



## BYSO Blaze & Inferno

### 2019-2020 Season Commitment Letter

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Expectations and Commitments

Parental support is an important foundation of the BYSO Academy & Select programs. Parents must make a fundamental commitment to support their children in their soccer efforts. They must reinforce the importance of the commitment made by their children and help the child fulfill their commitment. This is crucial to the overall learning process for our players. Without it, players may get “Mixed Signals” about the overall importance of commitment and responsibility.

To help our children get the most out of competitive sports, we need to instill in them that winning in the game is important but to be a winner in life is more important. We need to help them maximize their efforts, continue to learn and improve, and refuse to let mistakes (or fear of making mistakes) stop them.

Let your child know you appreciate it when he or she tries hard even if unsuccessful. Ask rather than tell. Try to get your child to talk about his or her play rather than telling him or her what you think about it. Ask open-ended questions to get them to talk. Recognize hard work and let the coaches’ critique their play.

As a parent I commit to the following:

- 1) I have considered and agree to the time and financial commitments of the team and club. All dues owed will be paid on the date scheduled at registration. Failure to pay fees/costs in a timely manner will result in my child being prohibited from future practices, games, tryouts or team selection with BYSO until all debt is paid. If the member is delinquent with payments for 1 month the player will not participate in any tournaments or play dates, 2 months past due and the player pass will be held by the club Registrar and will not be permitted to play or practice until all dues are paid in full. I will share in additional team expenses above and beyond the club registration fee and monthly dues should they arise. Tournament fees for tournaments agreed upon by the teams are based on participation.
- 2) I understand that we are making a commitment to the pursuit of Excellence, both on and off the field, in joining BYSO.
- 3) I acknowledge that I will abide by the Parent Expectations and Commitments and STYSA, CAYSA & BYSO bylaws, policies and rules.
- 4) Remember that the game is for players, not parents or anyone else for that matter.

- 5) Refrain from coaching players during games and practices from the sidelines. Parents are spectators – they are there to enjoy the matches.
- 6) Be a good role model. Honor the game when you attend matches and encourage other parents to honor the game as well.
- 7) I will place the well-being of all players ahead of my personal desire to win, remember to keep winning and losing in perspective.
- 8) Respect the coach's decisions.
- 9) Enjoy the experience and take an active part in your child's development.
- 10) Stay away from the players' bench area under all conditions, if a coach requires your presence, he will let you know.
- 11) Always conduct yourselves properly when players from the club are involved. The club and coaches will not tolerate embarrassment and indiscretion at games and tournaments.
- 12) Respect opponents as if they were a gift that forces us to play to our highest potential. We try hard to win, but not at the expense of demeaning our opponents.
- 13) Leave the coaching to the coaches. You have entrusted the care of your player to these coaches and they need to be free to do their job.
- 14) Parents are not allowed to approach the coach after a game for discussions about playing time, playing positions, etc. Conferences should be scheduled for another time.
- 15) Parents are not allowed to approach the referees for ANY matter before, during or after the games.
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- 17) Abide by the rules of the game, club, leagues, facilities, tournaments, team and coach.
- 18) I also understand and agree to abide by the BYSO policy of not allowing players to guest play with other teams except according to BYSO/US Club guidelines and with the express consent of the team coach.
- 19) I understand and agree that by being a member of the club it is our responsibility to volunteer our time to help support any club fundraising efforts.

### **Player Expectations and Commitments**

Upon selection, you are expected to participate in all team activities. These activities include training, matches, and any other club related activity. You as a player are expected to take your participation in the program seriously and should be committed to improving as a player and as a person. With that in mind, you must clearly understand that attending training sessions is crucial in the development process and attendance is mandatory.

BYSO Academy & Select players are required to:

- 1) Represent BYSO in a positive manner.
- 2) Expected to attend all training sessions and be prepared at the start of practice, this means be at practice on time with all equipment on and ready to go.
- 3) Bring all gear to every training session and game.
- 4) Give coaches advance notice if you are going to miss a training session or game, it is your responsibility, not that of your parents.
- 5) Promise to work hard at practice and games to improve skills and understanding of the game. Understand the amount of playing time received in games will be based on skills, determination in practice, punctuality and attitude. Understand that players may receive more or less playing time than their teammates and playing time is not guaranteed.
- 6) Conduct yourselves with class and dignity. You are representing the club at all times.
- 7) Give encouragement to fellow teammates.
- 8) Respect coaches/trainers/referees and their decisions.
- 9) Approach the coach respectfully with any personal soccer related issues after a 24-hour cool down period (playing time, positions, etc)
- 10) Never engage in dissent toward an official, coach or anyone else.
- 11) Never leave a game or training session without the permission of the coach.
- 12) Never use alcohol, tobacco products, or any controlled substances.
- 13) Follow the coach's instructions on and off the field at all club related activities.
- 14) Be where the coach wants you to be at the time the coach sets.
- 15) Follow the itinerary and curfew set by the coach on all team/club related travel.
- 16) Treat players, parents, opposing teams, coaches and officials with respect and conduct yourself in a professional manner.
- 17) Abide by the rules of the game, club, leagues, facilities, tournaments, team and coach.
- 18) Keep all fields and facilities clean and prevent destruction of property.

By signing below, I agree by the aforementioned rules and guidelines and if I fail to abide by them, I shall be subject to disciplinary actions by the BYSO Board.

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Player (print)

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Player (sign)

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Parent (print)

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Parent (sign)

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Date