



# Northern Virginia Alliance (NVA)

## ECNL Commitment Letter

**2023-2024**

Congratulations and welcome to the Northern Virginia Alliance (NVA) ECNL program for the 2023-2024 seasonal year! We are looking forward to sharing a great year of soccer with your player and your family. To help you get started, please find below an outline of our expectations of players and families accepting a position on a NVA ECNL team. By checking the box during your acceptance, you acknowledge you have read and agree to the NVA ECNL Commitment Letter terms and conditions.

### **Player and Parent Expectations**

#### **1. Commitment to the NVA ECNL Program**

In accepting a position on a NVA ECNL team, I acknowledge and accept the time commitment the team demands. NVA ECNL teams train year-round: in-season (spring/fall), teams train a minimum of twice per week, with games on the weekend. Off-season (winter/summer) training commitments vary by team age and level. By accepting an offer to play on a NVA ECNL team, your player promises to do his/her best to participate in all scheduled team events to help ensure the success of both the player and the team.

#### **2. Commitment to NVA's Mission, Vision and Goals**

- **Mission** - to lead and inspire the next generation of elite soccer players, coaches and families
- **Vision** - to expand our reach nationally by establishing the most elite youth soccer alliance in the Northern Virginia region.
- **Goals** - to produce nationally successfully players, coaches and teams by developing and attracting to talent over a broad geographic footprint, spanning from Fairfax County across Loudoun to West Virginia.

### **ECNL Financial Policy**

Please review the NVA ECNL Financial Policy, which outlines the NVA's financial expectations for ECNL players and their families. (A link to this document can be found on the NVA ECNL Overview page of our website.)

### **Club Registration Fees**

Club fees are paid directly to the Club to cover annual Club-based costs (e.g., coach salaries, field rental, administrative support). Because Club fees are budgeted based on the total number of players rostered to a team, your player's commitment to the team is for **the entire 2023-2024 seasonal year**. Any player choosing to leave the team early remains responsible for all fees owed for the balance of the seasonal year. Limited exceptions to this policy can be found in the NVA ECNL Financial Policy.

### **Team Fees**

The NVA ECNL Program Manager will collect NVA ECNL team fees. Team fees are based on each specific team's requirements, and may include conference travel for coaches, tournament entrance fees, coach travel to tournaments, administrative costs, etc. NVA ECNL team fees must be paid on time. All players selected for NVA Club organized team travel events are responsible for paying the weekend travel fee. Personal travel costs for player and family are not covered by team fees.

Funds raised via team fundraisers (see NVA Financial Policy) belong to the team collectively, and are deducted from the overall team budget. No refunds will be paid to individuals of monies raised via team fundraising. Any team funds remaining at the end of the seasonal year will accrue to that team's budget for the following seasonal year. Players who leave the Club before the end of the seasonal year are not eligible for a refund of team fees.

### **ECNL Player Transfers**

A player rostered to an NVA ECNL team is ineligible to transfer to another ECNL team within the same seasonal year.

### **NVA ECNL Program - Final Considerations**

NVA reserves the right to make player participation decisions on short notice due to certain opportunities and circumstances - player development, player distribution, and player (or parent) behavior considerations.

- Multi-sport athletes will be held to the same attendance standards as all other players.
- Parent/Player behavior and/or misconduct are grounds for termination from your ECNL team.
- I acknowledge the NVA ECNL Waiver/Release for Communicable Diseases including COVID-19.

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