

Ramapo Valley Soccer Club

Policies & Guidelines

Teams:

During May of each year, Ramapo Valley Soccer Club holds tryouts for play during the following Fall-Winter-Spring seasonal year. During tryouts, the RVSC Technical Directors and training staff observe and evaluate all players, both current and new players. The tryouts include two sessions for each age group and may include a callback session for select age groups. No player is guaranteed a spot on the roster for the subsequent year and must participate in tryouts and earn a position on each team. Players will be notified of the results of the tryouts once all of tryouts for the program are completed. In addition to the May tryouts, individual teams may hold supplemental tryouts at other times during the year.

Coaching:

The Technical Directors and Gender Group Coordinators are responsible for selecting all Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches for each team. In addition, they will review and evaluate all Team Manager candidates. All coaches are required to hold a USSF license or have required experience in lieu of a license level. Generally, the staff assigned to a team will coach and train the team for the full year. However, we reserve the right to change any coach or manager at any time.

Risk Management:

All Ramapo Valley Soccer Club Board Members, Coaches, Trainers, Team Managers and other support staff must pass a background check administered by Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association and/or US Club Soccer, according to their terms and conditions.

Playing Position & Time:

Playing position and time will vary and will be determined by the Head Coach. Position is determined by several factors including player skill level, game situation, game roster, and team age group. Playing time is based on player ability, attitude, attendance at training sessions and games, commitment level, and game situation.

Training:

Each U8-U14 team will be offered two sessions per week during the Fall and Spring, and one session over the Winter. U15 and older teams will begin practices in November. Sessions will range from 60 to 90 minutes. Training sessions are generally conducted between Monday and Friday, starting no earlier than 5:00 pm and ending no later than 10:00 pm (for older age groups U14 and older). On occasion, teams may conduct a practice on the weekend. Attempts are made to schedule training sessions as conveniently as possible for each team. Due to weather and other circumstance, we cannot guarantee the exact number of sessions or duration.

Cross-Training:

We understand families have a busy schedule where players are unable to attend a scheduled training session. To maximize each player training and player development within the program, we allow players to cross-train with other teams in the program during their outdoor training sessions. For example, if a player on the U13 Girls Premier team player has a conflict with their session due to a school function, they should attend the U12 Girls Premier or the U14 Girls Premier team session. If you decide to take advantage of the cross-training feature, the player must: (1) obtain approval from your Head Coach and, (2) obtain approval from the Head Coach of the team that you are cross-training with. The cross-training feature is offered for exceptions.

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Age Appropriate Play:

We support the US Youth guidance that players should play at their age appropriate level and believe that players will develop better at their age appropriate level. However, the club recognizes that some players may be physically and psychologically ready, and possess the skills, to be considered for the next age level. During the annual tryout process, the Technical Directors and Gender Group Coordinators will evaluate all players that wish to be moved up an age level, and make the decision on the appropriate team assignment. Players that are approved to play up at the next age level are approved for one year. The following year, all players will be required to try out for their appropriate age group. This policy does not apply to teams which are intentionally comprised of 2 age groups at the discretion of the club.

Double-Carding:

Players may be double-carded with another club on a case-by-case basis. To be considered, they must be in good-standing on all fee payments, and have excellent attendance for practices and games. Working with the team Head Coach, our Technical Directors and Gender Group Coordinators will jointly evaluate all requests. If approved, in all cases, Ramapo Valley Soccer Club will be the primary club for the player. All requests must be sent by email to the Head Coach of their team, copying the respective Technical Director and Gender Group Coordinator. The player will be notified by email if approved or not. All decisions are final. The player acknowledges their primary commitment for training, games and tournaments and all other team activities will be to their RVSC team. If at any time, the Head Coach determines the player is not honoring their primary commitment, the player may be suspended or removed from the team.

Guest Playing:

Players may be allowed to guest play with another club on a case-by-case basis. To be considered, they must be in good-standing on all fee payments, and have excellent attendance for practices and games. Working with the team Head Coach, our Technical Directors and Gender Group Coordinators will jointly evaluate all requests. All requests must be sent by email to the Head Coach of their team, copying the respective Technical Director and Gender Group Coordinator. The player will be notified by email if approved or not. All decisions are final. The player acknowledges their primary commitment for training, games and tournaments and all other team activities will be to their RVSC team. If at any time, the Head Coach determines the player is not honoring their primary commitment, the player may no longer be permitted to guest play.

League Placement:

Our soccer club teams participate in a number of leagues based on a variety of factors including league eligibility requirements, team capability, and competitiveness. The Board of Directors working with the Technical Directors will make the determination of league(s) for each club team.

Tournament Selection:

Our soccer club teams will participate in a variety of seasonal tournaments based on a variety of factors including tournament eligibility requirements, team capability, and competitiveness. The Technical Directors and Gender Group Coordinators will work with the coaching staff with tournament selection.

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College Guidance:

Our coaching and training staff includes several members that have experience coaching at the collegiate level and playing at the professional level. Players that are playing on our U15 and older teams will receive specific guidance and counseling from the staff as they pursue opportunities to play at the collegiate level.

Fees:

Prior to the start of each season, all players and parents shall be notified of the applicable fees to join a team. Specifics of the applicable fees can be found in the Competitive League information section of RVSC website. The Base Tuition and Uniform Kit fees are payable in full at the time of acceptance. Fee's for training, practices, games, tournament registration, tournament travel & living, are determined on a team by team basis, and are payable in installments payments. For the convenience of our families, the installment payments may be spread up to 6 monthly payments. If payment is delinquent, we reserve the right to withhold the player's pass until the delinquency is addressed.

All Base Tuition, Uniform Kit, and Installment payments (as described above) are **non-refundable**.

Multiple Child Discounts:

For families with two or more children, we offer discounts applicable to the Base Registration fee. The discounts may not be used for any uniform or additional fee's, and are not transferrable. Specifics of the discounts can be found in the Competitive League information section of RVSC website.

Financial Assistance:

Ramapo Valley Soccer Club offers a variety of financial assistance methods. Players who receive any form of financial assistance agree to play for the full seasonal year which runs August 1st thru July 31st of the following year. Players who depart the club before the end of the seasonal year must then pay the full year cost (Base Tuition, Uniform Kit, and Installment payments, less any monies already paid) before a player release will be given. For more information, please contact your Head Coach. All requests for assistance are kept strictly confidential.