



POLICIES & PROCEDURES

2020 - 2021

TTHFC/FLORIDA ELITE POLICIES & PROCEDURES

THANK YOU for taking the time to read the **TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee Policies and Procedures!** If you feel the document is missing vital information, please let me know.

INFORMATION

COMMUNICATION

TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee sends club information using a secure mass e-mail system through our online registration provider. Providing an e-mail address and phone number for your account gives permission to TTHFC to send club information to the email address and phone number provided. E-mail and phone number changes may be made directly in the system by the account holder.

TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee will only communicate player information to the person(s) listed as primary and/or secondary account holder. If they need to add an additional individual to the team's contact list, it is the duty of the primary account holder to notify the coach and team manager; and/or make the necessary changes to their TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee account.

Individual team coaches and managers will communicate team-specific matters, using email, phone or texts. Elite program players and family members are encouraged to download the GotSoccer app for mobile devices, as this is the management software used by FYSA for league and regional play. The club tournament (Florida State Invitational/FSI) also uses this software, so all tournament games, field assignments, rules, etc. will be available within the app.

POINTS OF CONTACT AND ISSUE ESCALATION

TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee strives to listen carefully to our membership, and we want to ensure that parents/guardians know the best person to contact should questions and concerns arise during the year.

Communication should begin with your team coach/manager; If they are unable to assist or are part of your concern, you should contact the Program Director. If the Program Director is unsuccessful with a resolution, then you can go to the Director of Coaching. A complete list of staff email address can be found on the club website.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

TTHFC/Florida Elite is committed to providing a safe environment for its membership. Every member of TTHFC/Florida Elite is responsible for protecting our participants and ensuring their safety and wellbeing while involved in club activities. We encourage parents to become as active as possible in club activities, please fill out an online volunteer request so we can use your talents to help our club!

KIDS SAFE PROGRAM

FYSA and TTHFC/Florida Elite has adopted USSF Bylaw 213 and the US Youth Soccer Kid's Safe Program and it is the intent of FYSA to exclude from participation, at a minimum, all persons who engage in discriminatory conduct, have been convicted of or adjudicated guilty of crimes of violence, crimes against persons, crimes against property or felonies. FYSA will comply with all USSF and US Youth Soccer guidelines and procedures.

All Board Members, Staff, Coaches and Team Managers, (paid and volunteers) MUST successfully complete/pass the FYSA background check. TTHFC will not knowingly recommend or allow the placement any person into a position that would involve direct contact with a child who has failed to submit to or has not passed a background check.

WEATHER

In case of inclement weather, TTHFC/Florida Elite will make every attempt to provide updates in a timely manner. Our goal is to post field status updates by 3:30pm, Monday – Friday and by 7:00am, Saturday and Sunday. If training/games have commenced, an on-site TTHFC/Florida Elite representative will make the decision to suspend or cancel play, by field, based on current weather conditions.

In the case of lightning or any other severe weather event, participants and spectators will be instructed to leave the fields and should remain in their vehicles/under cover until the threat has passed and an all clear has been sounded by a representative at the field.

LIGHTNING POLICY

TTHFC/Florida Elite follows the City of Tallahassee 30/30 rule for lightning safety. The criteria for suspension of activities is that by the time the flash-to-bang count approaches 30 seconds, all individuals should already be inside a safe shelter. If activity has been suspended due to lightening, the club will wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning flash prior to resuming activity. Each time additional lightning is observed, the 30-minute wait period will be reset. **Please see [City of Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Department Lightning-Safety Policy](#) for more information.**

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COACHES & VOLUNTEERS CODE OF CONDUCT

TTHFC/Florida Elite follows the FYSA set standards that outline a philosophy that is paramount to the game of soccer. We believe that soccer belongs to its players and should always be to their enjoyment.

Coaches & Staff agree:

- I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players.
- I will always show respect for players, other coaches, and game officials
- I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship at all times.
- I will demonstrate knowledge of the rules of the game, and teach these rules to my players.
- I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity.
- I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of the situation.
- I will not allow the use of anabolic agents or stimulants, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol by any of my players.
- I will never knowingly jeopardize the eligibility and participation of a student-athlete.
- Youth have a greater need for example than criticism. I will be the primary soccer role model.
- I will conduct myself in a positive manner at all times.
- Coaching is motivating players to produce their best effort, inspiring players to learn, and encouraging players to be winners.
- My actions on the sidelines during games shall be in the spirit of “good sportsmanship” at all times. Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall require disciplinary action from the affiliate.
- I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon FYSA, its members or its programs.
- I will accurately and completely complete the coach/volunteer application form and by application attest to the accuracy of the information submitted.

Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in FYSA or TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee sanctioned events, for the following periods:

1st offense -- suspension for a minimum of thirty (30) days to a maximum of five (5) years.

2nd offense -- suspension for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of ten (10) years.

3rd offense -- suspension for a minimum of five (5) years to a maximum of fifty (50) years.

NOTE: Any individual charged with a violation of this Code of Ethics shall be afforded due process as defined in FYSA's Rule Section 600 before the implementation of any suspension.

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OUTSTANDING BALANCE

Fee information, including payment due dates is posted on the website. Players will not be placed on a team's roster or allowed to participate in any program until payment has been made. Players that are behind on their participation fees and/or have an outstanding balance from a previous registration will not be allowed to register for additional programs until the outstanding balance has been cleared.

PUBLICITY RELEASE STATEMENT

From time to time during TTHFC/Florida Elite activities or events, participants will be videotaped, photographed, or interviewed for possible promotions to generate interest in our programs. These images or texts may appear on the TTHFC website and in the local media. Parents are asked to check a publicity release waiver during tryouts. They release and consent without compensation TTHFC/Florida Elite, and its staff, from all liability, claims, or causes of action with this consent and release and grant TTHFC/Florida Elite the right to use player's name, picture, video, or interview for publicity purposes, related to the club's activities, on its website and in all media.

PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As the parents, or parent (or legal guardian) of a Florida Elite player, I/we understand, acknowledge and agree that if he/she becomes part of the Florida Elite Soccer Academy we will commit to the club and team financial obligations for the seasonal year running August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021, and will at all times abide by and comply with the following Parents Code of Conduct:

We will:

1. Be encouraging, supportive, and affirmative in regard to our child's play on the soccer field, especially during league and tournament games;
2. Respect officials and accept their decisions;
3. Support the coach, manager, and the team;
4. Volunteer your services to your son's/daughter's team and Club when needed
5. Familiarize ourselves with the Laws of the Game
6. Comply with rules, policies, and procedures of the team and Club as they apply to us (including financial commitment)
7. Only discuss our child's status on the team with the Coach (not the manager or any other person affiliated with the Team or Club) at a time mutually agreed upon by the coach (Never prior to, during or for a 24 hour period after a game or tournament)

Further, we will never:

1. Engage in dissent directed toward an official during any soccer game;
2. Engage in any kind or type of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, manager, player or parent prior to, during, or after a soccer game;
3. Interfere at any time with the duties and responsibilities of the coach or manager; or
4. Act in any manner which is detrimental to the Team or the TTHFC/Florida Elite.

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PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

I understand, acknowledge and agree that if I agree to become a player and a member of Florida Elite Soccer Academy, I am committing to the club and team financial obligations for the seasonal year running from August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021. In addition, I will at all times abide by and comply with the following Player's Code of Conduct:

1. I will demonstrate sportsmanship, and encourage it from fellow players, coaches, officials & parents at all times.
2. I will train and play to the best of my ability.
3. I will respect my coach, teammates and opponents.
4. I will not use or possess drugs, tobacco, alcohol, E-liquids (with or without nicotine) or unauthorized prescriptions drugs. I am expected to refrain from their use at all times during the seasonal year.
5. I will have a positive attitude, doing the best I can each day and will give only encouragement to my teammates.
6. I will play by the rules at all times, and I will respect officials and accept their decisions without question.
7. I will learn, and obey, the laws of the game along with the rules, policies and procedures of the team and the Club.
8. I will attend and be prompt for all games and training sessions with a proper mental attitude and equipment.
9. I will notify the coach and team manager if I will be tardy for or unable to attend a game, training session, or team meeting.
10. I will always control my temper and resist any form of retaliation.
11. I will win without boasting.
12. While traveling, I will conduct myself so as to bring credit to the team, the Club and myself while using the guidelines below:
 - Travel with the team whenever possible
 - As long as the team is still playing in the tournament, players are required to meet at a designated area at a designated time as specified by the coach or manager to do any team related activities such as meals, walks etc.
 - Teams will be traveling from the hotel to the fields and back together.
 - Players must be dressed uniformly when departing to the games.
 - Players must never leave the hotel without permission of the coach, even if leaving with their parents. The coach must know the whereabouts of all players at all times.
 - Players must follow the itinerary and must follow curfew precisely.
 - Players must never leave the hotel without permission of the coach, even if leaving with their parents. The coach/team manager must know the whereabouts of all players at all times.
 - Players are not allowed to run around in the hotel, play soccer in the hotel hallways, or walk barefoot or shirtless.
 - If the tournament has both male and female teams playing, interaction during free time will be allowed in public areas if permitted by the coach, but absolutely no player will enter the rooms of players of the opposite sex.
 - If a conference is necessary between the coach and an individual player, it must be done in the lobby of the hotel or if a more private area is required, then it needs to be done in the presence of a manager or the parent of the player or another adult.

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FIELD AND FACILITY CONDUCT

The City of Tallahassee Parks and TTHFC/Florida Elite Recreation maintenance staff is responsible for the upkeep and preparation of the soccer facilities.

It is our responsibility to follow their field usage rules:

- All parties are to refrain from substance use including smoking, alcohol consumption, chewing tobacco and illegal drugs during games, practices, or other youth events. Anyone found using or under the influence of any of these substances will be removed from the venue.
- Coaches and parents are asked to ensure that the bench areas are cleaned following a practice or game and trash thrown into the receptacles.
- Coaches are asked to instruct players not to overplay in goal areas or dig into the turf or play with the goals or corner flags.
- Prior to all practices and games, coaches are asked to inspect all fields they are participating on to ensure the area is free from debris and safe for play.
- Coaches must check that all goals are securely anchored via mechanical or sand bag weights. If unsafe conditions exist, coaches are instructed not to start practice or a game and immediately seek the Facility Manager to either relocate practice or remedy the condition.
- Parents and coaches are asked not to move benches within the facility and position themselves across the field from the teams during game play.
- No pets (other than medical assistance dogs) are allowed. Users who bring pets will be asked to leave.
- The main parking lot will be locked when soccer activities are over, cars left will be locked in.

Please use these common-sense guidelines when at the fields:

- Have players use buddy partners when using the bathrooms.
- Do not speed in the parking lots or in and out of our parks as it puts our players, siblings, grandparents and visitors in danger. Slow down and remember that there are many children that will walk out to chase a ball or cross to their cars - safety first.
- Do not leave your valuables on your seat or visible as we continue to have thieves breaking into cars and taking valuables. If you are going to leave your purse, laptop or tablet in your vehicle, put it in the trunk or in the rear part of your vehicle prior to arriving at the fields.
- Follow the correct traffic patterns, DO NOT exit through the entry gates!

CONCUSSION AWARENESS

Section 943.0438, Florida Statutes, requires the parent or guardian and the youth who is participating in athletic competition or who is a candidate for an athletic team to sign and return an informed consent that explains the nature and risk of concussion and head injury (including the risk of continuing to play after a concussion or head injury) each year before participating in athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated with the youth's candidacy for an athletic team.

The facts:

- A concussion is a brain injury
- All concussions are serious
- Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness

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- Concussions can occur in any sport
- Recognition and proper management of concussion when they first occur can help prevent further injury or even death

What is a concussion? A concussion is an injury that changes how the cells in the brain normally work. A concussion is caused by a blow to the head or body that causes the brain to move rapidly inside the skull. Even a 'ding', 'getting your bell rung', or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious. Concussions can also result from a fall or from players colliding with each other or with obstacles, such as a goalpost, even if they do not directly hit their head.

To help recognize a concussion, you should watch for the following things with respect to your youth athlete:

- A forceful blow to the head or body that results in rapid movement or the head
- Any change in the athlete's behavior, thinking, or physical functioning
- Signs or symptoms of concussion that may be reported by a coach or other observer:
 - Appears dazed or stunned
 - Is confused about assignment or position
 - Forgets sports plays
 - Is unsure of game, score or opponent
 - Moves clumsily
 - Answers questions slowly
 - Loses consciousness (even briefly)
 - Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
- Signs and symptoms that may be reported by the player:
 - Headache or pressure in the head
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Balance problems or dizziness
 - Double or blurry vision
 - Sensitivity to light
 - Sensitivity to noise
 - Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
 - Concentration or memory problems
 - Confusion
 - Does not feel right

Both parents/guardians and players are advised to take the Center for Disease Control's free online concussion training, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>. Additional information is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/index.html> and <http://www.seeingstarsfoundation.org/index.php/en/>.

Under Florida law, the player who has a suspected concussion or head injury must be removed from play or practice. Before the player may return to practice or competition a written medical clearance to return stating that the youth athlete no longer exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or other head injury must be received from an appropriate health care professional trained in the diagnosis, evaluation, and management of concussions. In Florida, an appropriate healthcare professional (AHCP) is defined as either a licensed physician (MD, as per Chapter 458, Florida Statutes), a licensed osteopathic physician (DO, as per Chapter 459, Florida Statutes), a licensed physician's assistant under the supervision of a MD/DO (as per Chapters 458.347 and 459.022, Florida Statutes) or health care professional trained in the management on concussion.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions apply to all members of the club. Each policy/section is included in the online registration, and acceptance is a requirement of participation. The terms and conditions are included verbatim below:

I am the parent or legal guardian of the child (“Youth”) identified during this registration to participate in one or more programs (“Programs” and each a “Program”) offered by Tallahassee Tottenham Hotspur Futbol Club Inc. (“TTHFC”) and Florida Elite Soccer Academy, Inc. (“Florida Elite”), Florida not for profit corporations, and wish for Youth to participate in such Programs. To induce TTHFC/Florida Elite to allow Youth to register for and participate in one or more Programs, I hereby agree as follows on behalf of Youth, myself, and any other person who may claim through or on behalf of Youth (together, “Participant Parties”):

REQUIRED AGREEMENTS: I understand that, before Youth will be permitted to participate in any Programs, I am required to carefully review, execute and agree to comply with this Competitive Program Terms and Conditions of Participation; a Participant Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, and Authorization of Medical Care; and an Informed Consent about Concussions or Head Injuries (together, the “Required Agreements”). The Required Agreements shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Florida, and the state and local courts of Florida, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any action arising hereunder.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES: Participant Parties and TTHFC/Florida Elite each desire to complete Youth’s registration, including execution of the Required Agreements, electronically and agree that their electronic signatures on the Required Agreements and any other agreements between TTHFC/Florida Elite and the Participant Parties are intended to authenticate such Required Agreements and have the same effect as manual signatures.

COMMITMENT TO COMPETITIVE PROGRAM: I understand that participation in a TTHFC/Florida Elite competitive Program is a significant commitment on the part of Youth and further agree as follows:

Participant Parties are applying to register Youth as a member of TTHFC/Florida Elite for the 2020-2021 seasonal year. Participant Parties understand that this commitment is from June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021. Youth’s commitment to TTHFC/Florida Elite begins following the last game of the 2019–2020 season.

Participant Parties understand that the selection and team placement of players shall be at the discretion of TTHFC/Florida Elite Directors and Coaches.

Participant Parties have been provided access to, have reviewed, and agree to abide by all rules, agreements, and policies applicable to the Program in which Youth participates from time to time. Applicable rules, agreements and policies are subject to change from time-to-time and include, but are not limited to, TTHFC/Florida Elite’s player and parent handbook, the rules and guidelines of United States Youth Soccer Association and all leagues therein, the rules and guidelines of the Florida Youth Soccer Association and all leagues therein, and the rules and guidelines of US Club Soccer (including but not limited to ECNL/NPL/FPL/RED) and all leagues therein, in each case as amended from time to time (the “Applicable Rules”). Hyperlinks to Applicable Rules are available on our COMPETITIVE PROGRAM page, or upon request.

Participant Parties agree that the continued participation of Youth is contingent upon Youth and Youth’s family continuing to adhere to the Applicable Rules stated or referenced herein.

FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE: Participant Parties represent and warrant to TTHFC/Florida Elite that Youth has been evaluated by a physician within the last twelve (12) months and is sufficiently fit and healthy to participate in the Program(s) for which Youth is being registered. Participant Parties will promptly advise TTHFC/Florida Elite upon learning of any reason Youth may not be sufficiently fit or healthy to participate in such Program(s).

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TRYOUTS FOR 2020-21 SEASONAL YEAR: Due to the COVID-19 situation, tryouts in 2020 may be held digitally, as determined by TTHFC/Florida Elite in its discretion. ALL TTHFC/Florida Elite players have been assessed since August 1, 2019. TTHFC/Florida Elite's Directors are confident that they understand every one of our player's progression throughout the 2019-2020 season. Additional digital assessments may be requested by TTHFC/Florida Elite for certain players, or for players trying out from outside of TTHFC/Florida Elite.

PRE-SEASON CAMP: Pre-Season Elite Team Camp is scheduled for August 4-6, 2020. This camp is complementary and *mandatory*. All players and teams should be available and prepared to start on that date. The final start date will be announced in confirmation emails. Modifications to the schedule may be needed to accommodate all teams on the fields during these times. The Pre-Season Team Camp will include day and evening practices during the week of Pre-Season Team Camp.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Registration Fees for competitive Programs include the following:

- Pre-Season Team Camp (begins on August 4)
- Club Administration Fees
- Club Training Fees
- Additional Seminars, including College Symposiums, Athlete Health & Injury Prevention Seminars, etc.
- College Combine Events exclusively for TTHFC/Florida Elite players (does not include College ID Camps)
- College Fit Finder college recruiting/research software (U14 and older players)
- Referee fees for "local leagues" including NFY, RED and any other league deemed "local" by TTHFC/Florida Elite
- Such replacement training and replacement programs as are offered in TTHFC/Florida Elite's sole and absolute discretion as circumstances dictate in the event regular training cannot be conducted for extended periods due to circumstances beyond TTHFC/Florida Elite's control (including, by way of example without limitation, virtual training offered in lieu of in-person training and games).

Registration fees for competitive Programs do not include the following costs for which the Participating Parties will be responsible:

Uniform:

- All players must purchase the required Nike uniform kit in its entirety.
- Uniforms must be ordered through WeGotSoccer.com/floridaelite
- Current uniform kits will be worn through May 2021.
- Each Youth participating in a competitive Program will be assigned his/her uniform number.

Team Fees:

- Team fees must be paid to Youth's team manager/team treasurer and include additional costs such as tournament fees, coach expenses (travel/hotel/per diem), all league fees, any referee fees paid on site, or other team related expenses.
- All Participating Parties agree to be responsible for their portion of the team budget, regardless of Youth's attendance at a tournament. Budgets may change over the course of the season/year. Youth may not opt out of some or all of the team events to avoid payment of team fees.
- Participating Parties understand that team fees can range from \$500-\$4,000 per seasonal year, depending on various factors including age of team, number and distance of tournaments played, and the league in which that Youth's team plays. The team fees are not included in any scholarship awards a player may receive from TTHFC/Florida Elite.

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NO REFUNDS OF REGISTRATION FEES, TEAM FEES OR OTHER COSTS OF PARTICIPATING IN A PROGRAM WILL BE MADE OR PERMITTED FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER (including, without limitation, a cancelled, delayed or shortened season, Youth's absence or withdrawal from his or her team or Program, or Youth's termination, dismissal or release from TTHFC/Florida Elite or his or her team for any violation by Youth or Youth's family of Applicable Rules), except in the two (2) following cases:

(a) In the event of medically documented proof of player injury that prevents him/her from playing for more than half of the season or year upon approval of the Executive Director; or

(b) due to a parent's job relocation out of the area, in which case proof of the relocation shall be accompanied with a FYSA/USCS/ECNL release form and the refund/forgiveness must be approved by TTHFC/Florida Elite's Executive Director.

In both cases, the refund will be (i) less a \$50 administrative fee and (ii) prorated in accordance with Youth's participation in the Program.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND PLANS: Registration fees may be paid in full or incrementally through a payment plan.

Participant Parties electing to pay registration fees through a payment plan may choose a three-month payment plan or a six-month payment plan (each commencing July 1, 2020). Any Participant Parties electing to pay through a payment plan also agrees to pay a \$150 non-refundable commitment fee upon Youth's acceptance of a position on a team. Payment plans are subject to the following additional terms:

A credit card must be added to each Youth's profile for payments. Payments will automatically process on the 1st of each month beginning July 1, 2020.

Individual monthly statements will not be mailed; therefore all monthly payments are the responsibility of the Youth's family. There will be a late fee of \$35.00 charged after the 15th of each month if your draft is declined or payment has not been received.

Failure to pay any fee within thirty (30) days of the fee payment due date, for both registration fees and team fees, may result in the revocation of Youth's player pass by the Club Registrar and Youth's player pass will be held by TTHFC/Florida Elite until past-due payment is received. During any period in which Youth's player pass is revoked, Youth will be ineligible to participate in any and all team practices, camps, games and tournaments until all fees due and owing have been paid. TTHFC/Florida Elite understands that emergencies may result in a financial strain on the family and in order to keep the player from becoming ineligible, TTHFC/Florida Elite may work with a family in its sole and absolute discretion. Please contact TTHFC/Florida Elite at AccountServices@FloridaEliteSA.com immediately, in the event of such emergencies.

If, for any reason, a Program's season is canceled, delayed or shortened, Youth is absent or withdraws from a Program or his or her team, or Youth is terminated, dismissed, or released from TTHFC/Florida Elite or his or her team for any violation by Youth or Youth's family of Applicable Rules, Participant Parties shall not be relieved of their responsibility for any unpaid installments, and TTHFC/Florida Elite will be permitted to continue automatic processing of monthly installments as described herein.

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SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Should you wish to apply for a financial hardship scholarship, you must complete the online Scholarship Application. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the application. Please note that the additional supporting documents will be required in addition to the application and must be submitted within 48 hours of completing the online application. Required documents are as follows:

1. A copy of your 2019 federal income tax return. If you do not file federal income taxes, please call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) for a verification letter.
2. Two most recent paycheck stubs or a letter from your employer verifying your employment and stating your annual salary. If you are unemployed, draw social security or a full-time student, please provide a summary of your unemployment benefits, SSI paperwork, or student financial aid benefits.

A decision will be sent electronically by email from The TTHFC/Florida Elite Scholarship Committee. Acceptance of the Scholarship package will require volunteer hours to be served in addition to the club service hours. The \$150 registration and commitment fee is still required at the time of signing, regardless of scholarship award. Any scholarship monies that are granted are for Registration Fees only. Team Fees are separate, are not included in any scholarship award, and are the responsibility of the player/family.

If you need to make alternative payment arrangements or are requesting an extension of payments, please contact the club administrator at AccountServices@FloridaEliteSA.com.

INSURANCE NOTICE: TTHFC/Florida Elite's insurance policy requires that *all injuries* are reported within ninety (90) days of the injury. The Participant Parties agree to report to TTHFC/Florida Elite any injury Youth suffers participating in any Program or that will affect Youth's participation in any Program.

UNDERSATNDING OF RISK: Each Participant Party acknowledges and understands that risks are involved in Youth's participation in the Programs. Each Participant Party understands that the risks to Youth include a full range of injuries from minor to severe, and the result could be death, paralysis, or other serious, permanent disability. The Participant Parties accept these risks as a condition of Youth's participation.

REPRODUCTIONS: Each Participant Party hereby irrevocably grants TTHFC/Florida Elite and its directors, officers, employees, agents, coaches, and designees the right and permission to photograph, record, video or otherwise capture images (together "Reproductions") of Youth, me, or any other Participant Party and to use any such Reproductions in any media including on TTHFC/Florida Elite's website, social media pages, publications, brochures, virtual classrooms, advertising, the internet and other publicity outlets. For and on behalf of Youth, myself and each Participant Party, I hereby grant and assign to TTHFC/Florida Elite all of the right, title, and irrevocable authority and interest in and to any Reproductions, and understand that TTHFC/Florida Elite will own any Reproductions and all intellectual-property rights thereto and associated therewith, including the rights to republish and prepare derivative works based on the Reproductions. For and on behalf of Youth, myself and each Participant Party, I agree that TTHFC/Florida Elite may exhibit or distribute all or any part of Reproductions which TTHFC/Florida Elite and its representatives deem appropriate to benefit TTHFC/Florida Elite, and hereby waive any right to inspect, approve, or receive a copy of any Reproduction of Youth, me, or any other Participant Party. For and on behalf of Youth, myself and each Participant Party, I also hereby waive any and all claims for compensation and waive any and all claims related to or arising out of the publication and dissemination of Reproductions for any lawful purposes.

By checking the "I accept" box and clicking "Continue," I represent and warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of Youth and intend, on behalf of Youth, myself and each other Participant Party, to electronically sign and be bound by this TTHFC/Florida Elite Competitive Program Terms and Conditions of Participation.

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PARTICIPATION

CLUB AIMS & PHILOSOPHY

Player development is the number one concern of TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee. The club seeks to create and develop the whole soccer player, not only on the field but off the field as well. We feel that the game of soccer is a great tool to teach life lessons, including leadership, accountability and responsibility. Of course, we seek to develop the highest quality player who is creative and insightful, but our club thinks creating good human beings off the field is equally important.

TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee desires that all players have the best possible experience in youth soccer. Toward this end, we ask all players and parents to adhere to the following expectations:

Players

- Attend every practice and game and give 100% effort always! Participation in training is essential to development. Failure to participate can have an adverse effect on a player development.
- Be on time and properly attired (shorts, shin guards with long socks, and soccer shoes) for every practice and game. Always bring plenty of water and an inflated soccer ball of the appropriate size.
- Always treat coaches, parents, officials, and opponents with respect.
- Maintain acceptable grades and learner behaviors to be able to play in games.
- Demonstrate sportsmanship at all times: Win without boasting; Lose without excuses and give 100% effort always!
- Practice with your soccer ball at home. The more time you spend with the ball, the faster your skills will develop.
- Encourage your teammates on and off the field. Players gain confidence when they feel valued by their teammates. Positive comments and encouragement to teammates builds team chemistry.
- Watch soccer matches and analysis on television or online. Players can learn from watching how the experts play the game.

Parents

- Communicate and enforce the Player values above with their player.
- Trust the system. Every youth soccer player develops at his or her own unique pace. Each player is placed onto a team based on where the TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee coaching staff determines is best for that player at that moment in time.
- Watch the game from the opposite side of the field that the players are on.
- Have your player at the games and practices on time and properly attired.
- Pick up their players on time after a game or practice.
- Respect the coaches, players, opponents, and officials. Respect and support the coach's decision and referee's call at all times.
- Stay calm. Please do not approach an TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee coach with questions about a game or practice until at least 24 hours after the game or practice to let the heat of the moment pass.
- Let the staff coach, encourage without instructing. REMEMBER: Soccer is a player's game! The players are being taught how to play soccer and must learn to make their own decisions on the field, no matter what those decisions look like.
- Pay on time. If players do not pay their fees on time, TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee cannot pay staff, maintain fields, hire referees, pay association fees, etc. Players may not participate in training sessions or games if fees are delinquent.
- Help out. TTHFC team coaches & managers spend several hours per week organizing team matters so the team will always be ready to play. If the team requests parent help, please help.

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PRACTICE SCHEDULING

The club oversees the assigning of practice times and fields for all teams at the beginning of each season in accordance with field and coach availability.

PLAYING TIME

Recreation program players are entitled to play a minimum of at least half of each game.

Elite & Premier players play in a competitive environment and therefore there is no guarantee of minimum playing time. The club recommends that each player who regularly attends practice will be permitted to play half of each league sanctioned game. This recommendation is determined by several factors including: attendance at practices and games; attitude and effort at practices and games; and playing ability. Tournament play is not subject to the half a game rule. Under these guidelines, coaches will be free to manage an individual player's time in accordance with the player's attendance and commitment at practice, skill and the status of the game.

Within our Club, compliance with these guidelines is essential to support player development and maintain enough players in the program to continue to field teams at the older age levels.

GUEST PLAYING

No player registered with TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee may participate in training, regular season games and/or tournaments with another club without club permission.

TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee will not allow players from another club to guest play with our teams during any league games and/or tournaments during the season. If additional players are needed for teams for league play or tournaments, players will be selected from within the club, using the 'Club Pass' system. Exceptions may apply.

If any TTHFC/Florida Elite Tallahassee player would like to guest play they must contact their coach/Program Director. Players and parents should not contact other parents or coaches directly.

PLAY UP REQUESTS

TTHFC/Florida Elite policy is: **Players will play within their age group unless exceptional rules apply.** TTHFC/Florida Elite provides the means for players of exceptional soccer ability and knowledge to play at the appropriate level to challenge their physical and mental abilities. The club affords the opportunity for these exceptional players to 'play-up' an age group for their own development and has a set criteria for such guidelines. Please contact the Director of Coaching for more details.

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IN PERSON TRYOUTS

Players are required to attend all sessions for their age group. If you cannot attend all, please let the Program Director know. Tryout time, location and projected coaches will be posted on the website.

Players should arrive 30 min prior to start of tryouts in order to check in. Players should be dressed accordingly with cleats (or turf shoes), shin guards, ball and water.

Upon Arrival

Player, with parent, should proceed to the age appropriate check-in table upon arrival EACH DAY.

- Provide your player's name to the check-in volunteer
- Each REGISTERED player will be listed on the check-in sheet and assigned a tryout number
- Players must wear their assigned tryout number at all times, it should be returned to the coach each night

NO PLAYER WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD UNTIL THE TRYOUT REGISTRATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED ONLINE.

PLAYER TRYOUT PACKETS: All players who register for tryouts will be required to pick up their Player Packets prior to Tryouts. This packet will be used for ALL Tryout sessions and will include a Player Number bib and other important tryout information. Player packets will be available for pick up at least 1 HOUR prior to tryout time.

Offers will be made on the field at tryouts. Once the team offers have been made, players and parents will follow a club representative to the registration area and will register on-site upon accepting the offer.

Should the player choose not to accept the offer and leave the park, please be aware that the offer will expire. If a player is not offered a spot on a team, they should plan to attend a subsequent tryout.

Players will receive more information from the Director on the field regarding attending a second tryout night.