

# PLAYER AND PARENT CONTRACT

# Azzurri Futbol Club 2025/2026

# *WELCOME:*

Congratulations on your acceptance to Azzurri Futbol Club ("Club") for the 2025/2026 Season! Your skills and hard work have earned you a spot on the premier soccer club in the Yuba-Sutter area. Our coaches and the Club board look forward to making this year a memorable and enjoyable experience for you and your family. As part of the registration process, we want to ensure that you fully understand the commitment the Club makes to you and the obligations the Club expects from you as a result of your acceptance to your team.

Please initial and agree to the terms below, acknowledging your understanding of the expectations between you and the Club, then sign and date the contract to accept the offer to play.

We are looking forward to an exciting new year with you! ~ Azzurri Futbol Club Executive Board

# **FINANCIAL CONTRACT:**

It is our intent as parents/players to honor the commitment to play with Azzurri Futbol Club for the entire 2025/2026 season. We understand that accepting the position offered and completing the registration documents obligates me to pay all Club dues and team-related tournament fees, regardless of whether we decide to leave the Club before the end of the committed seasonal year. Club fees for the 2025/2026 season will be \$775.00. We agree to fulfill our financial obligation as follows:

- 1. Either remit payment in full for the entire \$775.00 or (1) initial payment of \$175. This payment should accompany the submission of the executed contract by <u>no later than June 15th</u>. I also understand I may elect to pay the entire lump sum of \$775.00 at the time of Registration. (I understand I will make this payment online at www.yubasutterazzurri.org)
- 2. I may choose to pay the remainder of the Club fees of \$600.00 in a lump sum payment or spread it out into monthly installments. Monthly installments will be due on the 15th of every month and considered late after the 20th of the month. The payment schedule will consist of five (5) monthly payments of \$120.00 from July 15th through November 15th.

(I understand these payments will be automatically deducted from my account identified at the time of online Club Account Setup.)

We also agree to set up our club account ONLINE by logging on to <a href="www.YubaSutterAzzurri.org">www.YubaSutterAzzurri.org</a>, clicking "Registration", and following the instructions.

- II. We understand that fulfilling this financial agreement obligates the Club to:
  - 1. Coach player a minimum of two (2) practice sessions per week, not less than 3 hours per week.
  - 2. Cover all associated costs for player registration, approval(s), and player pass for participation in sanctioned league play.

We also understand that if we become delinquent with Club Fees, my player will be considered "Not in Good Standing" with his/her team and agree that the following may apply at the discretion of the executive board:

- 1. 5 days past due: he/she cannot participate in league or tournament games (player card is pulled) until the account is current.
- 2. 30 days past due: player is suspended from all Club practices and games until the account is current.

# **REGISTRATION & CLUB FEES:**

Club Fee includes and covers services for the player including but not necessarily limited to the following:

Coaching / Training / Registration / League player passes / Referees / Field maintenance / Insurance / Field leasing & permits as required.

#### I. PLAY & GUEST PLAY

We understand that since this is a competitive academy environment, there is <u>NO guarantee of minimum</u> <u>playing time</u>. We also understand and agree to abide by the Club policy of not allowing guest play with other teams or members of other teams (except with the express approval of the Head Coach and the Director of Coaching, and will only be considered if the player's account is in "Good Standing").

#### **II. FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS**

We understand that, in addition to Club fees, we share responsibility for team expenses such as tournament entry fees and personal travel costs associated with attending these events.

\*Monies donated directly to an individual team, which is used for the benefit of that team only, may not qualify the donor for a tax exemption under our organization's 501(c)(3) not-for-profit status. Funds donated to our organization's General Fund can be used for tax exemption purposes. Contact us at secretary@yubasuttersoccer.com if you have questions regarding donating to a team or the Club.

#### III. EARLY RELEASE PENALTY

Should a player wish to be released (other than for a season-ending injury or a move out of state) or transfer to another club before the end of the seasonal year, the player/parents must fulfill all financial obligations to the club AND team before the release is processed.

#### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GOOD STANDING

We understand that failure to fulfill financial obligations to the Club may result in the player being placed in "Not in Good Standing" with the Club and/or respective league, which could result in player privileges being suspended until the obligations are fulfilled. This can impact playtime and eligibility to register with the Club or any other affiliate for future seasons.

# **CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this Code of Conduct Policy is to ensure a positive, respectful, and safe environment for all members of Azzurri FC, including players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters. This policy sets out the standards and expectations of behavior to promote sportsmanship, inclusivity, and a commitment to excellence both on and off the field.

#### Scope:

This policy applies to all individuals involved with Azzurri FC, including players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and parents/guardians associated with the club. Azzurri FC operates in accordance with NorCal Premier and US Club Soccer.

# Respect and Sportsmanship

- All members of Azzurri FC are expected to demonstrate respect and fairness toward others at all times.
- Players, coaches, and volunteers should show respect for opponents, teammates, officials, and spectators, promoting an environment of positive behavior and mutual support.
- Negative comments, offensive language, or actions that undermine others will not be tolerated.
- Coaches and players should maintain professionalism in all interactions with referees, opponents, and spectators; promoting good sportsmanship both inside and outside of competition.

### **Integrity and Fair Play**

- All participants are expected to play, coach, or volunteer with the highest level of integrity and fairness.
- Cheating, diving, or engaging in unsporting behavior (such as attempting to deceive officials) is strictly prohibited.
- Coaches and officials must ensure the game is played fairly and with honesty, upholding the rules of soccer and the spirit of the game.

#### **Commitment to Safety**

- The safety and well-being of all individuals involved with Azzurri FC is of the utmost importance. All players, coaches, and volunteers must act in ways that promote a safe environment.
- Coaches should ensure that training sessions are conducted with professionalism, fairness, and that all players are appropriately supervised.
- Players and coaches are expected to adhere to all safety guidelines and to immediately report any injuries or safety concerns.

#### **Zero Tolerance for Discrimination or Harassment**

- Azzurri FC is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination, harassment, and bullying.
- Discrimination based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or any other characteristic is strictly prohibited.
- All members should report any incidents of harassment or discrimination, which will be taken seriously
  and investigated promptly.

#### **Respect for Officials and Decisions**

- Referees, linesmen, and other officials should always be treated with respect. Their decisions, though not always perfect, are final and must be accepted by all participants.
- Arguing with, criticizing, or showing disrespect to officials will not be tolerated.
- Coaches should guide players to focus on the game, avoiding any behavior that undermines the authority
  of the officials.
- Violators will be escorted from the facility and subject to disciplinary action by the club and possibly NorCal Premier.

## Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

- The use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco products by players, coaches, or volunteers is strictly prohibited during practices, games, and any other Azzurri FC events.
- Players under the age of 18 are not permitted to consume alcohol or tobacco products at any time in connection with the club's activities.
- Coaches and volunteers are expected to model healthy behavior and avoid using substances in the
  presence of players or at team functions.

#### Commitment to Team and Club

- All players, coaches, and volunteers are expected to be committed to the team's success by maintaining regular attendance, punctuality, and a positive attitude at practices, games, and events.
- Players should strive to improve their skills, maintain a positive attitude, and encourage teamwork.
- Coaches are expected to lead by example, demonstrating professionalism, leadership, and a focus on player development.

#### **Social Media and Online Conduct**

- Players, coaches, and volunteers should exercise caution when using social media and other online platforms.
- Negative, defamatory, or inappropriate comments about Azzurri FC, its members, opponents, or officials will not be tolerated and subject to disciplinary action.
- Respectful and positive promotion of the club, team activities, and sportsmanship is encouraged.

# **Consequences of Violations**

- Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to warnings, suspensions, or removal from the club.
- Each case of misconduct will be reviewed fairly and objectively by the Azzurri FC Board, and appropriate action will be taken.
- Serious violations, including physical altercations, discrimination, or violations of the law, may lead to permanent expulsion from the club.

Failure by a Player and or a Parent/Spectator to comply with any of the above **may** result in the suspension of the Player and or Parent's privilege to participate in sanctioned events for the following periods:

1st Offense: Suspension for a minimum of thirty (30) days to a maximum of (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.

We have read the Code of Conduct above and agree to abide by its requirements. We will act in a manner of respect at all practices, games, travel, etc., and serve as role models to others to maintain the integrity of ourselves, our team, and the entire Club. Players will conduct themselves in accordance with Club, NorCal Premier, US Club, USSF, and/or FIFA rules at all times or will be subject to disciplinary action.

By consenting to the player/parent contract, we understand the Club's Zero Tolerance Policy and accept any and all consequences that may result from not adhering to this policy, including suspension, sanctions, and/or ban from the Club.

# PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

If photographs are taken of Club game action and/or individual player pictures, either professionally or by amateur photographers, these images may also appear in future promotional materials or on the Club's website. When possible, these images may also be made available to consenting players and their families, as well as from participating teams for purchase.

Consenting to the player/parent contract includes consent to the Club's photography, as described above, at all venues that my club or team participates in for the 2025/2026 season and the release of images in the manner and for the purposes specified above. We further release the Club from any and all liability and waive all rights and claims connected to publication, display, copyright, and distribution of any photographic images.

# ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REGISTRATION

#### **INSURANCE NOTICE:**

• All injuries must be reported within 90 days of the date of the injury.

#### INFORMED CONSENT:

• I, the parent/guardian of the registrant, agree that we will abide by the rules of the Club and all its affiliated organizations. My/our child wishes to participate in soccer during this registration season. I/we realize risks are involved in my/our child's participation. I/we understand that the risk to my/our child includes a full range of injuries from minor to severe, and the result could be death, paralysis, or other serious, permanent disability. I/we accept this risk as a condition of my/our child's participation.

# **COPY OF THIS CONTRACT:**

• I, the parent/guardian of the player, understand that a copy of this contract is available on the Club's website: www.yubasutterazzurri.org.