



FOSTERING EXCELLENCE THROUGH SOCCER

Player/Parent Handbook
2021-2022

Ocala Premier Soccer
is a program of
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Commitment and Expectations

Big Sun/Ocala Premier Goal:

To Foster Excellence Through Soccer

Big Sun/Ocala Premier Vision:

To positively impact a Culture of Excellence thru soccer locally and around the world

Community is defined as a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals. As we embark on our mission of fostering excellence through soccer it is important to emphasize that all of us- board members, families, players- must commit to working together to cultivate a successful soccer community.

Ocala Premier recognizes that every player who walks onto the pitch aspires to take their game to the next level. Our commitment to those families and players is to provide quality training, promote teamwork, model sportsmanship, through perseverance and personal accountability. We pledge to be transparent with communication and will do so with integrity and excellence.

Ocala Premier Player Commitment:

- Duration is for one competitive season which typically runs from August until May
- Tryouts for each upcoming season will take place late spring

- Once a position is offered and accepted, a player will remain with the team for the duration of the season**
 - **as a club we are moving forward with a philosophy of sharing players- not only amongst our club teams, but, in the future with other clubs
- If a player chooses to play a second sport, it is expected that the commitment to BSYSL/Ocala Premier takes precedence over the secondary commitment; however, arrangements with individual players can be made on a case by case basis.
- Ocala Premier Soccer Club Coaches and Technical Director will conduct ongoing informal evaluation of player performance; feedback will be provided and players will be expected to work on continued mastery of all skills

Players Fees for 2021-22 (Based on playing group)

2003-2009

An initial payment of \$750 is due upon registration on gotsoccer.com; plus approximately \$155 for a uniform kit must be purchased directly from soccer.com

2010-2011

An initial payment of \$665 is due upon registration on gotsoccer.com; plus \$155 for a uniform kit must be purchased directly from soccer.com

2012-2015

An initial payment of \$615 is due upon registration on gotsoccer.com; plus \$140 for a uniform kit must be purchased directly from soccer.com

Fees include FYSA, local, maintenance, fields, facilities, training schedule, games, referees, and field equipment. Fees do not include uniforms, cleats, shin guards or tournament play.

Upon acceptance of your offer a \$50 deposit will be charged. If you need financial assistance, please reach out to someone at the “Information” tent, on-site.

Ocala Premier Team Training:

- Attendance is required by all players for all training sessions; *players should arrive 15 minutes prior to start time*

- Players **earn** playing time by participating in all sessions; failure to attend required training sessions may result in limited playing time. (*Per GCF rule, each player U12 or younger will play a minimum of 50% of total playing time so long as the player has attended 75% or practice sessions; U13 and older are not bound by this rule*)
- Communication regarding training sessions will be provided by the Team Manager; responses to communication is required to ensure information is being received
- Per FYSA, all players must wear shin guards for all training sessions
- 2 days per week of team practice (2 hours total; 30 mins with OPS Technical Trainer and 90 mins of practice)
- 1 day of strength and endurance training
- If a player is injured it is expected that they attend practice and games to support their teammates

Ocala Premier Competitive Season Games:

- Once published, each player/family will receive a game schedule
- Communication regarding games will be provided by the Team Manager; responses to communication is required to ensure information is being received
- All players are expected to arrive ONE HOUR minutes prior to kick-off (15 minutes to dress/prepare for warm-ups: 45 minute warm-up)
- Players are expected to bring both uniforms, extra socks, (Grey and Blue), cleats, shin guards, and water
- Reminder: Players may not wear necklaces, earrings, bracelets, etc...

Ocala Premier Tournaments:

- Each team will compete in the Lakewood Ranch Chargers Labor Day Tournament
- Each team will compete in the FYSA State Cup Series OR another January or February tournament
- Individual teams may opt for additional tournaments

Uniform

Ocala Premier has teamed up with Soccer.com to outfit your player with gear. Once an offer is made you will receive an email from Soccer.com to order your kit.

Ocala Premier Parent/Guardian Commitment

Parents/Guardians/Families are integral to the success of their player and, in turn, their player's teammates. Ensuring that the player expectations outlined above are met is crucial. We understand that there may be circumstances beyond control such as school functions or illness that may prohibit meeting the expectations. In those instances parents/guardians are asked to communicate directly with the team manager and/or the coach. In the event that issues or concerns arise, parents can seek support by contacting the Team Manager, Coach, Technical Trainer, Director of Coaching, or a Board Member. Please understand that communication is a key to success- we cannot help if we do not know there is an issue.

Parents/Guardians and family members are reminded that Ocala Premier strives to promote fair play, good sportsmanship, and strength of character. The game belongs to the players on the field, the adults set the examples off. We expect that families adhere to the following:

- Let the Coaches coach
- Make only positive comments from the sideline
- Respect the referee's decision(s)
- Show good sportsmanship
- Enjoy cheering for your child and team

Building Our Community

Ocala Premier survives on community and family support both on and off the field. Each family is required to volunteer at Big Sun for 5 hours per season (fall and spring). This may include, but is not limited to, participating on committees, serving on the board, working in the concession stand, participating in Big Sun clean-up days, or in Big Sun set up days. We are all members of our Big Sun/Ocala Premier soccer community and are vital to its success. For those unable to volunteer in person, families will have the option of providing a financial contribution. To opt out the fee is \$100 per hour. You will be

invoiced at the end of the season. You will not be able to register or play the next season until the debt is paid.

In addition to volunteering, Ocala Premier will conduct various fundraising events throughout the year. The monies raised will be used to enhance and maximize opportunities for our players.

Community outreach for families (adults and players) is also encouraged. Outreach opportunities are available within the Big Sun Youth Soccer League organization. This includes, but is not limited to, coaching a traditional rec team (assisting or training), helping with Sun Lights (Special Needs soccer program), or SuperStarters (3 year-5 year old soccer program).

Rules of Play

Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA) rules can be found at www.fysa.com.

Greater Central Florida League (GCF) rules can be found at www.gcfsoccer.com.

Florida State Premier League (FSPL) rules can be found at www.fysa.com.

Tournament rules can be found at each tournament website.