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Parent Agreement

For our club to be successful we must ensure that we align expectations from our players and their parents and/or guardians. This agreement has been drafted because of its importance in developing a competitive club. This agreement outlines the general conditions and guidelines governing a player and family's participation within the Club.

As a Parent and/or Guardian(s) of the Chicago Makers Soccer Club player, I agree to:

1. Ensure that my child brings all required equipment to and from all the soccer activities. That the equipment is worn properly and appropriately so that my son or daughter is allowed to practice or compete for the safety of themselves or other players they play with or against.
2. Provide transportation to and from all Chicago Makers Soccer Club (CMSC) sessions, matches, events, games and tournaments guaranteeing the player is prompt in arriving as well as leaving. If for any reason my son or daughter can not attend a practice or game, I will whenever possible give the coach as much notice as possible.
3. For the team to grow, it is depending upon the participation of the player at both practices and games. I recognize that this is a competitive environment and playing time may not be equally divided amongst all the players on a team.
4. Lend all players positive support and not to point out mistakes or coaching during games and practices. I understand that it is the coach's role to coach. I agree to allow the coaching staff of the CMSC to do their job accordingly. I will approach the coach with questions by e-mail or phone when possible or at a time that does not interfere with practice times or games. I also agree to adhere to the CMSC "24 Hour Rule" stating that it is an emergency. I will wait 24 hours after an event to help to take emotion out of the situation before I bring any concerns or complaints regarding a specific event to the attention of the coach, ED, board member, or team manager. An example of an emergency would include something that could adversely affect and entire team or age group's well being. Playing time, positional discrepancies and game results are not emergencies.
5. Treat my player opponents, referees, assistant referees, teammates, all coaches, parents of all players, and any CMSC staff member with dignity, respect, courtesy, and sportsmanship at all times. My behavior must be guided by common sense principles and ethics which make all of us proud to be associated with the CMSC.
6. Follow the appropriate chain of command to resolve issues or questions relative to coaches or Club policies. The appropriate route for resolving issues or questions regarding team issues is the Coach, Team Manager, ED, or a Board member. For club policies you can start with a TM or Coach. I will always do my best not to discuss concerns or problems in public or in front of CMSC players. Concerns with other players should be discussed with the parents, coach, TM, or ED but not with the player.
7. Make certain that my child refrains from using foul language, nicotine, tobacco products or drugs or any substance that in any ay degrades or damages their condition or performance as an athlete and member of CMSC.
8. Honor all financial commitments to CMSC per the program guidelines. The undersigned agrees to pay in full all fees for training, coaching, uniforms, travel, administrative, and any other reasonably assessed fees by the CMSC for the 2007-2008 season effective the day this agreement is signed. Failure to pay any portion of the fees will result in suspension by your child's player pass being pulled until payments are made. I understand and accept that a majority of the CMSC's

expenses are fixed and based on my commitment to pay my fees in full. Any exceptions to full payments of fees can only be approved by the Board with the Finance Director's recommendation.

9. You as the parent are personally responsible for your own actions and the actions of my child and family members at all times. My sideline behavior must be of the highest standards, must not contain any verbal or physical abuse towards anyone at any time. In no way do I hold any coach, team manager, or Executive Director responsible for any inappropriate actions by myself my child, a family member or a spectator associated with me, my child, and/or family at any time. I also acknowledge that if the Team Coach, Team Manager or Executive Director believes my behavior to be inappropriate in any manner, I may face sanctioning including but not limited to not being allowed to attend matches or be present at team functions.
10. Understand that there are specific guidelines for transferring my son or daughter during a season to other soccer organizations which are established by CMSC, IYSA, NISL, and IWSL. Transfers are only considered by CMSC under extenuating circumstances such as relocations. Requests for transfers must be made in writing to the ED and will be reviewed by the Board.
11. Understand that it is against league policy to take any CMSC player to any other soccer organization or club's training sessions, matches, practices, scrimmages, coaching sessions, or meetings without written permission from the coach. Written permission is not needed for players to attend IYSA ODP, Jr. High School soccer, or High School soccer programs. Each player should let their coach know if they are playing for ODP or school teams.

It is our intent that these guidelines will answer many questions you have and provide for a better understanding between your family, coaches, and the Club. Thank you for your support to the Club and we look forward to the upcoming season.

_____ <i>Player's Name (Print)</i>	_____ <i>Player's Team</i>	_____ <i>Team Coach</i>
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_____ <i>Parent/Guardian's Name (Print)</i>	_____ <i>Parent/Guardian's Signature</i>	_____ <i>Signature Date</i>
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Nelo Nightingale <i>Executive Director/Head Coach</i>	_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Signature Date</i>
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