

COMPETITION SOCCER PROGRAM

Purpose

The SV-SLV Club Class 3 Soccer Program exists for the purpose of providing the opportunity to participate in a competitive level of soccer for those players who have a greater interest and commitment in advancing their skills. These players compete in leagues that may involve traveling to areas outside their league of registration and participate in numerous tournaments.

The Competition Soccer Program shall always strive to develop player's soccer ability, to instill an attitude of good sportsmanship, and to provide a positive environment, which promotes the enjoyment of the game of soccer.

Competition Committee

Will consist of the Class 3 Coordinator and three additional members, who are selected by the soccer board. The committee will be responsible for, but not limited, to the following:

- 1.) Review and evaluate an incumbent coach's qualifications each year and make recommendations to the board to retain or dismiss the coach.
- 2.) Conduct interviews with prospective coaches and make recommendations to the board for approval of the coaches selected.
- 3.) Review's all complaints or grievances concerning the program.
- 4.) At season's end review's and evaluates each team's progress. This can be accomplished by soliciting input from the coach, players and parents.
- 5.) Assist and make recommendations for the teams tryouts.
- 6.) The committee will automatically approve the final roster for each team, unless a written complaint is filed, regarding the selection process of a particular team.

No Board member shall make any decision regarding/effecting the Class 3 program/teams.

Class 3 Coach's

All Class 3 coaches will be required to have an E or higher coaching license. If an individual is selected to coach a team, he/she shall obtain the required license prior to the start of the second season, if he/she is retained.

Coaches Responsibilities

- 1.) Conduct tryouts.

- 2.) Ensure the proper paperwork, picture and birth certificate, for each player is turned in on time to the Club's registrar.
- 3.) Continually update his/her coaching credentials.
- 4.) Inform the Class 3 Coordinator of any problems or changes, which may effect the program.
- 5.) If a Class 1 team has selected a Class 3 player, the coach shall not impede the player's decision to move up.

At the conclusion of the season, each coach will be evaluated, to determine if they will continue coaching at the Class 3 level. The Class 3 Committee will conduct these evaluations, which may include:

- 1.) Observing the coaches in practices and game situations.
- 2.) Soliciting input from referees parents, players and fellow coaches.

If at the conclusion of the evaluation the Class committee decides that it is in the best interest of the Club to dismiss the coach, the Committee shall bring their findings to the soccer board. If the Board approves the dismissal of the coach, it will be the Class 3 Coordinator's responsibility to advise the coach of the board's findings. If the dismissed coach wishes to appeal the decision, he may speak to the Board. The decision of the Board is final.

Coaching Review Procedure

Any complaint received by a Board Member, whether oral or written, relative to a Class 3 coach must be submitted in writing to the Class 3 Coordinator.

If a complaint of serious allegations is brought forth against a coach, such coach shall be relieved of his coaching responsibilities, until the investigation is concluded.

The Class 3 Coordinator or a committee member will investigate the written complaint by observing the coach, speaking with the coach, by seeking information from referees, parents or any other persons who may have information relative to the complaint. The investigation shall be done in a timely fashion unless unforeseen circumstances occur.

Once the complaint has been investigated and determined to have merit, the Class 3 Coordinator and the Class 3 Committee will attempt to find a suitable solution. Every attempt shall be made to successfully find a solution prior to the next scheduled board meeting. If a suitable solution can not be found, the Class 3 Committee, Club President, Vice President, Secretary and two additional board members will hold a hearing in which the coach will be allowed to speak. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the hearing. The Class 3 Committee, Club President, Vice President and two board members will act to resolve the problem.

If the coach does not agree with the action of the Class 3 Committee, Club President, Vice President and two board members, he/she has the right to appeal to the entire Board at a regularly scheduled meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose of hearing the appeal. The decision of the Board will be final.

Players

- 1.) All eligible players shall be considered and given an equal opportunity to try out.
- 2.) Eligible players shall be properly notified of open tryouts through appropriate methods
- 3.) Coaches may not solicit players to try-out for their team if they are currently rostered to another team.
- 4.) Coaches may solicit players to try-out for their team who are not currently rostered or new to the area and are of the appropriate age.
- 5.) Any player who can demonstrate the necessary skills may, upon the approval of parental request submitted to the Board, play in a higher age bracket. The Class 3 committee and board must approve the move.
- 6.) If there are two teams in an age category, and a player wishes to play for a particular coach or team, the player/parents may determine which team the player chooses to tryout or play for.
- 7.) Players from outside of the SV-SLV Club boundaries may be selected to a team, if the coach obtains approval from both Club Presidents.

If a team loses a player due to injury, relocation etc; the Class 3 coach has the right to select players from existing recreation teams provided that those players are not required to play on the Class 3 team to which they are selected if they choose not to, and that all such selections are made prior to League/District imposed registration deadlines for team formations. It is our goal to have youth players play at the highest at which they wish to play and for which they are qualified: accordingly, if a Class 3 coach selects a player from the recreational level team who has tried out, the recreation level coach does not have the right to prevent the transfer of the player to the Class 3 team.

The Class 3 coach may select a player from a recreation team provided the following occurs.

- The coach notifies the Class 3 Committee and obtains their approval.
- The class 3 coach speaks with the recreation coach regarding the player.
- The Club will make every effort to replace the player if the movement will effect the Class 4 team.
- The player/parents agree to play for the Class 3 team.

Formation of Teams

The number of teams in each age division will depend on the size and skill level of the player pool for each age division and not solely to accommodate the number of players trying out. Players will be selected through open tryouts based on the selection process determined by the coaching staff of the team in question, in consultation with the Class 3 coordinator and the Board.

Coaches will base their decisions for the good of the team and Club. Politics, friendships, personal relationships, and financial contribution to the team or Club will not enter into their decisions.

All returning players will have to attend at least one tryout and should not be guaranteed a position on a team.

If coaches and Class 3 Committee determine that there are a sufficient number of skilled players in an age division to form two geographical teams (Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley) each geographical area will have a team.

If two non-geographical teams are to be formed in an age division, the incumbent coach will have the first selection of players first.

No Board member will attempt to influence any Class 3 Coach in regards to player selection.

Tryouts

Team tryouts are open to all players and each player will be given a fair opportunity to make the team(s). The Club Publicity Coordinator or the Class 3 coach will announce the open tryouts to inform the public of the specific tryout dates and times. The Class 3 Coach will select the team.

Team coaches and tryouts dates will be posted at each registration date.

When tryouts are being held, each team will have a minimum of three raters. The ratters will be the coach and two other individuals not affiliated with the team. Parents who have children trying out for the team shall not be used as raters.

If two teams are to be formed, all prospective players will tryout together for the first two sessions.

No player should be notified nor roster distributed prior to the approval by the Committee. The coach should make notification to all players, who tried out, within 48 hours of approval. The coach will decide how his/her notifications will be done.

Playing Time

Coaches will play each player at least half (50%) of each game. A players "playing time", may be affected by the following;

- practice attendance
- attitude/behavior
- effort a player is showing in a given game.

Uniforms and Team Names

Team colors for both boys and girl's teams will be maroon and white, unless the coaches wish to change the color, with the approval of the board. If a new color is chosen, an existing team may keep the old color for the upcoming season. The following year the team will change to the new color.

All Class 3 teams will be responsible for the payment of any additional cost, beyond the monies given by the club.

All Class teams will not solicit any sponsors, which sponsored recreation teams the previous season, unless the sponsor's child was selected to play on the competition team for the upcoming season.

Team names for both boys and girl's teams will begin with "Valley".