

Real St. Louis Soccer Club
Rules & Policies
2017-2018

Real St. Louis Soccer Club Philosophy

Real St. Louis is a select soccer club in the Greater St. Louis area that provides players with the perfect environment to learn, develop, respect and love the game of "futbol". Real St. Louis strives to be different than other clubs in the St. Louis area. Our main goal is to grow and develop the individual player's skills each year and encourage teamwork and good sportsmanship. Winning is important of course, but we want to inspire our kids to play to get better and not always play to win.

Real STL Parents:

As parents it's important to remain positive. Even the smallest negative comments can be discouraging to a young athlete. According to Missouri Youth Soccer Association rules parents are required to sit away from players, goals, and coaches during a match. Negative comments or gestures towards officials will not be tolerated within the club.

Real STL parents should represent the club in a respectable fashion by, wearing Real STL spirit wear, cheering, and helping support your team in a positive manner. Parents can also support the team by organizing healthy snacks for half time or after games.

Parents should also support the coaches and promote good sportsmanship. If problems arise that cannot be mutually resolved they shall be brought to and resolved by the Club's Director.

Parents should check the club website, your Team Snap account, Rainout Line, Real STL Facebook page and Twitter page before each game or practice to be informed of any delays or cancellations. On the website, coaches will nominate a M.V.P and a best goal/save for each month. We ask that parents and fans vote for their favorite candidate and the winner of each category will receive an awesome Under Armour prize.

Coaches have a 24 hour rule. This means that if a parent has any concerns regarding a specific match, coaches ask that you wait 24 hours before contacting them. This gives you and the coach an appropriate amount of time to cool off and think before anything negative is said. Instead of asking a coach why this and why that, ask the coach what your child can do to improve. If you need to speak with a coach about a concern you may have, please make sure you schedule a meeting in advance either before or after practice in case coaches have prior engagements.

Coaches spend only a few hours with players each week, but sometimes that's not enough. It's important that parents encourage players to practice learned skills and drills at home. Check the Real St. Louis website for videos on how to help improve players in specific areas. Please check under coaches corner, training videos, and the password is realstlvideos.

By signing this policy form you are giving permission for REAL STL to post pictures or videos of your child on any of our social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, realstlsoccer.com and Go Raise Dough.

Participation:

Players are expected to participate in practices and games. Parents are expected to participate by ensuring that their children are on time and picked up for both practices and games and that players have their equipment with them at all times. If a player cannot be present for a scheduled game or practice, the coach or manager should be notified by phone in advance. --too many parents only update TeamSnap giving the coach no time.

Players should wear proper training gear for each practice that will be determined by your coach. This includes any Real St. Louis training shirts along with appropriate colored shorts and socks.

Fundraising:

Fundraisers are vital to the club's success. As a club we will offer individual/team fundraisers and 4 club fundraisers. Individual team fundraisers are optional and will be up to each team. Please note that individual team fundraisers do not replace club fundraisers. All money raised during an individual team fundraisers goes directly towards that player. Prior to any individual team fundraisers the Real STL board must be notified. All money raised during a club fundraiser goes directly towards the growth of the club.

The four club fundraisers for the 2017-18 season will be:-

1. The Adam Ragsdale Tournament- August 18th-20th
2. March Mayhem Tournament- March 9-11
3. Trivia Night- Early Spring
4. Raffle Ticket Sales- This year, the three mandatory ticket sales were added to Club Fees. You have the option to keep them for a chance to win the raffle or to sell the tickets (\$25) and you keep the money. As an incentive for families, additional tickets sold will have a certain amount taken off of next year's Club Fees. For every ticket after the initial 3 tickets you sell (not including the free tickets), you get \$10 off next year's club fees!

Age Groups

Real St. Louis will abide by the age matrix posted by MYSA. Players will be allowed to try out and play for teams in older age brackets. Real St. Louis will closely follow the age matrix posted by MYSA. Players wanting to play at an older age level group than theirs will have the ability to tryout to play for teams in older age groups with approval from their current coach.

Background Checks/Coaches Card

Coaches are required to submit a background check via their GotSoccer account prior to receiving their MYSA coach's card. Real St. Louis reserves the right to request additional background checks or drug testing for coaches, manager and trainers as deemed necessary. Each team will be provided with 2 coaching cards. If a team decides to have more than 2 coaches on their roster, \$25.00 will be charged for any additional coaching cards.

Club Fees

Real STL Club Fees cover participation including: loan of uniforms, player registrations, field rental, administration costs, TeamSnap, Rainout Line, winter training rental and field rental. Club Fee amounts shall be decided annually by the Board of Directors and shall be due at player registration as specified by the Real STL Club Fee Policy on the club website. Players that join midseason are responsible for paying a proportional amount of their club fee. Players who dual roster with the club from their primary club will be charged a Dual-Roster Club Fee of \$175(does not include uniform rental).

The Club Fee for the 2017/2018 season is \$675 and is due according to the following schedule:

- \$200 (non-refundable) commitment payment on June 13, 2017; and,
- \$475 (non-refundable) payment on August 1, 2017

All Real STL Club Fees must be paid in full or a payment plan arranged by Aug 1, 2017 or player will not be able to participate.

Under Armour Wear

We are proud to be an Under Armour club! Real St. Louis players and coaches are encouraged to wear their provided club training shirts at practice. To order additional Real St. Louis spirit wear refer to the club website for ordering information and spirit wear orders. Individual shirts designed by team (using anyone other than the approved vendor of Under Armour) must be approved through the Real STL Directors before being ordered or printed. Any additional team gear/shirts need to be handled through BSN Sports, the approved vendor of Under Armour.

Rosters

Real St. Louis team rosters will be in accordance with the rules and by-laws of the St. Louis Youth Soccer League (SLYSA), other league organizations and tournaments rules. Only the Real STL Club registrar is allowed to add and/or remove players, produce rosters, and generate player cards.

Uniforms

Players shall wear uniforms selected by Real STL Board of Directors and/or Director. Each player will receive two sets of uniforms. Home and away uniform color choices are at the discretion of each team coach who will check with league and tournament rules for specific requirements. Real STL will determine when the uniforms will be returned to the club and players will be notified accordingly.

Teams should order uniforms that will fit the players for two years. Uniforms should not be defaced in any manner. It is the responsibility of the player or team to replace any lost, stolen or damaged uniforms.

Club fees allow the club to loan players the following uniform components each year that a team plays with Real St. Louis. Only after two complete years, players are able to keep their uniforms. Any player that leaves Real STL before their two years is required to return the full uniform set to their coach. Any player that does not turn in their uniform before the two years will not be released from Real STL Soccer Club and will be subject satisfy these Rules and Policies.

Real STL has all rights to the REAL STL Logo. Our logo should never be recreated or reprinted without the Board of Director's approval.

Real STL teams have the option to add players' names on the back. This will be an individual cost for each player. The club will not provide this addition. Please contact Nacho Novas if interested.

The schedule below details the planned uniform replacement schedule. The club provides uniforms for primary-rostered players only. If a team wishes to purchase guest or dual roster uniforms they are at the expense of the team or player and must follow the numbering policy below.

Team Year	Real St. Louis will provide:
1st Year	Two Under Armour uniform sets* (home and away) Two Under Armour training shirts
2nd Year	Under Armour soccer backpack Under Armour training jacket and pants

*Each field player uniform set consists of jersey, shorts & socks. Goalies please see note below. Goalies: Full time goalies should also order a Real STL goalie jersey and shorts. Goalies who are also field players should order field player uniforms; they may then choose to provide their own goalie jersey or purchase one separately through our uniform vendor.

Jersey Numbers:

Real St. Louis teams must follow the jersey numbering policy below:

Position	Jerseys must be numbered
Goalie	OO or 1
Field players	2 through 19

Older teams with additional rostered players above 18, guest or at large jerseys purchased by player or team 20-22

Departure from Real STL During the Season

By joining Real STL, players/parents/guardians understand that they are making a commitment for the entire season, August 1, 2017 through June 11 2018. By joining Real STL, players/parents/guardians agree to these policies. Further acknowledgement of these policies is made when the player is registered on gotsoccer.com as required.

Players who wish to leave Real STL, for any reason, between August 1, 2017 and June 11, 2018 must abide by below these Rules and Policies.

Real STL Rules and Policies:

- All uniforms, gear, and backpack must be returned to the team coach. The player/parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for paying for any items that are not returned or damaged;
- Any outstanding club fees and/or individual team balances must be paid in full prior to release or departure;
- In addition to the above, and in addition to the Club Fee, player/parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be responsible for an Early Departure Fee of \$850 due within one week after Real STL is notified of the player's written notice to depart Real STL. This departure fee is reimbursement to Real STL for SLYSA fees, coaching fees, training fees, and tournament fees, among others, that are not covered by the Club Fee. Failure to timely pay this departure fee will result in, among other things, the player not being released for the entire season.
- As noted above, Club Fees are not refundable and will not be applied to offset or reduce the Early Departure Fee.

*Unless specifically granted by the Director, only with full compliance with all the above Policies will Real STL formally release the player for the remainder of the season.

Inappropriate Conduct

Player, Coach or Parent behavior that is unbecoming or inappropriate shall be referred to the Board in writing for review and possible action.

Protests

Real St. Louis Soccer Club and teams will follow procedures for game protests as outlined in rules and by-laws of the St. Louis Youth Soccer League (SLYSA), other league organizations and tournaments they play within.

Grievances

In the event a parent feels their child is not being treated fairly by a Real St. Louis coach, the following procedure is recommended:

1. Talk with the Coach and try to resolve the differences. It is recommended coaches and parents follow the 24-hour rule; waiting at least 24 hours from a game or practice before speaking about a particular incident.
2. If not satisfied, contact in writing, the Real STL President, who will follow up with the coach and report back to the parent within one week. The President will also inform the full Board of the situation at the next Board meeting. If the President deems it necessary, they can convene the Board to resolve the situation.

Revision Dates

Rules initiated and approved by the Real St. Louis Board of Directors June, 2017