

# CLUB POLICIES

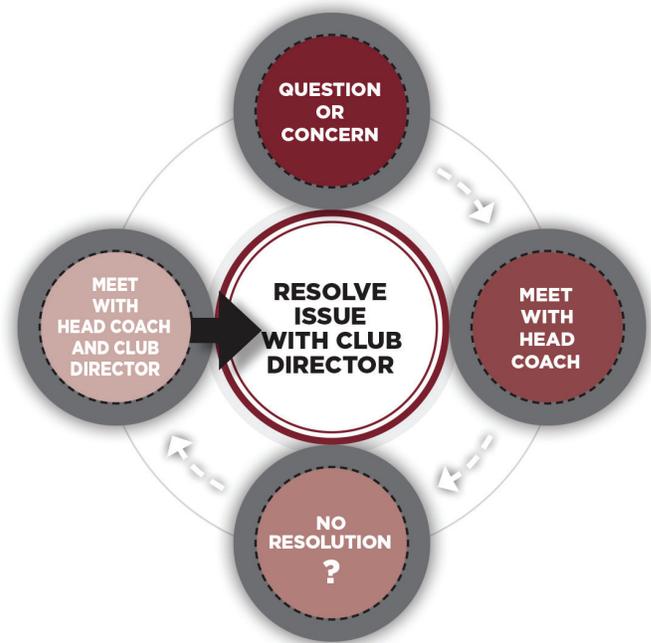


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These policies are put in place to ensure the absolute best sports environment for your son/daughter. It is important that ALL Upward Stars' participants and parents adhere to these policies so that coaches can focus on the long-term development of young athletes. Failure to adhere to these policies may result in your son/daughter being asked to leave the club.

## COMMUNICATION

- » To ensure clear, club-wide communication, it is important to follow the proper channels as shown in the graphic to the right.
- » If parents/players have concerns or questions regarding Upward Stars, they should set up a meeting with their head coach. If further action is still needed, the parent/player should set up a meeting with the club director and head coach.



## 24-HOUR RULE

- » Parents should not approach a coach after a game to discuss playing time or other concerns. You are required to wait 24 hours after the game and set up a time to meet with the coach.

## PAYMENTS

- » Parents/guardians are responsible for paying the entire program fee.
- » Parents/guardians are responsible for reading and understanding the financial contract.
- » If a parent/guardian is paying through a payment plan and a payment is missed, the player may be temporarily suspended from their team (games, practices, events) until the payment is made.
- » If a payment is over 30 days late and there has been no correspondence with Upward, the player may be asked to leave the program.

## PLAYING TIME

- » Our goal is that every player receives playing time in order to best develop his/her skills. However, Upward Stars travel teams are competitive, and equal playing time is not guaranteed.
- » Upward Stars players are guaranteed to play in every game. This guarantee does not apply to suspended players or players who need to be sat due to an injury or disciplinary issue.
- » If you have any questions or concerns regarding playing time, you will be required to follow the proper channels of communication.

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## CONDUCT

- » Upward Stars participants and parents are expected to respect coaches, athletes, officials, and other parents at all times.
- » Parents are asked to support and encourage each athlete as they develop mentally, athletically, spiritually, and socially. Winning a game should never take priority over the development of the athlete.
- » Cheer in an encouraging manner from the sidelines with the understanding that no young athlete intentionally makes a mistake during a game.
- » No individual, other than an Upward Stars Coach, should coach from the sidelines. This allows each player to focus on the game and enjoy playing without unneeded pressure and distractions. If a parent or player disagrees with a coaching decision please follow our channels of communication to resolve the issue.

## COMMITMENT

- » Signing up to play in an Upward Stars program requires a commitment from the parents and the player.
- » Except for an emergency, each player is required to attend all practices and games. If a player cannot attend a practice, please give a 24-hour notice to your coach. If you will not be able to attend a tournament, please give a 2-week notice to your coach.

- » Upon registering, each Upward Stars player is committing to play in that program for the entirety of the program. Unless a written release is given, no players will be allowed to play for another program or team during the same time period.
- » Parents/guardians are responsible for getting their child to and from practice on time.
- » Parents/guardians are responsible for getting their child to and from tournaments.

## TEAM SELECTION AND PLAYER MOVEMENT

- » Upward Stars works hard to accurately place each player on a team that is skill-level appropriate. Our goal is to place players on a level of team that best sets them up for long-term success.
- » After a player is notified of team placement, he/she will have 72 hours to accept that position by paying the club registration fee. If the registration fee has not been paid within 72 hours, the open spot will be extended to another player.
- » Upward Stars reserves the right to move players up to a higher level team mid-season. This decision would be made only if the parent and player agrees that it will be best for that athlete's development.
- » No player will ever be moved to a team with a reduced tournament/practice schedule during the season.