the USA.

The special "friendly" matches for older age group teams may involve, for example, a trip to a college or group of colleges to play that college's or local area's top teams.

All Red Teams are strongly encouraged to attend as many premier tournaments as possible to continue player development against high level competition and thereby gaining potential exposure for players that are interested in playing college soccer. All White Teams are encouraged to attend as many premier/competitive tournaments as possible as a way to enhance and broaden the team's soccer competitiveness and experience.

Attendance at tournaments by multiple **Club** teams is encouraged as a means of promoting unity, friendship, and camaraderie as well as establishing a **Club** presence and elevating **Club** name recognition.

During tournament travel, the **Club** believes that team rooms and team meals are an essential part of a quality program. Team living experiences maintain and develop:

- Team spirit and unity
- Competitive focus, concentration, and sense of purpose

- Personal growth through increased independence and responsibility
- Proper eating habits during competition

The Team Coach and several parents act as chaperones and supervise players in the hotel, during meals, at games, and during personal time.

Player transportation and hotel expenses are normally reduced by 2/3 when teams travel and room together.

### 9.13 COACH'S TRAVEL EXPENSE POLICY

All PWSI Select Coaches will be responsible for their respective travel expenses within the boundaries of the respective league of the team: VCCL/WAGS/NCSL/ODSL. This includes league and tournament games. All PWSI teams will be responsible for the coaches' travel expenses for soccer tournaments out of the area of league play. The area of league play is defined as 65 miles (the distance from Woodbridge to Baltimore). For any tournament of a distance of more than 65 miles from Woodbridge, the team will be responsible for the following expenses for the coach (regardless of whether or not the team chooses to stay overnight):

- Meals at \$25 per night stay (ex. Friday and Saturday night stay = \$50)
- Hotel
- Mileage of \$.51 per mile (IRS mileage rate for 2011) or cost of alternate transportation (bus, plane, train)
- All other travel expenses incurred will be paid by the coach.

### 9.14 TEAM SPONSORSHIP/DONATIONS

The **Club** encourages teams to solicit sponsorships and donations to defray the cost of the fees, for travel or tournament fees, team parties, or to purchase optional team gear. Be advised that corporate logos are not allowed on **Club** uniforms or other team gear. **Teams are not allowed to duplicate the Club logo on any item, for fundraising purposes or any other reason.** If your team would like to use the PWSI Courage logo, contact the Operations Manager to explore this option.

All sponsorship or donation checks should go directly to PWSI (made payable to PWSI) as a tax exempt corporation with 90% of all sponsorships and donations forwarded to the appropriate team. The **Club** will make a donation to the team to help pay for team expenses.

There are currently two fundraising efforts coordinated through **Club** staff to benefit the member players and teams:

- Scrip – by purchasing gift cards to your favorite retailers in advance, a player's family can earn a percentage of these sales as a credit to annual dues. Please speak with the Select Administrator for more information on this program.
- Advertisements in our Tournament Programs – by selling advertisements in our tournament programs, a player can earn a percentage of the sales price as a

credit towards dues. Please contact the Operations Manager for more information on this program.

If your team needs additional fundraising ideas or would like to discuss other opportunities, please get in touch with the Select Administrator.

**9.15 GUEST PLAYER POLICY**

Guest players are considered part of our **Club** when participating at tournaments with our teams and must adhere to all PWSI rules and policies. All **Club** guest players must pay their respective entry fees for tournaments and travel expenses. Guest players must also pay the PWSI Recreational Program registration fee if they are not already registered with the **Club**. If the guest player is added to a Courage team, the Recreational registration fee can be applied to **Club** annual dues. If the player is not offered a place on a Courage team, the Recreational registration fee will be returned to the player or team that paid the fee after the event and the card is returned. If the guest player is registered with another club, the player should get a guest player pass from their respective club.

**9.16 INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

Every effort is made to hold practices and games as scheduled. In the event of inclement weather, the Prince William County Park Authority dictates field closures.

**9.17 WEEKDAY FIELD CLOSURES**

The Prince William Park Authority makes decisions regarding field closures at 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The website will be updated after 3 p.m. accordingly.

**9.18 GAME DAY FIELD CLOSURES**

On Saturday and Sunday morning, the Prince William County Park Authority makes field decisions at 7:00am. The web site will be updated to reflect whether the fields are open or closed. Note: The announcements on the Park Authority line may state that they will re-evaluate the fields at noon. If the fields are closed at 7:00am and the Park Authority reevaluates and opens the fields at 12:00pm on Saturday and Sunday we will stay with the announcement they make at 7:00am. If the fields are open at 7:00am we will play the games but will listen to the updated announcement at 12:00pm and if the Park Authority closes the fields at 12:00pm then we will stop the games going on and cancel the games after noon.

**9.19 PARK AUTHORITY FIELD CLOSURE HOTLINE**

For the latest closure information, please call the Prince William Park Authority Hotline at 703-792-followed by the number listed below.

Ext.	Service Area	Park Sites	School Sites
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3283	Independent Hill	Howison, Leitch	Ashland
3291	Stadium	Chinn	Antietam, Enterprise, King, Lake Ridge ES, Lake Ridge MS, Springwoods, Westridge
3284	Southeast	Neabsco	Henderson, Leesylvania, Montclair, Pattie, Graham Park MS
3286	Dale City/Lake Ridge	Cloverdale, Vepco	Enterprise, King, Beville MS, Godwin MS,
3285	Woodbridge	Tyrell/Veteran's Park	Occoquan, Potomac View, Vaughn, Fred Lynn MS, Rippon MS, Woodbridge MS

## 10.0 ROLE OF THE PARENT

To have a successful program, there must be understanding and cooperation among parents, players, and coaches. Your child's progress will depend to a great extent on this triangular relationship. With this in mind, the **Club** asks you to consider this section a crucial part in the success of the program. A full description of the Role of the Parent and Player is included as Appendix A.

Please support our TDOC, Director of Developmental Programs (DDP), their staff, Team Coaches, and trainers. A player develops when he or she trusts the coaches. A coach's job is to motivate, teach, and constructively criticize each player's performance. Please recognize that our Team Coaches and trainers use their experience to best develop each player. Your child will probably try many different positions throughout his or her career.

Parents are welcome at all games. They are asked, however, to participate as a spectator and avoid directing, instructing, or coaching from the sidelines. In addition, parents are asked to refrain from criticizing the calls and performance of the referee or the performance of the players on either team. The players and their coaches need parents and spectators to be supportive. Please cheer and applaud good performance and offer encouragement when the team is taking its knocks. Let the trainers and Team Coaches run the team. Attempting to coach your child from the sideline is distracting and counterproductive.

When allowed, per league or tournament play, the **Club** recommends parents sit directly across from **Club** teams between the Center and 18-yard lines. Issues with opposing team parents or spectators shall be brought to the attention of the Team Sportsmanship Liaison (TSL).

Parents are asked to refrain from approaching the field and remain off of the field at all times while practice is in progress. See Appendix E for additional rules pertaining to the turf fields at Howison Park.

Communicate through your Team Coach. Remember that there is a time and place for everything. If you need information or wish to ask questions concerning team management or coaching decision, first contact your coach, then the Technical Staff if the issue is not resolved. Concerns and criticisms are welcome, but should be shared with the Team Coach and/or trainer(s) privately, away from training sessions, games, and other **Club** players and parents. If you need further assistance please call the TDOC or the Select Commissioner.

We would ask parents to respect the “24 hour rule”. While in the heat of the moment, emotions run high and immediate communication with a coach may be counterproductive for all involved. We would recommend that you wait 24 hours before approaching the coach regarding the issue at hand to allow emotions to settle.

## 11.0 ANNUAL CLUB FEES

PWSI is a membership organization and dues are similar to tuition. Dues are not optional. If a player is unable to attend a tournament or train for any reason including illness or injuries, except as noted below, no refund is due. No adjustment or reduction in **Club** dues is allowed. Players who suffer a serious injury lasting more than three months, however, may submit a request to the PWSI Board of Directors for release of payment of dues for that period.

Each player registering to a PWSI Courage team assumes a two-part financial obligation: payment of **Club** dues and payment of team account fees. **Club** dues are detailed below. Team account fees are any fees dictated by the team and coach for activities not included in **Club** dues.

The **Club** fee structure is dependent on two factors; age and level. Fees for the U-09 - U-18 level fees are identified in Section 10.1 and paid directly to the **Club**.

Fees 93 Red girls team players are different in that a coach’s fees are negotiated by the team’s parents with the Select Team Coach and may vary. These fees for the coach are in addition to the other associated fees identified in Section 11.1.

PWSI shall provide a player scholarship fund. This fund shall provide financial support to players who may need such assistance to play in the Courage Select Program. Detailed information is provided in Section 11.6 with the Scholarship Application in Appendix C.

## 11.1 TOTAL ANNUAL FEE FOR CLUB DUES

Age	Red	White	Black/Gold
U-09 – U-10	\$1200	\$1200	\$1100

<b>U11 – U12</b>	<b>\$1200</b>	<b>\$1100</b>	<b>\$1100</b>
<b>U-13 – U-15</b>	<b>\$1250</b>	<b>\$1125</b>	<b>\$1125</b>
<b>U16 – U17 Club</b>	<b>\$1350</b>	<b>\$1150</b>	<b>\$1150</b>
<b>U18 Non club</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$400</b>

## 11.2 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The **Club** collects annual dues for the Select program. The first payment on July 1 is a Commitment Fee and is nonrefundable and non-transferrable at any date. This fee is required upon signing the Commitment Paperwork (see Appendix F). Placement on a roster is not complete until the Commitment Paperwork and \$300 Commitment Fee are received by the **Club**.

The balance of dues will be divided into three equal installments due on September 1, November 1, and February 1. The payment schedule is as follows:

	1-Jul	1-Sept	1-Nov	1-Feb
U9-U10 (Youth) Red/White	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
U9-U10 (Youth) Black	\$300	\$266.66	\$266.66	\$266.68
U11 – U12 (Youth) Red	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
U11 – U12 (Youth) B/W	\$300	\$266.67	\$266.67	\$266.67
U13-U15 (Junior) Red	\$300	\$316.66	\$316.66	\$316.68
U13-U15 (Junior) W/B	\$300	\$275	\$275	\$275
U16-U17 (Senior) Club Red (95GG)	\$300	\$350	\$350	\$350
U16-U17 (Senior) Club White	\$300	\$283.33	\$283.33	\$283.34
U18 (Senior) Non Club	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0

Statements on annual dues will be emailed about two weeks before the deadline for each payment. Fees are paid directly to the clubhouse through QuickBooks, our accounting software. Parents can also set up a recurring payment plan by completing a Payment Authorization form as found in Appendix G. These automatic payments will be processed on the deadlines stated above or monthly as outlined in the Payment Authorization form.

Parents wishing to pay by check can drop it at the clubhouse or send it through the mail. Checks should be made payable to PWSI and mailed to PWSI Courage Select Administrator, 14716 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193. Include the players name and the team name in the memo portion of the check, i.e., **Courage 97 Red**.

Payments are considered late if they are not received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month in which they are due and a \$25 late fee will be added to your account. Checks returned for insufficient funds or a declined credit card payment will be charged a \$50 fee as established by the policy of the Club's bank – BB&T.

Overpayments will be credited to the annual dues for the next seasonal year. If a player does not return for the next seasonal year, refunds will be processed at that time.

Failure to pay player dues within thirty (30) days of the dues payment due date will invoke a “no pay, no play” suspension. Players will be ineligible to participate in PWSI team practices, games, and tournaments until payment is received. We realize that emergencies may arise that may result in a financial strain on the family, and in order to keep the player from being ineligible, the **Club** will work with the family if notified promptly.

Any player account with a payment thirty (30) days overdue and no prior arrangements with the **Club** will also be turned over to a collection agency.

Players can also pay a monthly fee for dues rather than quarterly by completing the payment form in Appendix G.

### **11.3 DUES BREAKDOWNS FOR U9 – U18 Club Teams:**

#### **RED DUES INCLUDE:**

- 4 – 10 Tournaments per year:
  - Youth: 2 PWSI/2 Premier
  - Junior: 2 PWSI/3 Premier
  - Senior Club: 2 PWSI/8 Premier
- League Play (NCSL/WAGS) and Insurance
- Training Uniform and Equipment: 1 pair NIKE shorts and socks, training jersey, and Total 90 soccer ball
- Training fees – 2 to 3 training sessions per week
- Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) fees
- Club Fees (Registration and Administration Costs)
- Coaches fees
- Field Rental - game and training
- Virginia State Cup
- Prince William County Park Authority Fees

#### **WHITE DUES INCLUDE:**

- 4 - 7 Tournaments per year:
  - Youth: 2 PWSI/2 Away
  - Junior: 2 PWSI/3 Away
  - Senior Club: 2 PWSI/5 Away
- League Play (NCSL/WAGS) and Insurance
- Training Uniform and Equipment: 1 pair NIKE shorts and socks, training jersey, and Total 90 soccer ball
- Training fees - 2 training sessions per week
- Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) fees
- Club Fees (Registration and Administration Costs)
- Coaches fees

- Field Rental - game and training
- Prince William County Park Authority Fees

**BLACK DUES INCLUDE:**

- 4 – 7 Tournaments per year:
  - Youth: 2 PWSI/2 Away
  - Junior: 2 PWSI/3 Away
  - Senior Club: 2 PWSI/5 Away
- League Play (ODSL) and Insurance
- Training Uniform and Equipment: 1 pair NIKE shorts and socks, training jersey, and Total 90 soccer ball
- Training fees - 2 training sessions per week
- Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) fees
- Club Fees (Registration and Administration Costs)
- Coaches fees
- Field Rental - game and training
- Prince William County Park Authority Fees

**11.4 DUES BREAKDOWN FOR U18 Non-Club Teams:**

**RED DUES INCLUDE:**

- 2 PWSI Tournaments per year
- League Play (NCSL/WAGS) and Insurance for the Fall season only
- Training fees – 2 to 3 training sessions per week
- Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) fees
- Club Fees (Registration and Administration Costs)
- Field Rental - game and training
- Prince William County Park Authority Fees
- College Services (online player profiles and college seminar)

**WHITE DUES INCLUDE:**

- 2 PWSI Tournaments per year
- League Play (NCSL/WAGS) and Insurance for the Fall season only
- Training fees - 2 training sessions per week
- Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) fees
- Club Fees (Registration and Administration Costs)
- Field Rental - game and training
- Prince William County Park Authority Fees
- College Services (online player profiles and college seminar)

**BLACK DUES INCLUDE:**

- 2 PWSI Tournaments per year
- League Play (ODSL) and Insurance for the Fall season only
- Training fees - 2 training sessions per week

- Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) fees
- Club Fees (Registration and Administration Costs)
- Field Rental - game and training
- Prince William County Park Authority Fees
- College Services (online player profiles and college seminar)

**Note:** In case of Tournament rainouts/cancellations, the **Club** shall apply any returned monies against future tournaments/friendlies. The **Club** cannot guarantee a replacement tournament equivalent to one that is rained out/cancelled.

### 11.5 TOURNAMENTS INCLUDED IN DUES

U9-U12	T1	T2	T3	T4	
Red	VA Beach Columbus Day/WAGS	PWSI Toys for Tots	PWSI Icebreaker	Choice	
White	VA Beach Columbus Day/WAGS	PWSI Toys for Tots	PWSI Icebreaker	Choice	
Black/ Gold	VA Beach Columbus Day/WAGS	PWSI Toys for Tots	PWSI Icebreaker	Choice	
U13-U15	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5
Red	VA Beach Columbus Day/WAGS	PWSI Toys for Tots	Arlington Cup	PWSI Icebreaker	Choice
White	VA Beach Columbus Day/WAGS	PWSI Toys for Tots	Arlington Cup	PWSI Icebreaker	Choice
Black	VA Beach Columbus Day/WAGS	PWSI Toys for Tots	Arlington Cup	PWSI Icebreaker	Choice

U16 - U17 CLUB TEAMS	
Red	White
August Cup	August Cup
Discovery Cup	Discovery Cup
Bethesda	Bethesda
Triangle Friendlies	Arlington Spring Invitational
VA Legacy Presidents Day	Stafford
Arlington Spring Invitational	
Jefferson Cup	
FC Delco (girls teams and white boys teams)/ SAC for boys red teams	

### 11.6 ATLANTIC SOCCER LEAGUE

The Courage Select Program is proud to announce that we have joined a new organization called the Atlantic Soccer League (ASL) with our U14 – U18 Red boys' teams. The mission of the ASL is to provide non US Soccer Development Academy clubs in the East coast region a high quality boys' league in a showcase format that has significant games, limits expenses, and provides a platform for collegiate recruiting.

How will the league work? Teams will play in events with guaranteed acceptance including the Bethesda Tournament, Triangle Friendlies, SAC Memorial Day Tournament, and an ASL Showcase/Championship. Three games from each event will be counted in league records and awards will be presented at the end of the season. These events will provide our players with events that maximize college exposure and continue development. The ASL aims to have these events be ones that college coaches don't want to miss. In addition to the college coaches that may be in attendance, players will also be scouted by league representatives during each event for an All ASL event team.

How will the league affect Courage dues for these teams? We are happy to report that participation in the ASL will not change Select dues. In fact, families will save money by participating in events closer to home that do not require overnight stays.

We feel fortunate to be one of the inaugural eight clubs in the league and look forward to the increased competition and opportunities that will be afforded to our teams and players through the ASL.

## 11.7 VCCL

We are proud to announce that we will be participating in the VCCL, a new state-wide league in Virginia called the Virginia Club Champions League, beginning in the 2011-12 year with our U9 and U10 teams as well as our U11 – U14 Red teams. The full press release can be found in Appendix I.

## 11.8 REFUND POLICY

If a player chooses to leave a team midyear, the player will owe all dues payments collected through the date that they notified the clubhouse as to the plans to leave. Players may leave the **Club** and/or transfer in accordance with VYSA rules. In all cases when a player leaves the **Club** prior to the end of the season, a checkout procedure with the Team Manager must be followed. The **Club** will consider, but not guarantee a refund of **Club** dues. Refunds will not be made upon the basis of playing time; a change in coaching; opposing views with coaching decisions; discord between player, parent, or coach; or alleged mistreatment of a player by a coach. A player is in good standing if he or she has met all financial obligations with the **Club** and the Team.

Refunds will be considered only if a player is leaving because either the family has moved out of the geographical area or the player has suffered a season ending injury on or before September 30. The first payment is considered a registration fee or Commitment Fee and will not be refunded at any point in time. Refunds will be made

based on the amount of additional payments made after the first and the period of time that the player was a player on a **Club** team.

## **11.9 SCHOLARSHIP POLICY**

Prince William Soccer, Inc. (PWSI) provides for a need-based player scholarship program for Courage Select players. The scholarships provide financial assistance to players who may not have the opportunity to play with the Courage Select program without this support. Scholarships are available to both male and female players in the U9 to U19 age groups.

### **Funding**

The scholarship program shall be financed through various fundraising events specifically designated as supporting scholarships. PWSI shall maintain a Fundraising Committee to coordinate these efforts. If these sources are not sufficient to meet 100% of the scholarship needs of the Courage Select program, the necessary additional funds shall be allocated through general funds.

### **Scholarship Committee**

PWSI shall maintain a Scholarship Committee to administer the financial assistance program or “scholarship program”. The Scholarship Committee shall be convened annually in June, and shall include the Executive Director, the current Treasurer of PWSI, the Select Administrator, one Coach, and the Select At Large Board Member. The Scholarship Committee shall review all applications and determine amounts of assistance (if any) that will be awarded to each applicant within 30 days of application deadline.

*All actions of the Scholarship Committee are confidential. Any breach of confidentiality shall result in termination of committee members' participation in confidential PWSI matters, such as personnel assessment, compensation, or financial assistance of any kind. A breach of confidentiality has occurred if specific details of any financial assistance application or award (such as name or amount of award) have been communicated by any party other than PWSI employees.*

### **Accounting**

PWSI shall maintain separate line-item accounting entries in its financial statements for scholarship fund disbursements and receipts. Such accounting shall be reviewed by the GM as part of the financial report.

### **Scholarship Criteria**

Scholarships will be awarded based on qualification criteria set annually by the Scholarship Committee. These criteria will generally track published Federal poverty guidelines based on gross monthly income and family size and may include other criteria as determined by the Committee. Scholarship awards will be determined by the applicant's level of qualification, the total number of qualified applications, and the amount of funds available for scholarships.

### **Scholarship Awards and Co-Payments**

Scholarship awards will be applied towards the dues for the upcoming year. Awards will

cover a portion of the player's Annual Dues, with the remainder to be paid by player's family (co-payment). This amount will be communicated in writing to the applicant. The player's co-payment will be divided into three equal payments due on the regular club schedule of payments listed on the financial agreement (\$150 application fee will be considered July 1 payment, with the remaining payments on the regular payment schedule outlined earlier.)

### **Late Co-Payments**

Per the PWSI Courage Select Manual, payments are considered late if they are not received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month in which they are due and a \$25 late fee will be added to your account. Checks returned for insufficient funds or a declined credit card payment will be charged a \$50 fee per the policy of BB&T bank. Scholarship Players who are over 10 days late twice during the 2011-2012 season will forfeit the scholarship award and will be required to pay the regular dues payments in order to continue with the team.

### **Application Process**

Scholarship application forms will be available upon request from the Select Administrator. Completed applications, along with all supporting documentation, a \$150 application fee (to be credited to dues), and an essay for all applicants in the U14 to U18 age groups (as detailed below) should be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Select Administrator prior to July 1, 2011.

An essay for each applicant in the U14 to U18 age groups is required with the application in order for it to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. This one page essay should discuss the benefits the applicant would acquire from receiving this scholarship.

If the scholarship application is denied, an additional \$150 to complete the \$300 nonrefundable, nontransferable registration fee must be paid within 15 days of the notification. All decisions of the Scholarship Committee will be communicated in writing to the applicant. The applicant will then owe regular dues payment amounts on the remaining regular dues payment dates in order to remain on the team.

Anyone who was deemed delinquent by missing two payments in a scholarship award year will not be eligible for a scholarship the following season.

### **Eligibility**

All applicants and their parents/guardians must sign the PWSI Scholarship Application in order for the application to be considered. This agreement states that the recipient and their family agree to participate in fundraising, training, games, and other regular team activities.

Recipient's families may be requested to volunteer for service to PWSI, such as working on the Board, in the clubhouse, or at PWSI event or tournament. We also recommend that all scholarship recipients seek a referee license so that they can earn funds for soccer expenses by refereeing games. Please see [www.pwsra.org](http://www.pwsra.org) for more information on obtaining a referee license.

Each Player U14 – U18 who is awarded a scholarship will be required to work 10 volunteer hours for PWSI. These volunteer hours will be administered by the clubhouse staff.

### **Grievance Procedure**

When parents or scholarship recipients do not abide by the Scholarship Agreement, the PWSI grievance procedure shall be followed as detailed in the PWSI bylaws.

### **Application**

The PWSI Scholarship Application can be found in Appendix C.

## **11.9 PARTIAL YEAR DUES POLICY**

If a player joins a team a team before September 30, the player is responsible for the full amount of annual dues. If a player joins a Courage team in the middle of the year (November – February), the player will be responsible for half of the annual dues for the year. The player will receive the uniform items that his/her team received that year and will be responsible for the cost of any additional uniform items required. A payment schedule should be arranged with the Select Administrator. If a player joins at any other point during the year, the payment amount and schedule should be worked out with the Select Administrator.

## **12.0 UNIFORMS**

The **Club** has adopted the following uniform policy: All competitive players must have a **Club**-approved primary uniform and a **Club**-approved alternate uniform. The **Club** has entered into a multi-year partnership with NIKE to have PWSI teams wear NIKE uniforms during all sanctioned matches. **Club** teams are required to wear the appropriate NIKE game uniforms as selected for that year during league, tournament, and State Cup play. In return, NIKE supports our **Club** in a number of areas, including our tournaments, which generate revenue for our **Club**. Optional items: NIKE bags, backpacks, warm-ups, and other gear will be in stock at Ewing Sports (<http://www.ewingsportssoccer.com>) at team prices. Players in a non-warmup year are not required to buy these optional items; however, if you are going to carry bags or wear a warm-up you must wear **Club** gear.

### **12.1 UNIFORM MODIFICATION POLICY**

There will be no modification to the Club's NIKE practice uniform, game uniforms, warm-ups or backpacks. Club-wide standardization is required for uniformity. The exception to this rule will apply on a team by team basis only, not individual. All modifications must be approved by the Club staff. Examples include:

- Backpack embroidery with uniform and initials only
- Warmup embroidery with number only
- Training jersey numbering

Team Managers can contact All Star Sports at (703) 490-0337 for ordering and pricing information on embroidery and numbering.

## 12.2 UNIFORM ORDERING SCHEDULE

The players will receive uniforms on this schedule as a part of annual dues:

Boys teams will receive game uniforms every two years in even years (ex. 2010, 2012). The current uniforms for boys teams include:

- Laser Kit: 2 Jerseys/shorts (white & red); 2 pairs of socks (white & red)
- U9 Boys in a Game Uniform year will receive uniform set plus Nike sweatshirt hoodie (as they are new to the program and would not have received a warmup set previously)
- U9 Boys in a non-Game Uniform year will receive a club owned jersey which must be returned at the end of the year (or the player will be charged \$25) as well as shorts and socks which will be kept by the player.
- Any player U-10 and older who joins the club in a non-Game uniform year must pay a uniform fee of \$150 in addition to the annual dues prior to receiving the uniform

Boys teams will receive warmup gear every two years in odd years (ex. 2011, 2013). Current warmup gear for boys includes:

- Training Top in Gray, Classic Pants in Black, Long Sleeved T-shirt, Nutmeg backpack in black.
- Players who join the Club in a non-Warmup year can purchase the current Warmup gear at their own expense through Ewing Sports.

Girls teams will receive game uniforms every two years in odd years (ex. 2011, 2013). The current uniform for girls teams include:

- Laser Jerseys (white with red stripes, black with white stripes), Laser Shorts (red and black), Red and Black Socks
- U9 Girls in a Game Uniform year will receive uniform set plus Nike sweatshirt hoodie (as they are new to the program and would not have received a warmup set previously).
- U9 Girls in a non-Game Uniform year will receive a club owned jersey which must be returned at the end of the year (or the player will be charged \$25) as well as shorts and socks which will be kept by players
- Any player U-10 and older who joins the club in a non-Game uniform year must pay a uniform fee of \$150 in addition to the Annual Dues prior to receiving the uniform

Girls teams will receive warmup gear every two years in even years (ex. 2008, 2010). Current warmup gear for girls includes:

- Mystify Women's Jacket in scarlet and Mystic II Pants in Black, Women's Performance long sleeve t-shirt in scarlet, Nike Nutmeg backpack in black.
- Players who join the Club in a non-Warmup year can purchase the current Warmup gear at their own expense through Ewing Sports.

All Courage Select Players U-9 through U-18 on club teams will receive a training uniform to be worn at all training sessions which includes jersey, shorts, and socks. These training jerseys can be numbered to use as an third alternate jersey at All Star Sports. Team Managers should contact the Select Administrator for more information.

It is imperative that parents label ALL items with the player's name in the event items are misplaced to facilitate their return. All players should bring both uniforms to all games in the event that there is a color conflict and the team must change uniforms.

### **12.3 ADDITIONAL UNIFORM PIECES**

To order additional pieces of the Courage uniform kit, please contact Ewing Sports at (800)579-3636.

### **13.0 TEAM WEB PAGES**

Each team will be provided with a team webpage to post information pertinent to the individual team such as practice, game, and tournament schedules, accomplishments, team happenings, etc. Team pages may be found under the Select tab on the **Club's** main webpage. Team pages on the PWSI website are the official team pages and the only ones allowed. Other than schedules and standings, no other outside links are allowed from the pages. Discretion should be used in providing personally identifiable information. For players through the U14 year, only first name, last initial, and jersey number are allowed. Respect the privacy of any player not wanting to be included on the webpage. The Team Manager will notify the PWSI Clubhouse of the team's webpage coordinator who will be set up with a user name and password. Only one webpage coordinator is allowed per team. The **Club** retains the right to edit team webpages as necessary.

### **14.0 PROFESSIONAL TRAINING STAFF**

The **Clubs** professional training staff consists of the TDOC and the DDP. The TDOC is responsible for identifying **Club** training requirements and obtaining age-appropriate licensed trainers as required. The TDOC shall be supported in these duties by the DDP and other **Club** staff as appropriate.

### **15.0 RULES AND DISCIPLINE**

All Courage Select Soccer teams, players, team officials, spectators, and officials are expected to conduct themselves at all times in accordance with the highest standards of good sportsmanship and the **Club** Codes of Conduct, Northern Virginia Soccer League rules, VYSA and USYSA rules, and the Laws of the Game. These disciplinary rules and procedures apply to all Courage Select Soccer players, players' parents or guardians, spectators, coaches, referees, team officials, and officials.

Parents and players are required to read the Player's & Parent's Manual provided as Appendix A, and sign the Parent/Player Conduct Agreement Contract in Appendix B.

When infractions of the code of conduct occur the appropriate team TSL is responsible for recording all required information and entering this information on the PWSI web site (<http://fs19.formsite.com/pwsi/form211981802/index.html>). At that time PWSI procedures take effect. Please see Appendix B for an overview of PWSI disciplinary procedures.

## **16.0 SAFETY REMINDERS**

Your child is your responsibility when you arrive at the field until the Coach or Trainer begins the session and again when the session is over. Please be prompt on both ends. Make note that tournaments require additional responsibilities. Establish the buddy system with your child when traveling and using restrooms at games and training. This pertains more to the U9-U14 age group.

Become familiar with your team's players and parents, the Club's Coaches and staff, and the office staff. Make note of poor field conditions and report any dangerous field conditions to the Clubhouse, including away fields.

Parents and chaperones are responsible for their respective players when traveling.

Be aware of your surroundings. Do not become complacent. Adhere to the inclement weather policy. Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate.

We cannot stress enough the importance of ensuring that every goal is securely fastened into the ground or weighted with sandbags at each and every practice, game, and training session. We would recommend that each team assign someone to check the goals each time the team meets.

## **17.0 INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Insurance coverage is provided through registration with the Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) and the league in which the team is registered. Please see the VYSA website and your leagues' website for more information.

## **18.0 REVISION UPDATES**

All sections reviewed and revised on May 16, 2011.

**APPENDIX A**  
**Courage Select**  
**Parent's & Player's Guidelines**

**Parental Expectations**

It is vital that each parent have a clear indication of how the **Club** views the role of the parent. Far be it from the **Club** to ever tell a parent how to “be a parent.” However, we are asking that when a child is brought to Prince William Soccer Inc., that you trust us to make the child a better person as a direct result from PWSI coaching and the PWSI environment. We, as coaches and managers, are looking for your trust. We are the best placed people to make decisions for your child in terms of playing soccer. This ‘unofficial rule’ is paramount in the operation of the **Club**. If there is a lack of trust in this matter, then you should not be sending your child to play for PWSI. The boys and girls at training time and match play are subject to the coach’s authority, since we (the coaches) will be providing the information to best serve the player and team.

Within this framework there may be disagreement and confusion among players and parents. In these cases, players are asked to approach coaches in an attempt to resolve any issues. Although this may be hard for a player, we feel adopting this policy only serves to help individuals mature. The situation, of course, is different for the younger members of the **Club**. In situations where the player is too young to deal with an issue and it is necessary for a parent to meet with a coach, we ask that parents follow these guidelines. If a parent has questions for a coach, please:

- Call them or make an appointment to meet. Please remember that most coaches work for PWSI on a part time basis, and therefore, spend most of their time on their individual careers. However they do realize that part of their job with PWSI is to communicate effectively with parents if situations arise, and they are prepared to do this.
- If you have something to say to the coach, please make sure your comments get to the coach. Do not voice your opinions on the sidelines. The **Club** will not tolerate complaining and degrading on the sideline. Any parent who is persistent in these actions will be asked to leave the **Club**.
- If you have a question regarding something that has happened during a game, please allow 24 hours after the game before you decide to approach the coach. This cooling off period will serve to ensure all sides are better able to look at the situation objectively.
- If, after meeting with a coach, an issue is not resolved, then the TDOC should be involved in an attempt to assist to resolving the situation.

The **Club** understands the underlying subjectivity of soccer, and therefore, differing opinions are sometimes expected. Players will be expected to follow the coaching expertise of the coach. The following are guidelines that parents are asked to follow and adhere to when watching their son or daughter in games or practice.

- Parents should not make degrading remarks to or about referees.

- Parents should not make any degrading remarks to players on a PWSI team or their opponent. Gracious cooperation with other clubs, guests, and opponents is expected.
- Do not time the amount of minutes players are on the field. Rather, applaud all good play, not just the play of your child. If you feel a player should have been more involved in the game, speak to the coach, after following the guidelines outlined earlier.
- Encourage players, especially older players, to approach the coach on their own to ask any questions that they may have.
- During practice times, keep your distance from the playing area and do not interfere with the session. Parents should be a spectator from afar, leaving space for the players to train and the coaches to do their jobs.
- Parents that like to coach from the sidelines are often coaches themselves. Naturally, they want to offer advice in ways to help the player or the team. However these parents must realize that, although they are coaches, they are not the coaches of this particular PWSI team. The PWSI coach may have different instructions or a system that only the players understand. So please, leave the coaching to the coaches.
- Parents need to remember playing time is vital for players' development. Each coach pledges to use all of the players on his/her team in a way that gives players experience on the field and helps the team to successfully function.
- For a player to develop and the team to be successful, parents must understand that all practices and games are mandatory. Understandably, conflicts sometimes do arise; however, it is frustrating for coaches when a player is continuously absent. If absences are frequent, the PWSI coach has the right to remove that player from the roster.
- Any sort of verbal abuse made by a parent toward a coach, player, or referee will not be tolerated under any circumstances. This type of action clearly shows a lack of responsibility from the parent, and a lack of respect for the **Club**. If this instance occurs, the individuals will be asked to leave the **Club**.

In closing, it must be said that PWSI considers itself very fortunate to be surrounded with talented players and supportive parents in the organization. We are thankful for the many parents who have helped PWSI become the success it is. To date, the **Club** has not had many occasions when it was forced to ask a player or family to leave. We are continually praised in league and tournament play for the way in which parents conduct themselves. The **Club** asks all of its parents to continue in their support, deal with issues in the correct manner, and feel comfortable that their son or daughter is receiving a valued experience in Prince William Soccer Inc.

## **Player Expectations**

All coaches in Prince William Soccer Inc. are involved with the **Club** quite simply because they have a passion for soccer and love to coach. Having an opportunity to coach the game and see it played properly is something that appeals to all coaches. All the coaches have played soccer to varying degrees. Most have played in college, some have won championships, some have All American honors, and some have played professionally. All the coaches are required to have a coaching license either with the USSF or with the soccer federation from the country from which they originate or with the NSCAA coaching schools. Even though the coaches have lots of playing and coaching experience, each coach feels very fortunate that we have the opportunity to coach for Prince William Soccer Inc. They do

not feel that they are above PWSI or too good for PWSI; they consider themselves servants of the **Club**. They are dedicated to making each player a better player. There will be no other **Club** in the country that cares about a player's soccer development more than Prince William Soccer, Inc. Please note the following in order to help you enjoy playing for PWSI and to get the most out of your experience.

- You should all remember and constantly remind yourself that you are fortunate to have parents that are prepared to do whatever it takes to let you play soccer. For instance, schedules at home have to be managed and changed, since often siblings require transportation to soccer and other events. There is much time and expense involved in getting you to games, practices, and tournaments. Be sure to thank your parents often for giving you the opportunity to play.
- Practice is essential to your development. You must be prepared to work hard all of the time at each practice, and do your best to be on time. Take pride in your equipment; brush your boots off if they are covered in mud, rather than throwing them in your bag and leaving them until the next practice. Make sure your ball is adequately pumped up, and remember to have the correct practice gear, including jersey, shorts, and socks for training.
- The coaches are there to help you. If you don't understand something the coach does or says, don't be afraid to ask the coach to explain again.
- Indoor practice time, when held, is perhaps the most important part of your development, simply because you are playing in a smaller environment with more touches and a consistent roll and bounce on the ball. Try to be at as many of these practices as possible. Use the time to work on your ball skills and control. Watch soccer on TV. There are many televised games from the U.S., South America, and Europe. You should make the time to watch these games and see how the game is played at the highest level. Pick out a favorite player from the MLS and from abroad. Watch these players and try to emulate them.
- The most important item that you should focus on is school and your studies. No matter how talented, enthusiastic, dedicated, and passionate you are about soccer or any sport, your education must come first. Regardless of your grade in school, you must all strive to do your very best in your education. Success in the classroom is the stepping stone to being successful in life. PWSI places huge emphasis on your education and players need to realize that an education ALWAYS comes before playing soccer for PWSI. Please make sure you apply yourself to your studies.
- Finally, remember that you represent yourself, your family, and the **Club** every time you play, practice, or travel with Prince William Soccer. The behavior of our players throughout the history of PWSI has always been impeccable. This must continue for years to come. Whether you are playing for a U-09 team or a U-19 team, conduct yourself in a mature and responsible manner.

### **PWSI Player Code of Conduct**

Players involved in the Courage Select Program play a vital role in creating and maintaining the image of the **Club** as a premier soccer **Club**. Therefore, in order to create a positive image and set a good example, each player must adhere to the Courage Select Athlete's Code. Please note the following:

- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- The use or possession of tobacco products is prohibited.
- The use or possession of illegal drugs (subject to penalty of law) is prohibited.
- In the interest of safety and fair competition, the misuse of any substance is prohibited as well as the use of any substance which is intended to alter performance.

Violators of any part of the Courage Select Athlete's Code shall be asked to leave the **Club**.

### **Uniforms and Equipment**

Everything that the **Club** offers is under the sponsorship of NIKE and Ewing Sports. The uniforms, both home and away, are the responsibility of each player. This includes Goalkeeper jerseys. It is mandatory that each team in the **Club** wear NIKE uniforms. If a jersey is lost during the season, it is the responsibility of the player to pay for the lost jersey and the cost of the number screening.

"The team is much more important than the individual". In other words, the teams in PWSI will dress and act professionally. All team players will dress alike with the proper equipment.

**APPENDIX B**  
**Prince William Courage Select**  
**Code of Conduct**  
**2011 - 2012**

**Parents Code of Conduct and Responsibilities**

- I will cheer for my child and not yell at him/her.
- I will not yell instructions or criticisms at any player.
- I will refrain from any coaching on the sidelines – I understand this is the coach's responsibility and I am not the coach of this team.
- I will respect the decision of the coaches and game officials in all matters.
- I will not argue calls with game officials either during or after games.
- I will not engage in any negative behavior towards the other team's players.
- I will refrain from making derogatory comments to coaches, referees (young and old), parents on our team, opposition parents, or any other spectators at the game.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of all children ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will stress to my child, and demonstrate by my behavior, the importance of sportsmanship in all areas of play.
- I will show support and encouragement for my child by attending as many practice sessions and games as possible.
- I will not interfere with practice sessions/games. I am willing to relinquish the responsibility of my child to the coach for the duration of practices/games.
- I will schedule a conference with the coach should I have any questions regarding the development of my child. This will not be before or after games (a 24 hour reflection period is recommended).
- I will refrain from the use of alcohol and tobacco at all team events and functions.

I agree to abide by the code of conduct. I understand that I play an important role in creating a positive environment for player development. Furthermore, I represent the PWSI Courage Club in the community and as such my conduct should reflect this.

**Penalties**

Repeated or serious violation of this policy may result in penalties including oral or written reprimand, monitoring of future behavior by an outside official, probationary status, or recommendation of dissolution of the team to the league. Any sanction shall be imposed only after appropriate warning, notice of alleged violation, and hearing before the appropriate officials.

We have read the Prince William Courage Select Manual and the above Conduct Agreement Contract and agree to abide by the terms of the Courage Select Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Second Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of First Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Second Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player's Team

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## APPENDIX C

### Prince William Courage Select Scholarship Application

This form is to be completed by a parent or guardian. All information is confidential and will be reviewed only by the PWSI Scholarship Committee members. Return this application and verification of income documents along with the \$150 application fee, and the essay for applicants in the U14-U18 age groups (detailed in the Scholarship Policy) in a sealed envelope to the Select Administrator. All applications are due by July 1, 2011.

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Father's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross monthly income: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Mother's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross monthly income: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is the gross monthly income from all other sources? \_\_\_\_\_

8. How many people live in the household and are dependent upon this income? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Does this player have any siblings playing with PWSI Courage Select program?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

10. How much per month can you afford to pay for each child to play soccer? \$ \_\_\_\_\_/mo

11. Please state the reasons for your request for financial assistance. Be sure to include any special circumstances that may not be reflected in this application.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

12. What volunteer duties have you agreed to assume for your team? (Mark all that apply)

Fundraising Coordinator  Referee  Tournament Rep  Manager  Treasurer  Other

13. What volunteer duties will you be willing to assume for the club? (Mark all that apply)

Fundraising Committee  Referee  Scholarship Committee  Tournament Committee

Golf Tournament Committee

**Applications will not be accepted without all the following required verification of income. (If applicable)**

- Please attach a copy of the past years IRS 1040. (Income tax return)
- Please attach a copy of the Schedule C. (Income tax return for self employed) If applicable
- Please attach copies of pay stubs or other income verification for all sources of income for at least one full current month.
- Please attach verification of any government assistance you receive (if applicable).
- Please include a check for \$150 with the application to be counted toward overall club dues.

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- I have read and agree to all the conditions listed in the Prince William Soccer Scholarship policy. I understand I will forfeit any scholarship awarded if I do not follow all the conditions listed in the PWSI Scholarship Policy and that late fees may apply if my co-payment is more

than 10 days overdue. I further understand that if a scholarship is deemed delinquent as a result of two late payments this year, I will not be able to apply for a scholarship next year.

- I understand that I will be responsible for all other expenses not covered by the Scholarship.
  - I understand that the player and family may be required to volunteer service hours for the club in order to receive a scholarship award.
  - I affirm that all the information given on this application is true and correct.
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Player's father or guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player's mother or guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## APPENDIX D

### Prince William Courage – Player Evaluation / Review of Strengths and Weaknesses

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Player Position: \_\_\_\_\_

*Evaluation System: 5 – Excellent 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Below Average 1 – Needs Development*

#### Characteristics

Appearance \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance \_\_\_\_\_ Attitude \_\_\_\_\_ Communication \_\_\_\_\_  
(games) (practice) Skills  
Attendance \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ Attitude \_\_\_\_\_  
(practice) (willingness to learn) (games)

#### Physical Characteristics

Physical Size \_\_\_\_\_ Aerobic \_\_\_\_\_ Speed and Pace \_\_\_\_\_ Flexibility \_\_\_\_\_  
and Presence \_\_\_\_\_ Endurance \_\_\_\_\_ (short sprints) of Movement  
(ability to compete) (ability to play for long periods)  
Strength \_\_\_\_\_ Speed and Pace \_\_\_\_\_ Agility \_\_\_\_\_ Coordination \_\_\_\_\_  
(on the ball) (long sprints)

#### Technical Ability

Passing \_\_\_\_\_ Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ Turning \_\_\_\_\_ Shooting \_\_\_\_\_  
Accuracy \_\_\_\_\_ without Pressure Finishing Ability  
Passing \_\_\_\_\_ Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ Dribbling \_\_\_\_\_ Running \_\_\_\_\_  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ with Pressure (fast footwork/moves) with Ball  
(ability to run into space at speed)  
Passing \_\_\_\_\_ Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ Dribbling \_\_\_\_\_ Heading \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight \_\_\_\_\_ to Retain Possession (Body Fakes/Feints) (willingness to head the ball)  
Ability to use \_\_\_\_\_  
Both Feet

#### Tactical Application

Impact \_\_\_\_\_ Knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ Decision Making \_\_\_\_\_ Decision Making \_\_\_\_\_  
On the Game Positional Role On the Ball Off the ball

#### Goalkeeping

Technical \_\_\_\_\_ Distribution \_\_\_\_\_ Tactical \_\_\_\_\_ Tactical \_\_\_\_\_  
Hands/Feet no pressure Punting/Drop Kicks Communication Skills Dealing with Back Passes  
Technical \_\_\_\_\_ Distribution \_\_\_\_\_ Tactical \_\_\_\_\_ Ability to use \_\_\_\_\_  
Hands/Feet with pressure Throwing Dealing with shots Both Feet  
Distribution \_\_\_\_\_ Tactical \_\_\_\_\_ Tactical \_\_\_\_\_  
Goal-Kicks Organization Set Plays Dealing with Crosses

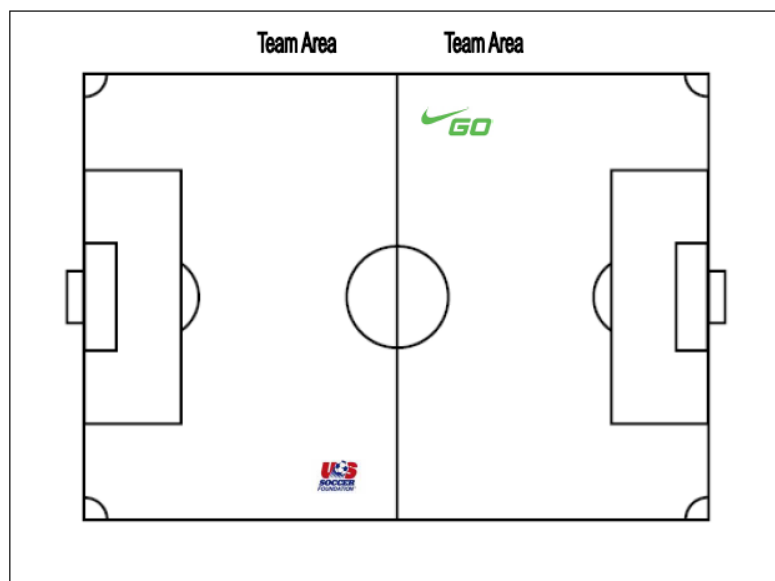
**Comments:** (use backside of sheet for additional space)

**Appendix E**  
**FieldTurf Policy**  
**Howison Homestead Park**

**Rules of Use**

1. Use is by permit or prior approval only. No exceptions!
2. Only players, coaches and officials are permitted on the FieldTurf surface. Spectators shall remain outside the fencing at all times, including games and training sessions, except during field set up as necessary.
3. Players and coaches are not permitted to enter the field area until their approved start time. Teams may warm up outside the fenced areas.
4. All games and other approved activities must end on time. Adjust accordingly for late starts.
5. Only turf shoes, sneakers, or molded cleats are allowed on the playing field.
6. No dogs or other animals are permitted on the FieldTurf surface at any time.
7. No smoking is permitted on or near the FieldTurf surface at any time.
8. No food or drink other than water is allowed on the FieldTurf surface. In particular, ***no chewing gum or sunflower seeds*** are allowed.
9. **Do not move any equipment without prior permission.** No climbing on the nets or training goals. Please ensure children are closely supervised.
10. No littering – please pick up all trash after games or practice and place in a trash receptacle for disposal.

**Full-sided (11 v 11) Configuration**

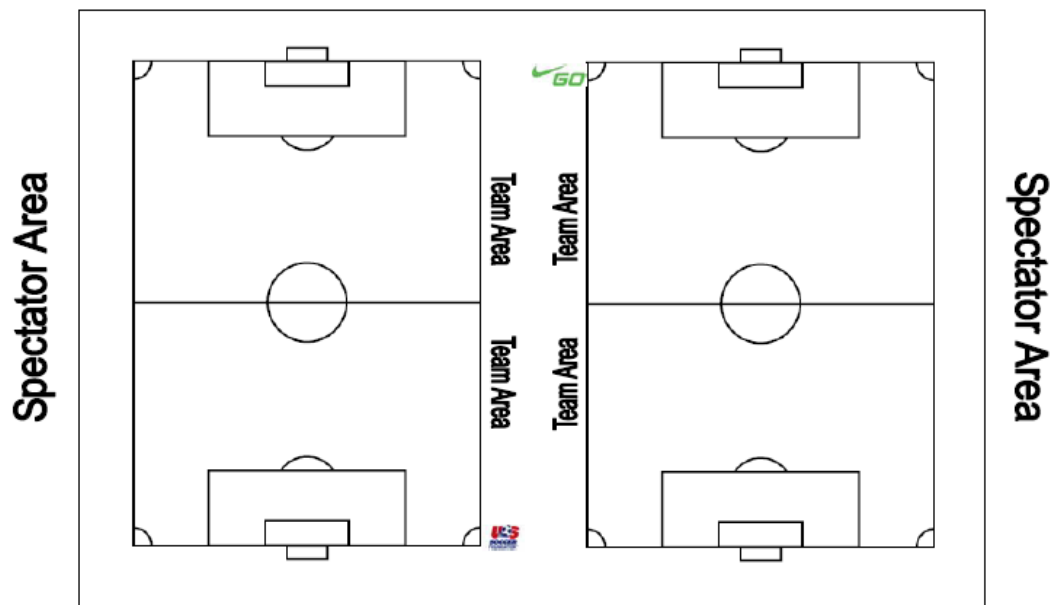


**Spectator Area**

**Prohibitions:**

- No metal or screw-in cleats of any type
- No food
- No gum
- No sunflower seeds
- No beverages other than water in plastic bottles
- No smoking on or near the turf field
- No spitting
- No pets
- No spectators inside the perimeter fencing
- Only freestanding field markers and sports equipment may be used on the turf field. No stakes, posts, poles or markers of any kind may be driven into the turf surface

**Small-sided (7v7 / 8v8) Configuration**



**Prohibitions:**

- No metal or screw-in cleats of any type
- No food
- No gum
- No sunflower seeds
- No beverages other than water in plastic bottles
- No smoking on or near the turf field
- No spitting
- No pets
- No spectators inside the perimeter fencing
- Only freestanding field markers and sports equipment may be used on the turf field. No stakes, posts, poles or markers of any kind may be driven into the turf surface

**Appendix F  
Prince William Select  
Parent/Player Commitment Form**

**Parent/Guardian**

I have received a current copy of the PWSI Courage Select Program Manual. I have read this manual and have explained the content of this document to my soccer player. I acknowledge and agree to the policies contained therein, including financial requirements and deadlines, and will require my child to comply with the policies which apply to Courage players. I understand that I am committing to the annual fees outlined below and that my player is committing to his/her team for the Select year: August - June. This commitment relies on every player being present at every practice and game. I understand that playing on a Courage team is a priority over every other extracurricular activity.

I also realize that occasionally, policies and procedures will need to be changed and I will be informed of such changes in **Club** policies. I understand the **Club** reserves the right to change policies at any time with or without advance notice. I further understand it is required for me to sign this form in order to commit to a Prince William Courage team. On signature of this form and payment of a \$300 nonrefundable, non-transferrable Commitment Fee to the **Club** (\$400 for U17 – U19 non-Club players), the player will be officially rostered.

Further, I understand that PWSI is an organization that relies on the assistance of volunteers and I agree to help when called upon. For example, I may be asked to help before and during Prince William Courage-hosted tournaments, lining fields, assistance with team fundraisers, etc. (Thank you in advance for your help!)

Annual Club Dues for 2010-2011

<b>Age</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>
<b>U-09 – U-12</b>	<b>\$1200</b>	<b>\$1100</b>	<b>\$1100</b>
<b>U-13 – U-15</b>	<b>\$1250</b>	<b>\$1125</b>	<b>\$1125</b>
<b>U-16 – U17 Club</b>	<b>\$1350</b>	<b>\$1150</b>	<b>\$1150</b>
<b>U17 – U19 Non Club</b>	<b>\$450</b>	<b>\$450</b>	<b>\$450</b>

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Team \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix G - Payment Authorization Form 2011 - 2012**

Complete this form ONLY if you would like to:

--Pay the \$300 **NONREFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE (\$400 for U18 non-Club players)** by credit/debit card and/or

--Pay the **REMAINING DUES PAYMENTS** by credit/debit card

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEE: \$300** (Must be paid before commitment paperwork will be accepted and player is rostered to the team).

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to pay this fee by credit or debit card. I understand my total commitment for this year (7/1/11 – 6/30/12) is as follows:

Age	Red	White	Black/Gold
<b>Youth U-09 – U-10</b>	<b>\$1200</b>	<b>\$1200</b>	<b>\$1100</b>
<b>Youth U11 – U12</b>	<b>\$1200</b>	<b>\$1100</b>	<b>\$1100</b>
<b>Junior U-13 – U-15</b>	<b>\$1250</b>	<b>\$1125</b>	<b>\$1125</b>
<b>Senior U16 – U18</b>	<b>\$1350</b>	<b>\$1150</b>	<b>\$1150</b>
<b>U18 Non club</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$400</b>

**ANNUAL DUES PAYMENTS**

\_\_\_\_\_ **QUARTERLY PAYMENT OPTION.** After registration fee of \$300 on July 1, payments will be processed on September 1, November 1, and February 1. I would like to pay the Annual Dues Payments on a QUARTERLY SCHEDULE by credit card/debit card on the dates listed here. I understand my payment amounts will be as follows:

	1-Jul	1-Sept	1-Nov	1-Feb
U9-U10 (Youth) Red/White	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
U9-U10 (Youth) Black	\$300	\$266.66	\$266.66	\$266.68
U11 – U12 (Youth) Red	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
U11 – U12 (Youth) B/W	\$300	\$266.67	\$266.67	\$266.67
U13-U15 (Junior) Red	\$300	\$316.66	\$316.66	\$316.68
U13-U15 (Junior) W/B	\$300	\$275	\$275	\$275
U16-U17 (Senior) Club Red (95GG)	\$300	\$350	\$350	\$350
U16-U17 (Senior) Club White	\$300	\$283.33	\$283.33	\$283.34
U18 (Senior) Non Club	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0

\_\_\_\_\_ **MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTION.** After registration fee of \$300 on July 1, payments will be processed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month from August through May in 10 equal installments. I would like to pay the Annual Dues Payments on a MONTHLY SCHEDULE by credit card/debit card on the dates listed here. I understand my payment amounts will be as follows:

Monthly 2010-2011	1-Jul	
Youth U9 – U10 Red/White	\$300	\$90 from August 1 - May 1
Youth U9 – U10 Black	\$300	\$80 from August 1 - May 1
Youth U11 – U12 Red	\$300	\$90 from August 1 – May 1
Youth U11 – U12 White/Black	\$300	\$80 from August 1 – May 1
Junior Red	\$300	\$95 from August 1 - May 1
Junior White/Black	\$300	\$82.50 from August 1 - May 1
Senior Club Red (95GG)	\$300	\$105 from August 1 - May 1
Senior Club White/Black	\$300	\$85 from August 1 - May 1
Senior Non Club Red/White/Black	\$400	\$0

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**

Master Card/Visa #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize PWSI (Prince William Soccer, Inc.) to charge the account above for the nonrefundable, non-transferrable registration fee of \$300 or subsequent dues payments dependent on the team on which my player is placed. (See Select Manual for fees and structure). These payments are authorized to be charged on the dates specified on this form until the balance is paid in full. If any aspect of the above account(s) should change, I understand that I am responsible for contacting the PWSI Clubhouse, Select Administrator, before the date of my next scheduled transaction or a \$50 Non-Sufficient Funds fee will be charge to my account for each returned transaction. Cancellation of this agreement must be received in writing prior to the next scheduled transaction.

## Appendix H - Prince William Courage Select Program Calendar of Events

May 31 – June 3, 2011	Girls Tryouts
June 6 – 10	Boys Tryouts
June 18 – 19	Courage Select Weekend - Uniform Try-on and Registration
June	High School 7's Starts
July 18 – 22	Courage Full Day Camp
July 25 – 29	Courage Premier Select Camp
August	Fall Season outdoor practice begins
August 13 – 14	Cardinal Cup
August 22 – 26	Courage Half Day Camp
August 22 – 26	Courage Goalkeeper Camp
August 22 – 26	Courage Striker and Finishing Camp
August 26 – 28	August Cup
August 26 – 28	PWSI Toys for Tots Tournament - U9 - U12
September 3 – 5	PWSI Toys for Tots Tournament - U13 - U19
September	VCCL/NCSL/WAGS/ODSL play begins
September – October	VYSA State Cup (U15 - U18)
October 8 – 10	Discovery Cup
October 8 – 10	WAGS Tournament (U11 Girls and above eligible)
October 8 – 10	Beach FC Tournament
November	VYSA State Cup Championships (U15-U18)
November	Bethesda Thanksgiving Tournament
November 5 – 6	CASL Shootout - Girls (U11 - U14)
November 12 – 13	CASL Shootout - Boys (U11 - U15)
November 19 – 20	CASL Showcase - Girls (U15 - U19)
December	Kickarounds
December 2 - 4	CASL Showcase - Boys (U15 - U19)
January - February, 2011	Winter Program
January - February	Triangle Friendlies
February 18 – 19	VA Legacy President's Day Cup
March	Spring Season outdoor practice begins
March	Arlington Spring Invitational
March	Stafford Tournament
March	Jefferson Cup
March 17 – 18	PWSI Icebreaker Tournament - U9 - U12 Boys
March 24 – 25	PWSI Icebreaker Tournament - U13 - U19 Boys, All Girls
April	NCSL/WAGS/ODSL play begins
April – May	VYSA State Cup for U12 - U14 teams
May – June	VYSA State Cup for U19 teams
May 26 – 28	FC Delco Players Cup
May 26 – 28	Virginian
June	Courage Select Team Tryouts
June	VYSA State Cup Championships (U12 - U14)
July	USYSA Region 1 Tournament of Champions
July	PWSI Courage Select Player Camp

\*\* Please note: Non-PWSI tournaments listed for planning purposes only. Please see [www.pwsi.org](http://www.pwsi.org) for a list of tournaments included in dues.

This calendar is subject to change.

# Appendix I

## VCCL Expands To Northern Virginia

### News Release

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### **VCCL Expands by Eight Clubs Forming a Northern Virginia Division**

**Richmond, VA (April 1, 2011)** – The Virginia Club Champions League (VCCL) Board of Directors is proud to announce that eight new clubs will be joining the league in the fall of 2011.

Current VCCL club members, Beach FC, FC Richmond, Richmond Strikers, Richmond Kickers, Roanoke Star, SOCA (Charlottesville), Virginia Legacy (Williamsburg), and Virginia Rush (Virginia Beach) serve players from central and southeastern Virginia.

Joining VCCL as members of VCCL North are eight clubs from Northern Virginia: Annandale Boys & Girls Club, Arlington Soccer Association, Braddock Road Youth Club (BRYC), Fredericksburg Area Soccer Association (FASA), Great Falls Soccer Club, Loudoun Youth Soccer Association, Prince William Soccer Inc. (PWSI), and Southwestern Youth Association (SYA).

VCCL, a member of the Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA), was founded in 1997 as one of a small number of soccer leagues in the country based on the philosophy that the player is a member of the club as well as a member of the team and that successful clubs develop players and teams from within rather than through recruitment.

“As president of VCCL it is very gratifying that the expansion into Northern Virginia has come to fruition. It is rewarding to those of us in the league who have worked to this end for a number of years. We believe that this growth is for the good of our clubs and especially our players as it will present new challenges and provide better competition for all,” said VCCL President Dave Amsler.

VCCL is the only soccer league in VYSA governed and administered by a Board of Directors whose members are either directors of coaching or technical directors in the sport. Each club has one member on the Board of Directors.

VCCL is arguably the only league in the country with club-to-club scheduling where all teams from the same club play on the same day at the same location against another member club. This unique scheduling model benefits all members of the club:

**Club Management and Development:** Professional staff can observe and evaluate players and coaches to improve management and training.

**Coaching Development:** Coaches can work with more than one team as co-coach, assistant coach, or mentor to “coaches in training” as well as observe other coaches in the club.

**Player Development:** Players can expand their ability to work with different coaches – a valuable asset when playing high school, college and beyond. Players can observe and evaluate other teams in the club.

**Parents and Siblings:** The league is family oriented. Parents can easily arrange carpools. Families can watch more than one child play on a single play date.

VCCL was the first league in VYSA to use a club pass system that allows any age-appropriate player in a club to guest play with a team from the same club in VCCL league games. VCCL also championed the development of the Provisional Roster which allows players on other club rosters to play for a team in league play only without officially transferring to that team.

VCCL and its member club, Virginia Legacy, host the College Showcase held at the end of the fall season in Williamsburg. The Showcase is limited in size to VCCL clubs and a select group of other teams and attracts over 80 college coaches annually.

The VCCL model -- professionally managed clubs developing players from within -- represents a different cultural environment from traditional board-managed, team-centered programs. VCCL is encouraged that new national player development programs are based on the same model. Expansion to Northern Virginia with other clubs who embrace the VCCL model affords more players in Virginia the opportunity to benefit from this format.

““We are proud to become charter members of this new division of VCCL,” said Grant Smith, Boys Director of Coaching, Arlington Soccer Association. “It will bring to Northern Virginia a much-needed player-centered club development model of league play. We are excited to be a part of this evolution in youth soccer, and the members of our club will reap the benefits of the VCCL structure and its philosophies.”

To allow for a smooth transition and time for each club to meet VCCL standards, VCCL North clubs will enter their top teams in the rising U11-U14 boys and girls age groups beginning in the Fall of 2011. Every year thereafter each club will add new rising U11 teams until VCCL North includes all age groups through U11- U19.

VCCL clubs will informally schedule cross-over games with VCCL North during the 2011-2012 seasonal year. Cross-over games and division play-off games will be integrated into the master schedule beginning with the fall of 2012.

VCCL North has also elected to provide a U9 and a U10 division for those clubs who wish to participate. Scores and standings will not be collected for these two age groups, and coaches will be free to use the players from both teams at any time for games.