Valencia Soccer Academy Club Policy Document

VALENCIA SOCCER ACADEMY MISSION STATEMENT

“Soccer is what we teach. Character is what we develop.”

VSA is a professional youth soccer club devoted to advanced player development. Our ultimate goal is to provide players with the best training environment possible to prepare them for college and beyond. VSA uses training methods derived from the Spanish style of play. VSA teaches soccer as a technical, tactical, and physical art form. Tiki-Taka, rondos, overloads, and possession based games are emphasized daily.

Functional technical work is designed to give players the individual skill set needed to play with style, determination, and class. Individual confidence begins with thousands of touches on the ball. The VSA Foot Skills method is utilized to give our youth players the ability to touch the ball with every surface of the foot and body. Training with VSA translates to constantly having the ball on your feet.

VSA’s training curriculum brings an advanced style of European play to each training session. Players will be developed to compete at the highest of levels with our progressive technical based curriculum. In order to do so, we require a highly dedicated staff to develop each of our teams. These qualified staff members are held accountable for several key responsibilities.

In addition to training and coaching, staff members are also responsible for inspiring players to develop good character. This includes responsibility, accountability, work ethic, empathy, respect for teammates and officials, and positive energy/support for teammates. A player’s journey through Valencia is much more than learning soccer. A Valencia player is taught life skills via team sport that will last a lifetime.
KEY CURRICULUM POINTS

Individual Technical
Emphasis on a player’s ability to control the ball with all surfaces of the foot and body. Advanced individual technique focuses on the development of player’s ability to beat defenders with their skill in 1v1 situations.

Functional Technical
The understanding of when, where, why, and how to use specific techniques in match situations. Functional technique relates more specifically to player positions within the game. This critical stage of development will influence a player for his/her entire career.

Tactical/Cognitive
Emphasis on a player’s ability to read the game. With strong functional/individual technical foundation, players will be placed in sessions where they are encouraged to possess the ball with 1-2 touches. Furthermore, players will be constantly challenged to keep possession in a multitude of training exercises.

Determination to Compete
Like most European countries, Spanish soccer is synonymous with passion. In order to develop to the highest potential, players will possess the same passion that won Spain a World Cup. Counter-pressing, physical fitness, discipline, and respect are instilled in every session. The determination to win the ball from an opponent is equally as important as the enjoyment of possessing it.

Psychosocial Development
Psychosocial Development is a critical component in daily training. We require all of our players to take a positive and respectful approach towards teammates and officials. The psychosocial aspect of development is frequently discussed in our collegiate development program. Body language, reaction to adversity, communication, and dedication are consistently stressed to our players. Positive body language is the most important aspect of being a VSA member.
PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

Attendance
A great amount of time and effort is put into training sessions and development. Player attendance for practice and games is mandatory. It is expected that soccer and VSA is each player’s primary extracurricular activity. This is a necessary requirement for each player’s individual development. Furthermore, teammates and coaches need all players present in order to run the best possible training session.

Players are expected to arrive 15 minutes early to trainings, 1 hour early to games.

We understand that players will experience illnesses or injuries from time to time. In the event that a player is ill or injured to an extent that he/she is not cleared by a doctor to compete, please communicate with your coach via email.

Playing time in games will be affected when a player misses training sessions during the week. If a player misses several sessions or is consistently tardy, his/her coach has the discretion to decrease playing time, or suspend the player for one or multiple games. If this problem persists, the coach (in cooperation with Club President) has the discretion to dismiss the player from the team.

Physical Conditioning/Skill Requirements
In addition to planned team events, players are expected to train and condition on their own. This training also includes additional off season training, which will be provided by Valencia and AP2T. If a player is out of shape or not keeping up with his/her technical skills, playing time in games will be affected. We expect player training and conditioning to be a year-round commitment.

Club Culture: Body Language and Behavior
Players are expected to maintain positive body language during team events. Players should encourage teammates, be on their toes in trainings, and be excited to have the ball at their feet. Furthermore, players should be respectful towards all club personnel, officials, and parents. We expect players to act with respect and dignity at all times. This behavior directly reflects upon the club and everyone in it.
PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Parent Conduct
We appreciate each parent that chooses Valencia for their family. With that being said, parent behavior is a representation of the club. We expect that parents act in an appropriate manner that promotes the values of the club. Criticizing officials and/or criticizing other players/parents is unacceptable. Parents are to respect all officials, fellow parents, players, and club personnel. We believe parents are a critical part in creating culture and image. Enjoy the process! Let the players play! Let the coaches coach! Let the officials officiate!

Parent Coaching
Valencia has a strict policy on parent coaching from the sidelines. Screaming any direction from the sideline will be interpreted as coaching. The only individual giving directions to players in training or games should be the coach. It is important that players learn under a consistent philosophy and direction. Sideline behavior should be positive (without any given direction).

SECONDARY CARDING/TRAINING EVENTS OUTSIDE OF VSA

Secondary Carding + Guest Playing
Valencia does not accept players using secondary cards for other clubs. This includes guest playing in tournaments. Any player using a secondary card or guest playing for another club will face suspension.

Training Events Outside of VSA
We do not support additional training through outside organizations that conflict with Valencia programs. As a club, we invest a lot of time and effort into additional programs. These extra programs continue to teach the club philosophy and system of play. We expect each player to take part in extra training through VSA and AP2T.
GAMEDAY

Playing Time
Playing time is not guaranteed for any player. There are many factors that determine a player’s game time. Dedication to the team, practice attendance, physical conditioning, and player development all contribute to playing time. Attitude, body language, and treatment of teammates/coaches are considered.

Team Designation
Players will be assigned to teams based on weekly evaluations. This acceptance letter is for the player’s birth year. We either have two teams, or are currently building two teams in each age group. Coaches will constantly evaluate players to see where they best fit. Player’s technical ability, tactical decision making, and physical conditioning will all contribute towards evaluations. All decisions are made with consideration towards the best path to player development.

TOURNAMENTS

Each team (depending on birth year) will be granted 3 tournaments with tuition fees. Any additional tournaments will be paid for by the team. For tournaments involving lodging, families must stay in the same hotel provided through the tournament’s travel agency. This is tournament policy. If a team is in violation of this policy, the tournament reserves the right to disqualify the team. Please understand these are the rules of the tournament directors.
FINANCIAL EXPECTATIONS

Punctual Payments
A down payment of $330.00 is to be made upon acceptance. This must be made within 48 hours of the VSA Open House (4/19/2017) on the VSA Portal. Each competition level (7v7, 9v9, 11v11) has their own designated tuition fee. This remaining tuition fee will be broken down into three payments. These payments will occur as detailed below. After the April Down Payment, May will be charged thirty days later. Each subsequent payment will be charged 60 days later. Parents will be sent a reminder letter if any payments are late. If payment is not made within 2 weeks of scheduled date, players will be subject to suspension and late fees set forth in designated tuition fee.

Down Payment (April): $330.00

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Refund Policy
Upon receipt of the down payment pursuant to the Letter of Acceptance to VSA, all tuition fees are required to be paid and all payments are non-refundable for any reason whatsoever. All periodic time payments must be completed in full and on time, regardless. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Club President has sole discretion to waive unpaid fees when a player is terminated due to a violation of Player Expectations or Parent Expectations. Failure to make payments are subject to additional charges for collection, included but not limited to legal charges.
SUMMER SELECT

Players from U9 to U14 are expected to participate in Summer Select. This program is for an additional fee. Summer Select will include training from June to the end of July. Teams will travel to two tournaments and train twice weekly.

CLUB VIOLATION POLICY

VSA’s objective is to run a professional club that promote class, high quality training, and preparation for college and beyond. Please carefully review all of the club policies previously listed. Please email Club President, Jason Montesinos at info@vstnj.com, with any questions regarding policies. VSA reserves the right to suspend/release any player from a team based on player OR parent conduct.

We ask that parents and players consistently act in a manner that represents the values of Valencia Soccer Academy. Team camaraderie, sportsmanship, respect, positive body language, and hard work are values that will remain with our players in areas of life beyond sport. Soccer should be an enjoyable experience. In order to make this experience the best possible, coaches, players, parents, and club officials must be on the same page.

TEAM SNAP

All team communication for games, trainings, or any other miscellaneous events is communicated through TeamSnap (web-based mobile app). Parents and players are responsible for checking their TeamSnap daily. Please check TeamSnap prior to leaving for any event.
UNIFORM PACKAGE (all Adidas)

VSA’s uniform package is distributed by Soccer Stop in Colonia. When entering the store, speak to George. Inform him that you would like to place an order for a VSA kit. George will have the full kit on site for players to try on. Please be prepared to pay in full via cash, check, or credit. All uniform numbers will be requested when ordering your uniform. Jersey numbers will be distributed, first come, first serve.

Soccer Stop Address: 297 Inman Avenue, Colonia, NJ 07067
Required Dates to Order: Between April 20th and May 6th

Each uniform package cost a total of $300.00. Uniform packages include the following:

Home Uniform
• 1 Orange Shirt
• 1 White Short
• 1 Pair of Orange Socks

Away Uniform
• 1 Black Shirt
• 1 Orange Short
• 1 Pair of Black Socks

Training Uniform
• 1 Orange Shirt
• 1 Black Short
• 1 Pair of Black Socks

Outer Wear
• 1 Jacket
• 1 Pant
• 1 Back Pack

Goalkeepers
• 1 Long Sleeve Goalkeeper Shirt
PLAYER AND PARENT SIGNATURE

Thank you for carefully reviewing our club policy document. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together! We are sincerely grateful for every family who gives us an opportunity to develop the next generation of talented players.

*Upon completion, please mail this entire document to the following address:*
**37 Albemarle Road, Colonia NJ, 07067.** Please sign and complete the following:

I, ______________________________ (print player name) have reviewed and understand the Valencia Club Policy Document. I understand VSA’s expectations and hereby commit to the club for the 2017-2018 season.

I, ______________________________ (print parent name) have reviewed and understand the Valencia Club Policy Document. I understand VSA’s expectations and hereby commit to the club for the 2017-2018 season.

Player Signature: ______________________________ Date: __________

Parent Signature: ______________________________ Date: __________

Notary Signature: ______________________________ Date: __________
Notary Seal: __________________________________________