



Player's Manual 2017/18

Addison United Soccer Club (AUSC)

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Introduction –

Addison United is a family-based community club built on the love of soccer. We have great players, committed and talented coaches, dedicated team managers, a diligent board, and wonderfully supportive families. We have good people all around us, and we know that because it is one of the first things that people mention when they play with us.

Our ultimate goal is to develop creative, skillful players capable of playing at the highest level. We want our teams playing an attractive and attacking style of soccer. We place a higher priority on performance rather than scoring results. We all enjoy “winning” games, but not at the expense of learning, growing, and developing as players, as teams, and as young people.

We love soccer, and we enjoy young players who also have a love for soccer. If we commit to a player, we need that player to commit to us. We understand that kids find pleasure in more than just one sport, and this is healthy. However, if we are to set a standard, the players must be present at training and games! They also have to be willing to invest additional time on their own building their skills – we want the players to develop a “love affair” with the ball.

Players are not offered positions on our teams to then sit idly on the bench. Every player deserves a fair shot to demonstrate to the Club that they have been improving. We believe in giving all rostered players playing time. We do not guarantee “equal” playing time, but rather “fair” playing time.

In the greatest soccer nations, players do not specialize in positions until around 16 years of age. To fully appreciate the game and its demands, a player should experience every position. It is not uncommon for coaches to shift players frequently to enrich their experience in the game. We ask that parents understand this practice of ours and encourage their children to keep an open mind when it comes to playing all positions.

Sportsmanship and respect for the game and all involved are to be valued above all else. The game cannot exist without an opponent. After a hard-fought match, we shake the opposing team's hands and mean it when we say “good game.” The game is played under the guidance of referees. We must respect that the referee's word is final and never seek to break them intentionally. Nothing makes the team look worse than to have its players, coaches, parents, or supporters argue and whine to the referee.

The best players do not play just twice a week, nor do they rely on adults to organize and supervise their opportunities to play. Playing soccer with friends on your own time – in the park, the driveway, an empty field – will make you a far better soccer player than if you just do the minimum required training sessions. We encourage any and all SAFE soccer practice opportunities.

We want people to feel welcomed and valued. Players must have fun and parents need to enjoy themselves as well. We want to know every player on a personal level and want the parents to feel comfortable talking with staff. We want our environment to be enjoyable, challenging, and safe.

Unlike other clubs, we do not invest time in recruiting players. We believe in our philosophy and services and feel that players should have the right to choose their club without pressure or persuasion. We are not in the business of trading commodities or bidding for the best product; we are here to mentor, guide, teach, and support our young players. Recruiting goes against the concept of “player development.” We never guarantee team placement, playing time, or future college scholarships. We believe in the philosophy, services, and familial atmosphere at Addison United. We are not going to convince or promise a service to people – we are going to let people make their own choice.

We are a CLUB; we are not an organization with multiple teams going in various directions. There is a Club-wide community feeling, and this Club-wide support is something that is encouraged. We travel to tournaments together, and it is great to see all of our teams supporting each other and cheering on fellow Addison United Soccer Club teams.

We look forward to the upcoming season and are happy to have you as part of the Addison United Soccer Club family!

General Rules and Expectations:

Playing Time Guidelines:

Playing time is at the discretion of the individual coaches. Generally speaking, we try to adhere to the following guidelines (with exception to Tournament Championship Games/Playoffs).

- ✓ **Division 1 Teams – No equal playing time.**
- ✓ **Division 2/3 Teams – No equal playing time, all players will get in at least once a game**
- ✓ **Division 1,2, and 3 Teams – Use of Guest Players and their playing time is the discretion of the coaches.**

While the above are playing time guidelines for the Club, they can be overruled during games at the discretion of the coach for the following:

- ✓ Poor training attendance
- ✓ Unprepared for game (missing pieces of uniform/shin guards)
- ✓ Poor attitude
- ✓ Inappropriate conduct towards opponents/teammates/coaches
- ✓ Suspension due to misconduct of team policies or red card

Cross Training Opportunities:

Addison United Soccer Club’s training philosophy is based on the improvement of technical and tactical skills. Across our age groups, many teams work on similar training skills. Due to this, any player who would like additional training is always allowed to train with other Addison United teams in addition to his or her own. While the expectation is that players attend their own training if they are looking for additional touches they are encouraged to go and train with other teams in the club, per the team coach’s approval.

Training Cancellations:

For the most part, training will be only canceled for weather or conditions that are deemed unsafe. Sometimes, the facilities that Queen City rents from may declare fields unsuitable for play, which is out of the clubs control. If this happens, the club will try and replace that training time with an additional training that does not conflict with our game schedule if field space can be provided. Please keep in mind that our insurance and Vermont Soccer Association rules BY LAW do not permit games or training to happen during any thunder or lightning. If there is any thunder or lightning in the area, the field must be cleared for 20 minutes from the last thunder/lightning sound or sighting. If storms are impending in the forecast, coaches will make a judgment call whether to postpone training to minimize travel for those who are out of town in a timely fashion (most likely by 2 hours before an event).

Player Responsibilities:

Addison United Soccer Club exists to help players enjoy soccer and make them better. All players have the opportunity to work with coaches that love soccer. They have all had varying degrees of experience and are all willing to share their experience and talents with the players. Remember that the coaches are here to help you. Be respectful of this and always give your best.

- ✓ **Arrive on time to training**
 - 10-15 minutes early if possible.
- ✓ **Arrive approximately 30-60 minutes early to games, or per coaches request**
 - Dynamic warm-ups begin 25-30 minutes before the game. Arriving 30-60 minutes early provides plenty of time to get dressed, lace up and be ready to warm up 30 minutes before kickoff.
- ✓ **Check the training schedule and communicate absences**
 - Training schedules are posted online at addisonunitedvt.com. Please check the website. You should always know when training is, and you are responsible for checking it, not your coach and not your parents. If you are going to be absent to training or a game, please communicate this.
- ✓ **Take care of your equipment**
 - Clean your soccer cleats off if they are covered in mud or dry them when wet, rather than throwing them in your bag and leaving them until your next practice. Remember to have appropriate gear and clothing (*keep changing weather in mind – gloves, hat, jacket, rain gear, undershirt, extra socks, tights*) for training, practice, and games. Remember to bring both uniform jerseys, shorts, and both pairs of socks to all games and tournaments. Wear your training shirt to all training.
- ✓ **Be accepting of criticism from coaches**
 - Addison United has assembled a coaching staff throughout all ages that are approachable and understanding. Their primary goal is to make you better soccer players and better people. Your coaches would NOT be doing their job if they only told you when you were doing things correctly. At times coaches will need to tell you when you are doing things incorrectly, and will often need to give you direction. If you are asked to do something differently, be accepting of that criticism. Being told that you need to fix something does NOT mean that your coach does not like you, or thinks that you are a bad person, they are there to help.
- ✓ **Try your hardest during training and games and challenge yourself when possible**
 - Not all players are at the same level, and not all players have mastered the necessary skills. We all play for Addison United Soccer Club to gain new experiences and enhance our technique. Do your best and try to challenge yourself when possible. If you only work on the skills you are good at; you will not improve as a player. Even if it is discouraging to practice skills that are not your best, in the end, it will make you a better player (example: working on your non-dominant foot)
- ✓ **Represent the Club on and off the field**
 - Represent yourself, your family, and the Club every time you play. Wear your gear proudly. Consider yourself a Club ambassador every time you step on the field, whether it is for Addison United, your school, Vermont Soccer Association/League, etc. Be respectful and act appropriately.
- ✓ **Talk to your coach and ask questions**
 - Your coach is there to help you if you have questions ask. Also, if you have questions about playing time or wonder how you can earn more playing time talk to your coach and approach them at appropriate times (before, during, and immediately after games are not suitable times)
- ✓ **Respect your teammates and coaches**
 - Encourage your teammates; congratulate them when possible, and think team first before yourself. Harassment or bullying will NOT be tolerated! We are a family, and we must take care of our own. No one is bigger than the Club.
- ✓ **Respect your opponents and officials**
 - Shake hands with officials and opponents after games. Despite any trash talking or baiting that may happen from time to time from opponents, be the classier player and ignore this behavior (let your playing doing the talking).
- ✓ **Respect yourself**
 - Keep positive self-talk during games and training

- Eat nutritiously
 - Stay away from drugs and alcohol. Drugs and alcohol not only hurt your body and physical fitness, but it is also illegal. Use of drugs and alcohol can result in removal from the team.
 - School work first. No matter how much you love soccer, your education is more important. Make sure you earn the right to play by always doing your very best in school.
- ✓ **Keep soccer and life in perspective and have fun**
 - You play for Addison United Soccer Club because you enjoy soccer and the game is fun. Win or lose it is just a game, try and keep that in perspective and don't get carried away. While it can be more fun to win, realize that winning isn't everything and having the opportunity to play club soccer isn't something everyone has the chance to do around the world.

Parent Responsibilities:

We are not in the business of telling the parents of our players how to be parents. We are here to mentor better soccer players and help develop their skills. As parents, you can have a positive effect on your child's development, BUT you can have a negative one as well (*whether intentional or not*). Here is how you ensure it is the former:

- ✓ **Pay your player/s registration fees on time**
 - Addison United Soccer Club is very flexible for those who need payment plans or needs to work out special arrangements. We are more than happy to be flexible with you if necessary, but you need to keep us aware of any issues with payment due dates.
- ✓ **Keep your player/s GotSoccer profile up to date, and complete all required documents**
 - Your player/s will not receive a player's pass or be able to participate in practices, games, or tournaments without a current GotSoccer player profile and all required documents complete.
- ✓ **Try to bring your child on time**
 - We all can relate to having busy schedules. Carpooling is usually an option with teammates. Please try your best to get your child to games and training on time and if late let someone know.
- ✓ **No parenting from the sidelines**
 - Players and coaches work on specific skills and strategies during training. Some of the strategies you may not understand or realize are being put into play for specific games. It is counterproductive to have parents shouting out directions to players during games as your information can differ from the coach causing confusion for the players. Trust that the coach is directing the players on the correct strategy.
- ✓ **Do not approach coaches about your child's playing time.**
 - The team is first and foremost for the players. If a player has not approached the coach about how to improve their playing time, it is not appropriate for the parent to discuss this with the coach. Once a player has initiated discussions about playing time coaches may be open to hearing from parents afterward. Before, during and immediately after games are off limits to discuss playing time issues.
- ✓ **Be positive on the sidelines**
 - Please encourage your children and their teammates during games. Also, set a good example and refrain from hassling officials during games.
- ✓ **Value progress and development, not winning**
 - The Addison United Soccer Club schedule is meant to have games at our level and games above our level. It is important to keep this in perspective and focus on the development of your child and the team. It is important that our club is not only put into tournaments and leagues in which they can win but that they are challenged with tougher experiences as well. The challenge of a more difficult opponent should be welcomed and encouraged. Part of this encouragement as parents understands that the team may not always win every game, and sometimes watching the players and team improve is just as, if not more important.
- ✓ **Support the Clubs success by providing constructive feedback**
 - We cherish having you and your child in our Club, and our goal is to improve as much as possible. If there are aspects of the Club you do not agree with, or if you have any concerns always contact us as we are open to solving problems to better our program.

Addison United Soccer Club would not exist without the support of its parents, and we are grateful for your support. It is important to know that Addison United is a not-for-profit organization and is dependent upon volunteers, donations, and sponsorships for support. The Club strongly urges every family to do what they can to help make every child's experience better.

The Teams -

Coaches have the direct responsibility of the team. They manage the team as they see fit with input and guidance from the Coaching Directors and Addison United Board of Directors. The following information will set guidelines on how each team will operate during the year, with a month-by-month breakdown of events and activities.

Tryouts & Team Building – Every year, the number of sanctioned teams depends on the number of players registering and the availability of volunteer coaches. Every attempt is made to accommodate as many players into the program as possible. However, sometimes the maximum number of players allowed per team under the rules established by the Vermont Soccer Association, the governing body for youth soccer in Vermont, can create a situation where not all players can be accommodated. Addison United follows the VSL Divisional Rules and Guidelines: [Vermont Soccer League Division Rules and Guidelines](#)

Age Groups	Roster Sizes	Game Format
U10s	Maximum of 14 players	7v7
U11s & U12s	Maximum of 16 players	9v9
U13s	Maximum of 18 players	11v11
U14s & older	Maximum of 22 players	11v11

In cases where there are more players than will fit on a single team, the Club makes its best effort to accommodate all players. Our clubs training philosophy is what allows our players to reach a higher level of playing. While our teams play at the D1, D2, and D3 levels, we strive to have all our players get to the highest development level possible, and learn new skills that challenge them throughout that process. Our coaches are trained to teach players technical and tactical skills of the game that they can take home with them and improve in the yard, driveway, at the park, etc. By getting our players to become students of the game, they are better able to see where improvements can be made and gain a better understanding of soccer.

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While we feel that a traditional tryout structure is needed for some of the younger age groups, it is not for older age groups.

During the tryout process on scheduled dates for each birth year in July through August preceding the spring season, athletes will be evaluated according to specific criteria related to; general fitness, soccer specific skills, knowledge and understanding of the game, commitment to the team and sportsmanship, work ethic and willingness to improve in each of the other areas. Our Coaching Directors will assess each player at our scheduled tryouts and place players on the

team that best fits their skill and will foster the player's success. Players will also be continually assessed during early team training on Sundays at the Vergennes Union High School to be sure their team placement is a good fit.

Addison United Soccer Club “Playing Up” Policy –

Addison United strongly encourages players to play only within their age group and discourages playing in the next higher age group. Higher-caliber players playing within their age group have the opportunity to provide leadership to their peers while benefiting from the constraints imposed on the game for players their age. For example, the maximum number of players allowed on the field during games differs across age groups, and the length of the games varies, too. Both are in recognition of the players’ maturation process, as well as the psychological effects of playing with and against players who are the same age.

Exceptions to this policy are at the sole discretion of the Coaching Directors. A player may be asked to attend the tryout/practice for the higher age group, ***if and only if*** there are roster shortages at that higher age level.

Players may not be offered a spot on a team in the next higher age group due to a variety of factors. As such, no explanation will be given if a player is not offered a spot on the team in the next higher age group and attended the tryout/practice for the upper age group. The player’s participation in the correct age group will not be affected.

Typical Season –

Fields, practice times and locations, and game schedules will be posted on our website. Be sure to consider the calendar when committing.

Acceptance of a rostered position is a joint commitment between Addison United Soccer Club and the player for the entire season.

Winter Indoor Training for SPRING PLUS players – All SPRING PLUS players train once a week December through April. The winter training schedule is published and posted on the Addison United website in mid-October.

Preseason Team Practice, Sunday at Vergennes Union High School for all players (birth years: 1999-2006): All players train once a week December through April, indoor at the Vergennes Union High School HS and MS gyms. The winter training schedule is published and posted on the Addison United website in mid-October.

Fall League or Futsal and Indoor League Play – At this time, AUSC will not be offering Fall League or Futsal. Should we have enough interest and players or coaches, we will be happy to help organize an Addison United team. ***Players would be responsible for paying all additional registration fees.***

Spring Outdoor Training – Finalized by March following field confirmation. Teams will train at least twice a week with possible additional optional practices/scrimmages. Training starts once fields are open, which is sometime in April, and can continue until the last week of June.

League Play - All teams play in the Vermont Soccer League (*VSL*), starting mid-April to the first of May (*included in team fees*) and last games are played the end of June.

Tournaments – Each Addison United teams (birth years: 1999 to 2006) will attend a minimum of three tournaments. Except, our teams (birth years: 2008 to 2011) will attend one tournament, the Vermont Soccer Festival. All tournament registration fees are included in the player fees. All players that commit to playing for one of our teams is expected to attend these events. If a team/player is asked to play in additional tournaments, as determined by the team coach, that were not included in the player’s original registration fee, then this will be an extra cost to the parent/player.

- Birth years: 2008 to 2011 – Vermont Soccer Festival
 - Birth years: 1999 to 2006 - 3 tournaments (*Needham Memorial Day Tournament, Weston (Green Mountain Challenge), Essex United Tournament, or other comparable tournaments*)
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Uniforms & Required Equipment –

Addison United Soccer Club Uniform Policy for all Players and Coaches - In October 2015, Addison United Soccer Club (AUSC) redesigned its logo. As AUSC moves forward, we have implemented these changes to create greater unity within the Club. As of the 2018 season, the Club will provide uniforms to all registered players, so all uniforms within our programs will be the same throughout the Club. Our Uniform Coordinator will get uniform kits to Team Managers for distribution to players before the 2018 season begins to play. Requests to add sponsors must be approved by the AUSC Board.

Uniform colors:

Home: White jersey, Black shorts, White socks

Away: Green jersey, Black shorts, Black socks

Games and Tournaments:

Team Players –

- ✓ Every player shall wear the official Club uniform (*appropriate colors*) at each game; shorts, socks, and proper jersey. The player will have socks pulled up, and shirts tucked in at all times from warm-up to the end of the game. Soccer cleats correctly/tightly laced and shin guards on.
- ✓ Injured/non-playing players shall have AUSC jersey on in order to stand/sit with the team on sidelines.

Trainings:

- ✓ Every player shall wear the official Club training jersey. Soccer cleats or sneakers/indoor soccer shoes correctly/tightly laced and shin guards on.

Team Coaches –

- ✓ Team coaches and managers will wear AUSC logo shirt, jacket, or hat.

Uniform Kit - The Club is using Soccer.com as our uniform provider. If you wish to purchase additional items or spirit wear, please go to our club page on their website.

- **Link to Required Uniform:** [Required Uniform](#)
- **Link to Recommended Uniform:** [Recommended Uniform](#)
- **Link to Spiritwear:** [Spiritwear](#)
- **Link to Additional Spiritwear from Mitchell's Screen Printing and Embroidery of Vermont:** [Mitchell's](#)

Required Equipment - Players need to bring with them to all practices and games the following:

- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Soccer socks (*both colors, games only*)
- ✓ Shin guards
- ✓ Cleats and Sneakers/Indoor soccer shoes
- ✓ Team shorts (*games only*)
- ✓ Training jersey (*practice, games, and tournaments*)
- ✓ Jerseys (*both home and away, games only*)

- ✓ Three season jacket or vest, rain gear, hat, and gloves (*be prepared for changing weather*)
 - ✓ Emergency phone numbers
 - ✓ Healthy snack
 - ✓ A soccer bag for all the above items is most useful and can be filled in advance to prevent last minute searches for specific items.
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Health & Safety –

[RECOGNIZE to RECOVER](#) is U.S. Soccer’s comprehensive player health and safety program aimed at promoting safe play and reducing injuries in soccer players of all ages. The program, which was developed with the help of medical experts, will provide coaches, players, parents, and referees with information, guidance, and additional education materials to improve the prevention and management of injuries.

Heading – The following information is regarding heading for 11-year-olds and younger. This is a USSF MANDATE effective as of January 1, 2016.

The U.S. Soccer Federation is recommending, and the Vermont Soccer Association Board of Directors has voted to require all member clubs and leagues to adopt the new rules as it relates to heading, as follows:

- ✓ Players in U11 programs and younger shall not engage in heading, either in practices or games.
- ✓ Limited heading in practice for players in U12 and U13 programs. More specifically, these players shall be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes of heading training per week, with no more than 15-20 headers per player, per week.
- ✓ Referees should enforce these restrictions by age group according to the specified rules. Referees will not be assessing the age of individual players on the field; they will enforce the rules for the age group.
- ✓ VSA clubs and leagues are free to set their own standards, as long as the minimum requirements outlined above are met. An example of this would be that clubs/leagues can mandate that no heading would be allowed at any time for U12 and below.
- ✓ VSA Travel Clubs need to be aware of the rules that will apply when traveling out of state. Confirm how this rule will be applied with the tournament before the event.
- ✓ In adherence to these new requirements, referees have been instructed by U.S. Soccer of the following rule addition: When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.
- ✓ Modified substitution rules also took effect Jan. 1, 2016, as follows: Any player suspected of suffering a head injury may be substituted for evaluation without the substitution counting against the team’s total number of allowed substitutions during the game. Head injuries **MUST** be reported on the referee game report.

Concussions – A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury that changes the way the brain normally works. A concussion is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly back and forth. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury. If an athlete reports one or more symptoms of concussion listed in the link below after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body, s/he should be kept out of play the day of the injury and until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating for concussion, says s/he is symptom-free, and it’s OK to return to play.

[Concussion – Parent and Athlete info sheet](#)

Addison United Soccer Club Certified Athletic Trainer – Addison United Soccer Club is committed to injury prevention and treatment for all our soccer players. We introduced athletic training coverage Spring 2016 at the Vergennes Union

High School (*VUHS*). We have contracted with PT360 to provide certified AT (*Certified Athletic Training*) coverage for our soccer athletes twice a week. Service will be available twice a week during spring practice season. A schedule will be posted on the AUSC website.

Services will primarily be consulting services for injury evaluation and assessments, concussion management, rehabilitation recommendations, and return to play decisions. Addison United athletes will only be permitted to see the certified AT during the allotted time. Please plan accordingly when coming from another Addison United practice venue. The certified AT will communicate any visit/activity to the player's coach. The coach will talk to the parent.

If parents wish to follow up with PT360, they can contact them directly. PT360 will provide general liability and professional liability for services rendered under the agreement, specifically all services of their PT360 certified AT.

If you do not wish for your child to be seen by our certified AT, please contact your coach.

Vermont Soccer Association/League Insurance – The Addison United Soccer Club is insured through the Vermont Soccer Association/League who is covered through US Youth Soccer. [Standard Youth Soccer Insurance Coverage, What's Covered – What's Not](#)

Payment Procedures and Policies –

The Addison United Soccer Club Board has approved the fee structure for the upcoming season. Since the inception of Addison United, our philosophy has been to keep the cost to our players and parents at a minimum. This belief continues. We are proud that our cost is still significantly lower than many of our club counterparts. We have worked hard to find ways to cut down the costs of team fees to 1/3 the cost of some of the bigger clubs while still providing excellent coaching, and similar amounts of training as well as a professional look. While we may be 1/3 the cost of other clubs, we do not provide 1/3 the service of other clubs.

The registration fees cover the cost of fields and maintenance, coaches training, equipment (*such as nets, balls, paint for the fields, flags, goals*), Vermont Soccer Association fees, insurance, tournament registrations, and much more. Addison United Soccer Club is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All of its Board Members are volunteers and do not receive any compensation for their time.

The success of our league/tournament teams is dependent on the players who make up each team - and their commitment to the program. Accordingly, we expect that all players and parents will follow through with their commitment by completing all required paperwork, paying all fees promptly, and attending all league games and tournaments. Because withdrawals can result in the unraveling of a team, our refund policy regarding league/tournament teams is stringent and non-negotiable. After rosters have been announced, requests for refunds will be treated as follows:

- ✓ Player withdrawal after rosters have been announced will result in no refund of the deposit.
- ✓ Player withdrawal after the team's season fee due date for any reason will result in no refund of the team's season fee.
- ✓ Player dismissal due to a violation of the AUSC Player/Parent Manual will result in no refund of the team's season fee.
- ✓ Partial Player refunds will be issued on a case by case basis if a season-ending injury occurs during the beginning of the playing season.
- ✓ Full refunds will be awarded if selected to a team that ends up with an insufficient number of players.

Payment Schedule:

- ✓ August 1th - October 2nd: Open Registration; \$50 non-refundable registration fee per player due at sign-up to cover VSA fees, GotSoccer fees, and administration fees (*fee is included in total cost of registration*). Full Payment Due at sign-up, *unless automatic monthly installment payment selected (fees apply)*. New registrations after October 2nd are waitlisted. A \$25 late fee is applied to all late registrations.
- ✓ November 27th: No new registrations accepted after this date.
- ✓ February 26th: Paid in full deadline with automatic monthly installment payments by credit card through GotSoccer.

***** Space is limited due to team roster maximums.**

Payment Policies – Payment policies will be strictly enforced. Families can check their balance through GotSoccer. **\$50 non-refundable registration fee covers administrative costs** (*fee is included in total cost of registration*). **All payments are non-refundable once teams are rostered and after the first Club activity** (*training/practice, game, or tournament*) **is played because we have committed costs for each player: roster space, coaching time, and field rental/equipment.** If families are late with their payment, then a \$25 monthly late fee will be charged to their account, unless other arrangements are established. Players must be paid in full by February 26th unless on a payment plan authorized by the Club. AUSC asks that all families stay on top of their accounts. For more information: [Return of Fees Policy](#)

Payment Processes – Players may pay online through GotSoccer.com. Player's balances can be accessed directly from their GotSoccer accounts. **Pay in Full by October 2nd to avoid additional fees**, or make automatic monthly installment payments and pay the total in full by February 26th. If you opt to pay monthly automatic installment payments, there is a \$5 per month installment fee. Using GotSoccer is the fastest and easiest way to keep your family account updated and accurate. This will be the primary way of accepting payments. Families may also pay by check. If a family chooses not to pay by credit/debit card via GotSoccer, then a \$25 handling fee for every payment made by check is added. Please send all checks to the AUSC mailing address – PO Box 181, Bristol, VT 05443.

Unpaid Fees – Players with fees that are past due (+15 days) and have not established a payment plan or requested a scholarship by the due date will be placed in bad standing until their financial obligation has been resolved. A player in bad standing will not be rostered, issued a player pass, or participate in practices and/or games. We ask families to communicate directly with us promptly to work out any financial issues. We do not want to be put in a position to not allow a player to play.

Monthly automatic installment payments are available through our GotSoccer registration. Registrations must be Paid in FULL before February 26th. If you opt to pay monthly automatic installment payments, there is a \$5 per month installment fee for registrations.

We do NOT send out mailed statements. Your player's account information can be accessed at GotSoccer.com.

A limited scholarship program is available for families requiring financial assistance. Go to this link for details on scholarships – [Scholarships](#)

Dual - Sports Participation Policy - Student/Athletes tend to be active and engaging individuals. Personal preferences are often hard to make since interests vary. Parental and peer pressure can lead to anxiety about choosing the best activity and performing at the best level for the athlete. This can lead to scheduling difficulties, arguments, and below average performance in activities that should be fun and stress releasing. With that in mind, we would like to provide an easy way for athletes to set priorities and still participate in as many activities as are healthy and fun.

If you are a parent and your student/athlete wants to participate in two or more activities that may have conflicting schedules, discuss the concept of setting priorities and how splitting time and energy between two events can adversely affect their performance in each. Once the priority is set, then discuss the decision with the coaches of each team and discuss whether it is the best interest of the team to have a part-time participant on the team. If everyone agrees, the coach should set expectations about practice time, game time, and set goals for the activity that are reasonable based upon the level of participation.

It is the policy of the AUSC that athletes who want to participate in AUSC activities, (*practices, games, tournaments*), do so with the expectation that they will do so with the mission and philosophy of the club as stated at addisonunitedvt.com.

It is important to note what is NOT COVERED in the fee structure.

- ✓ Monthly installment fees and late fees.
- ✓ Spirit gear or team apparel.
- ✓ Lodging, meals, and/or other expenses for travel of players, parents, and family members.
- ✓ Indoor soccer leagues (*Futsal*) and Fall soccer programs.
- ✓ Any additional tournaments, Academies, or camps as well as other special training programs not specified in the package description.

Did you know...

Addison United Soccer Club is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Your donation is tax deductible!

Your registration fees cover equipment costs, Vermont Soccer Association fees, Insurance, Referees, Field Rental and Maintenance, and much more. These expenses add up to more than \$58,000 per year!

The Board Members are all volunteers who donate their time to help make our Club healthy and sustainable. If you are interested in joining the Board, please let us know. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged.

We have numerous Sponsorship opportunities to help keep AUSC affordable to families in our community. Contact us if you or your business wish to support AUSC. (*Sponsorships are tax deductible.*)

Many players do not have the resources to pay the registration fee for club soccer. AUSC offers scholarships to those who qualify. We feel every player should have the opportunity to participate, regardless of financial means. You can make a tax-deductible donation to our scholarship fund!

AUSC sends their coaches to training to help provide our club with the best coaches in the area.

Thanks, and welcome to the Addison United Family!

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