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FUTBOL CLUB COPA ACADEMY



A HISTORIC TRADITION OF DEVELOPING PLAYERS OF CHARACTER TO SUCCEED IN LIFE

FC COPA ACADEMY TRAVEL POLICY 2018 – 2019

It is important to remember that as athletes, you have other responsibilities as we travel to out-of-town and out of country events. Those responsibilities are outlined below and you are expected to abide by these guidelines. You must remember that not only are you representing yourselves, but also the FC Copa Academy team, players, coaches and parents who are part of this soccer family.

The goal of every FC Copa Academy team when traveling is to have whomever we come in contact with throughout our travels say the same thing about us: "That FC Copa Academy team was the BEST group of young people we have ever encountered."

How you act and behave is a direct reflection upon your club, your coach, your parents, your town, your state and all of us on the trip. Please be reminded of the following that will be applied to all athletes regardless of age. We ask that athletes abide by these basic policies:

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression"

- Conduct at all times shall reflect honesty, good sportsmanship, courtesy and respect and courtesy towards others.
- All policies, procedures, rules and regulations of FC Copa Academy Team must be followed at all times.
- Use of language that is abusive, profane, foul or offensive to others is prohibited.
- Possession and/or consumption of any alcoholic beverage by an Academy player (even if it is legal in the country we are in) or any illegal drugs are prohibited.
- Theft or possession of stolen property is prohibited.
- A willful act of destruction to property of others is prohibited. It is the responsibility of the individual perpetrating such acts to make restitution where required.

TRAVEL ITINERARY

For every tournament requiring an overnight stay a detail itinerary will be sent. Players must print a copy and attend every event scheduled.

HOTELS/LODGING

A hotel is a place of business, you are NOT the only one paying to stay there- activities in hallways are prohibited-yelling, loud talking in lobby areas are not allowed. No horseplay inside any area of the hotel. Pick up after YOURSELF- It may be you one day picking up for others. All players are required to stay in the assigned team hotel which will be communicated to all upon acceptance to the tournament.

CURFEW

The Head Coach will determine curfew. No one is allowed to leave the hotel during evening free time unless the Head Coach or designated chaperon has granted permission. **NO player** is permitted to leave his/her assigned hotel room after curfew. You are to be IN YOUR OWN room at curfew.

ADDITIONAL ROOM CHARGES

When players are not traveling with their parents, pay-per-view movies, long distance phone calls or other services that charge fees will not be permitted in the hotel rooms. The individual will pay any hotel service charges on checkout. Individuals are also responsible for the charges incurred by all phone calls. Except for emergencies, room-to-room calls are prohibited after midnight.

ATTENDANCE, TARDINESS, DRESS

Players may NOT leave the group at any time for any reason, unless the Head Coach or a designated chaperon approves of the absence. Players are expected to participate in all scheduled meetings, meals and activities, to be PROMPT when meeting for designated activities, and to be appropriately attired in FC Copa Academy clothing.



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TRAVEL ETIQUETTE

While traveling by air, electronic devices may be used only if they are in compliance with the airline policy. While in transit, only devices with personal headphones will be permitted; abusive language or shouting is not appropriate and will not be tolerated; and it is expected that players will cooperate fully with chaperons, coaches, travel personnel, airline attendants, bus drivers, tour guides, hotel personnel and staff regarding behavior.

CHAPERONS

When traveling without your parent, players must agree to check in with chaperons according to pre-established team procedures, at all times.

BELONGINGS

It is understood that all personal effects may be subject to inspection by the coach or designated chaperon in the necessary enforcement of the policies and rules of the trip at any time during the tour. There will no liability on the part of FC Copa Academy, and or the coaching staff, or attending chaperons for any theft or damage to personal effects during the trip.

SWIMMING/WHIRLPOOL

We are here for a soccer tournament, and everything that we do is geared for that success. Swimming and pool play saps players' strength and energy, which is not conducive to helping us on the field. This is not meant to be limiting of our athletes options to enjoy themselves, this policy is in place to help insure that we are at 100% when we play. Use of the pool is only allowed upon approval of the coach.

REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR DOOR WHEN LEAVING THE ROOM OR GOING TO SLEEP

Players who violate or disregard any of the above Standards and Rules of Conduct will meet with the Head Coach and the (involved) chaperons. Appropriate action will be taken and may include-loss of playing time, game suspensions up to and including the players being sent home (upon notification) at the expense of the player's parents or guardians.

FC COPA ACADEMY PLAYER AND PARENT SIGNATURE & NOTARIZATION

- I agree to abide by all rules, regulations, policies, and standards of behavior established by FC Copa Academy, and to follow the specific instructions of the chaperons in all instances. I understand that the safety and welfare of the group is the utmost importance.
- I have read the FC Copa Academy trip itinerary in its entirety and understand that I must comply with all scheduled events. I will have a copy on hand at all times during the entirety of the trip. I understand that I am expected to participate in all group and individual activities.
- **I understand that all rules, policies and standards of the soccer club remain in force.** I further understand that the use of alcohol and drugs are STRICTLY forbidden.
- In the event of any infraction of the rules, FC Copa Academy reserve the right of final decision and may, if deemed necessary, institute disciplinary procedures up to and including limiting or eliminating playing time and exclusion player from the remainder of the trip activities. If necessary, a call may be placed to my parents and/or my parents will be required to come and remove me from the trip as the result of any action(s) deemed to be detrimental to the safety or well being of the program or its participants.
- I understand that any detrimental behavior on my part may have immediate implications as well as implications when I return home.
- As a player of FC Copa Academy, I agree to act in a responsible, ethical, and positive manner so as to derive the greatest benefits from the trip. I therefore certify that I have read and understand this behavior compliance agreement and that I agree to abide by all regulations.
- As a parent of FC Copa Academy, I also agree to act in a responsible, ethical, and positive manner so as to derive the greatest benefits from the trip. I therefore certify that I have read and understand this behavior compliance agreement and that I agree to abide by regulations.



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We, _____ (Player Print Name) and

_____ (Parent Print Name), have

reviewed and read the FC Copa Academy Travel Policy. I understand the requirements and expectations of FC Copa Academy and will abide by them.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date



Notary Signature

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