



RABUN FC

Parent Handbook

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Letter from the President

Dear Rabun FC Families,

Welcome to Rabun FC! We are truly excited to have you and your player as part of our club and growing soccer community.

Our mission is simple but meaningful—to develop confident, skilled, and team-oriented players in a positive, structured, and supportive environment. At Rabun FC, we believe soccer is more than just a game. It’s an opportunity to build discipline, teamwork, resilience, and lifelong confidence.

As we begin this season, our focus will be on player development, sportsmanship, and creating an experience that every athlete enjoys and grows from—regardless of skill level. Whether your child is new to the game or looking to compete at a higher level, we are committed to helping them reach their full potential.

We also recognize that a successful club is built on strong partnerships with our families. Your support on and off the field plays a critical role in shaping a positive environment for all players. We ask that you review the policies and expectations outlined in this packet, as they are designed to ensure a respectful, safe, and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Communication will be key throughout the season. We encourage you to stay informed, ask questions, and work collaboratively with our coaches and leadership team. Together, we can create a culture that reflects the values of Rabun FC, and sets a strong example for our players.

We are excited for the season ahead and look forward to seeing our players grow, compete, and have fun.

Thank you for being part of Rabun FC.

Sincerely,
Villy Savino
President
Rabun FC, Inc.

Club Overview

Our Mission

At Rabun FC, Inc., our mission is to develop confident, skilled, and well-rounded soccer players through structured training, competitive opportunities, and a positive team environment. We are committed to helping each player grow not only in their technical abilities, but also in their character—building confidence, resilience, and a strong work ethic both on and off the field.

Our Vision

Our vision is to become the leading youth soccer club in North Georgia, recognized for excellence in player development, sportsmanship, and community impact. We strive to create a program where players of all levels have the opportunity to succeed, where families feel connected and supported, and where the club serves as a trusted and respected part of the Rabun County community.

Our Core Values

Respect

We foster a culture of respect for teammates, coaches, opponents, referees, and the game itself. We expect all members of our club to demonstrate integrity, sportsmanship, and positive behavior at all times.

Discipline

We believe success comes from commitment, consistency, and accountability. Players are encouraged to take responsibility for their effort, attendance, and attitude, both in training and competition.

Teamwork

Soccer is a team sport, and we emphasize collaboration, communication, and mutual support. We teach players to work together toward shared goals, valuing team success over individual recognition.

Growth

We are dedicated to continuous improvement. Whether a player is just starting out or advancing to a higher level, we focus on development—helping each athlete build skills, confidence, and a lifelong love for the game.

Leadership & Contacts

At Rabun FC, Inc., our leadership team is committed to providing a well-organized, supportive, and player-focused experience for every family. Each role plays an important part in ensuring the success of our club both on and off the field.

President

The President oversees the overall direction and operations of the club. This role is responsible for strategic planning, ensuring the club's mission and values are upheld, and supporting all aspects of the organization—from programs and partnerships to long-term growth. The President also serves as a key point of contact for high-level questions or concerns.

VP of Operations & Programs

The Vice President, Operations & Programs provides strategic oversight of all player development initiatives and club operations. This role is responsible for establishing and maintaining coaching standards, supporting and guiding coaches, and ensuring a consistent, high-quality experience across all teams. The VP ensures that the club's training philosophy is implemented effectively, with a strong focus on player growth, skill development, and a positive, competitive environment.

In addition, this role oversees all registration and administrative functions, including player enrollment, records management, required forms, and eligibility compliance. The VP ensures that processes are organized, efficient, and aligned with league requirements, while also supporting clear and consistent communication with families. This position serves as a key link between the Board and day-to-day operations, ensuring that both program delivery and administrative functions run smoothly and effectively.

Team Coaches

Our coaches are at the heart of Rabun County FC. They are responsible for leading practices, developing players, and creating a positive, structured team environment. Coaches focus on skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship while providing guidance and encouragement to help each player reach their full potential.

To ensure the highest standards of coaching and player safety, all coaches are required to complete the **U.S. Soccer Grassroots Coaching License** (or an equivalent certification),

maintain current **SafeSport training**, and successfully pass a **background check**. These requirements ensure that all coaches are trained in age-appropriate development, uphold player safety standards, and provide a consistent, high-quality experience across the club.

Coaches are also expected to model professionalism, integrity, and respect at all times, serving as positive role models for players both on and off the field.

Communication & Contact Expectations

To ensure clear and effective communication:

- Team-related questions should be directed to your **Team Coach** first
- Program or development questions can be directed to the **VP of Operations & Programs**
- Registration and administrative questions should go to the **VP of Operations & Programs**
- Broader concerns or escalations can be directed to the **President**

We are committed to open, respectful, and timely communication with all families and encourage you to reach out whenever you need support.

Role	Name	Number	Contact Purpose
President	Villy Savino	470-515-8054	Club leadership, escalations, partnerships
VP of Operations & Programs	Keith Woodard	706-949-8554	Daily operations, registrations and programs
Team Coaches	TBD	TBD	Team-specific questions, schedule, gameplay

Program Overview

Rabun FC, Inc. is a **travel soccer club** focused on competitive play and player development. Our program is designed for athletes who are committed to improving their skills, competing at a higher level, and being part of a structured team environment.

We emphasize long-term development, strong fundamentals, and a positive, competitive culture that helps players grow both on and off the field.

Age Groups

We currently offer travel teams in the following divisions:

- **U10**
Focus on building a strong technical foundation while introducing competitive play. Players develop confidence, ball control, and an understanding of team dynamics.
- **U12**
Focus on building a strong technical foundation while introducing competitive play. Players develop confidence, ball control, and an understanding of team dynamics.
- **U14**
Continued skill development with increased emphasis on game awareness, positioning, and decision-making. Players begin competing at a higher level with more structured team play.
- **U15**
Advanced development and competitive play. Players are challenged to refine technical skills, improve physical performance, and execute tactical strategies in more competitive environments.

👉 All players must submit a valid birth certificate, or school enrollment document for age verification. This is a non-negotiable requirement for participation in travel leagues and is enforced by affiliated clubs and governing organizations to ensure eligibility and compliance.

Travel Program Structure

All teams at Rabun FC, Inc. are part of our **competitive travel program**, which includes:

- Tryout-based team placement
- Structured practices led by qualified coaches
- Participation in league matches and tournaments
- Travel to surrounding areas for games and events

Player Development Focus

Our approach prioritizes:

- Technical skill development (ball control, passing, shooting)
- Tactical understanding (positioning, game strategy)
- Physical conditioning and endurance
- Mental growth (confidence, resilience, teamwork)

Commitment Expectations:

Participation in a travel program requires a higher level of commitment from both players and families.

Players are expected to:

- Attend all practices and games consistently
- Give full effort in training and competition
- Communicate absences in advance

Families should expect:

- Travel to games and tournaments (local and regional)
- A structured weekly schedule
- A commitment to team participation throughout the season

Playing Time Philosophy

As a competitive travel club, playing time is not guaranteed and is based on:

- Effort and attendance
- Skill level and development
- Game situations and team needs

👉 Our goal is to provide meaningful opportunities while maintaining a competitive environment.

Our Commitment to Players

At Rabun FC, Inc., every player will:

- Be challenged to grow and improve
- Receive coaching focused on development
- Be part of a team-oriented, supportive environment

Our Approach

While we compete to win, our primary focus is development. We believe that when players are trained properly, supported consistently, and challenged appropriately, success on the field will follow.

Travel Expectations

As a travel soccer club, families should be prepared for:

- Games played in surrounding North Georgia areas
- Occasional weekend travel for tournaments
- Early game times or full-day commitments

Detailed schedules and locations will be shared in advance.

Important Notes

- Schedules are subject to change due to weather or league adjustments
- Communication will be sent via Band App or posted on our website
- Please notify your coach in advance of any conflicts

Tryouts & Placement

Rabun FC, Inc. utilizes a structured and objective tryout process to evaluate players and place them on the team that best supports their development and success. Our goal is to create balanced, competitive teams while ensuring each player is in an environment where they can grow and contribute.

Tryout Process

All players must participate in tryouts to be considered for a team placement.

What to Expect:

- Multiple evaluation sessions (when possible)
- Age-appropriate drills and technical assessments
- Small-sided games and scrimmages
- Observation by coaches and club leadership

Players will be evaluated in a supportive and competitive environment designed to showcase their abilities.

Evaluation Criteria

Players are assessed based on a combination of the following:

- **Technical Skills** (ball control, passing, shooting)
- **Game Awareness** (positioning, decision-making)
- **Effort & Work Ethic**
- **Coachability & Attitude**
- **Teamwork & Communication**

We evaluate the *whole player*, not just individual skill.

Team Placement

Team placement is determined by the coaching staff and Director of Coaching based on tryout evaluations.

- Placement is based on merit and overall fit for the team
- Teams are formed to support both **individual development** and **team success**
- Players may be placed on teams that best match their current level—not necessarily age-only grouping in some cases (if applicable)

No Guaranteed Placement

Participation in tryouts does **not** guarantee placement on a team.

- Rabun FC, Inc. maintains a competitive standard for all travel teams
- Decisions are made in the best interest of the player and the club
- Not all players may be offered a roster spot

Communication of Results

- Team selections will be communicated via email
- Families will receive clear instructions on next steps (acceptance, registration, etc.)
- A timeline for responses will be provided

Player Commitment

Players who accept a team placement are expected to:

- Commit to the full season
- Attend practices and games consistently
- Represent Rabun FC, Inc. with professionalism and sportsmanship

Our Approach

We understand that tryouts can be a stressful experience for players and families. Our goal is to make the process as fair, transparent, and supportive as possible.

At Rabun FC, Inc., we are committed to placing players where they will:

- Be challenged appropriately
- Continue to develop
- Contribute to a positive team environment

Playing Time

At Rabun FC, Inc., our approach to playing time reflects our identity as a **competitive travel club focused on player development and team success**. While every player is valued, playing time is not guaranteed and is earned through commitment, effort, and performance.

Competitive Playing Environment

Unlike recreational programs where equal playing time is expected, Rabun FC, Inc. operates as a **travel/competitive program**, which means:

- Playing time is **earned, not guaranteed**
- Coaches make decisions based on what is best for the **team and game situation**
- The focus is on both **development and competitive performance**

How Playing Time is Determined

Coaches evaluate players consistently and make playing time decisions based on several factors:

- **Effort & Work Ethic**
Consistency in training, attitude, and willingness to improve
- **Attendance & Commitment**
Regular participation in practices and games
- **Skill Level & Development**
Technical ability and readiness for game situations

- **Game Situations**
Match conditions, opponent level, and tactical needs
- **Team Contribution**
Communication, teamwork, and overall impact on the field

What Players Can Expect

- Players will receive opportunities to develop and compete
- Playing time may vary from game to game
- Coaches will work to balance development with competitive needs

👉 Every player is part of the team, but not every player will receive equal minutes in every match.

Development is Still a Priority

While we compete to win, Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to long-term player growth:

- Players will be coached and developed consistently
- Feedback will be provided to help players improve
- Effort and progress are recognized and rewarded over time

Parent & Player Expectations

We ask families to understand and support this philosophy:

- Trust the coaching staff's decisions
- Focus on player growth rather than minutes played
- Encourage effort, resilience, and a positive attitude

Concerns about playing time should be addressed respectfully and follow the club's communication process:

Coach → VP of Operations & Programs → President

Our Commitment

At Rabun FC, Inc., we are committed to:

- Fair and thoughtful decision-making
- Providing development opportunities for all players
- Creating a competitive environment that challenges and supports growth

Uniforms

Proper uniforms and equipment are essential for player safety, team unity, and a professional game-day experience. Please review the following requirements carefully.

Club-Provided Uniforms

Rabun FC, Inc. will provide official team uniforms, which typically include:

- Game jerseys (home and away, if applicable)
- Game shorts
- Game socks

Players are expected to wear the full uniform for all games unless otherwise instructed by their coach.

👉 Uniforms should be kept clean and in good condition throughout the season.

Required Player Equipment

Players must bring the following to all practices and games:

- **Cleats** (soccer-specific recommended)
- **Shin Guards** (required for participation in all practices and games)
- **Water Bottle** (clearly labeled with player's name)

Players will not be allowed to participate without proper safety equipment.

Optional Team Gear

To promote a unified and professional team appearance, Rabun FC, Inc. offers optional team gear:

- **Team Sports Bag** – Convenient for carrying uniforms, gear, and personal items
- **Warm-Up Sweater / Jacket** – Ideal for pre-game warm-ups, travel, and cooler weather

While not required, these items are highly recommended to help players feel part of the team and represent the club consistently.

Additional Recommended Equipment

Players may also choose to bring:

- Practice jersey or training shirt
- Soccer ball (if requested by coach)
- Weather-appropriate gear (base layers, gloves, rain gear)
- Extra socks or cleats for wet conditions

Practice Attire

For practices, players should wear:

- Athletic clothing suitable for movement
- Cleats and shin guards
- Any club-issued or team gear (if applicable)

Game Day Expectations

On game days, players are expected to:

- Arrive in full uniform (or as instructed by coach)
- Be prepared and ready at the designated arrival time
- Bring all required equipment

👉 Coaches will communicate uniform details (home vs. away kits) prior to each game.

Uniform Care & Responsibility

- Players are responsible for maintaining their uniforms
- Lost or damaged items may require replacement at the family's expense
- Uniforms should not be altered without approval

Additional Notes

- Jewelry is not permitted during practices or games
- Shin guards must be worn **under socks** at all times
- Uniform distribution details will be communicated prior to the season

Communication

Clear, consistent communication is essential to the success of Rabun FC, Inc. We are committed to keeping families informed while maintaining a respectful and efficient communication process.

Primary Communication Channels

Rabun FC, Inc. uses the following tools to communicate with families:

- **Email** – Official club announcements, updates, and important information
- **Band App** – Schedules, practice updates, game details, and team communication
- **Website** – Alerts and updates will also be posted online

👉 Families are responsible for checking these platforms regularly to stay informed.

What to Expect from the Club

- Timely updates regarding schedules, changes, and events
- Clear communication from coaches regarding practices and games
- Advance notice for schedule changes whenever possible

What We Expect from Families

- Keep contact information up to date
- Check communications regularly
- Respond promptly when required (e.g., availability, RSVPs)
- Communicate absences or conflicts in advance

Communication Response Expectations

To maintain balance and respect for all involved:

- Please allow **24–48 hours** for responses during the week
- Coaches may have limited availability on weekends due to games and travel
- Late-night or urgent messages should be reserved for true emergencies only

Communication Guidelines & Etiquette

- Communicate respectfully and constructively at all times
- Avoid discussing concerns during or immediately after games
- Allow a **24-hour “cooling-off period”** before addressing emotional concerns

Escalation Process

To ensure concerns are addressed appropriately, please follow this communication pathway:

1. **Team Coach**
First point of contact for all team-related questions (playing time, schedule, practices)
2. **Director of Coaching**
For development concerns, coaching approach, or unresolved team issues
3. **Club Leadership (President/Board)**
For escalated concerns or club-level matters

👉 Following this process helps ensure concerns are handled efficiently and respectfully.

Important Reminders

- Sideline or public discussions are not appropriate for resolving concerns
- Direct communication is always preferred over group messages or social media
- We are committed to open dialogue—but it must be respectful and structured

Our Commitment

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to maintaining a culture of:

- Transparency
- Respect
- Collaboration

We believe strong communication leads to a better experience for players, families, and coaches.

Sideline Policy

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to maintaining a positive, respectful, and supportive environment on the sidelines. The behavior of parents and spectators has a direct impact on the experience of our players, coaches, and officials.

Our goal is to ensure that every game environment reflects the values of our club—respect, sportsmanship, and player development.

Sideline Expectations

All parents and spectators are expected to:

- **Show respect to all players, coaches, referees, and spectators**
- Support all players in a positive and encouraging manner
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times

No Sideline Coaching

To create a consistent and effective team environment:

- Parents and spectators **must not coach or instruct players from the sidelines**
- All direction and feedback should come from the coaching staff
- Conflicting instructions can confuse players and impact performance

👉 Your role is to support—not direct—the game.

Positive Environment Only

- Cheer for effort, teamwork, and improvement
- Avoid negative comments, criticism, or complaints
- Maintain a calm and respectful demeanor throughout the game

Respect for Officials

- Referee decisions must be respected at all times
- Do not question, confront, or challenge officials during or after games
- Any concerns should be directed to the coach privately after the game

Sideline Conduct & Positioning

- Remain in designated spectator areas
- Do not approach team benches, coaches, or referees during games
- Keep sidelines clear and safe for players and officials
- Ensure younger children are supervised and not interfering with play

Post-Game Behavior

- Support your player and team regardless of the outcome
- Encourage learning, growth, and effort
- Avoid confrontations with coaches, referees, or other parents

Consequences for Violations

To protect the integrity of our club and the experience of our players, Rabun FC, Inc. enforces the following:

1. **Verbal Warning**
2. **Written Warning**
3. **Temporary Suspension from Games**
4. **Permanent Removal from Club Events**

👉 In extreme or repeated situations, a player's participation may be impacted if a parent's behavior is consistently disruptive.

Our Commitment

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to:

- A safe and respectful game environment
- Positive experiences for all players
- A culture that reflects the values of our club

We appreciate your partnership in creating a sideline environment that supports every athlete.

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct

At Rabun FC, Inc., all members—players, parents, coaches, and club representatives—are expected to uphold the highest standards of respect, integrity, and sportsmanship. Our Code of Conduct is designed to create a positive, safe, and development-focused environment for everyone involved.

Participation in Rabun FC, Inc. is a privilege, and all members share responsibility in maintaining the culture and reputation of our club.

Core Expectations

All members of Rabun FC, Inc. are expected to:

- Demonstrate respect toward teammates, coaches, opponents, referees, and spectators
- Exhibit good sportsmanship in both victory and defeat
- Use appropriate language and behavior at all times
- Represent the club positively both on and off the field

Player Conduct

Players are expected to:

- Show commitment by attending practices and games on time
- Give full effort and maintain a positive attitude
- Respect coaches, teammates, and officials
- Follow team rules and coaching direction
- Take responsibility for their behavior and actions

Parent & Spectator Conduct

Parents and spectators are expected to:

- Support all players in a positive and encouraging manner
- Respect coaches' decisions and avoid sideline coaching
- Respect referees and refrain from questioning or confronting calls
- Model good sportsmanship and behavior at all times
- Follow all club policies, including the Sideline Behavior Policy

Coach Conduct

Coaches are expected to:

- Lead with integrity, professionalism, and respect
- Focus on player development and positive reinforcement
- Provide a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment
- Communicate clearly with players and parents
- Represent Rabun FC, Inc. in a positive manner at all times

Club Leadership & Volunteer Conduct

Club leaders and volunteers are expected to:

- Uphold the mission and values of Rabun FC, Inc.
- Act with fairness, transparency, and accountability
- Foster an inclusive and respectful club environment
- Address concerns and conflicts professionally and promptly

Prohibited Behavior

The following behaviors will not be tolerated:

- Abusive, disrespectful, or aggressive language or actions
- Harassment, bullying, or discrimination of any kind
- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward players, coaches, or officials
- Disruptive behavior that negatively impacts the team or club environment

Consequences for Violations

Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Suspension from practices or games
- Removal from the team or club

👉 The club reserves the right to take appropriate action based on the severity of the behavior.

Our Commitment

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to fostering a culture built on:

- Respect
- Sportsmanship
- Accountability
- Growth

We believe that by upholding these values, we create an environment where players can thrive and families can feel confident in their experience.

Acknowledgment

All players, parents, coaches, and club representatives are required to review and agree to this Code of Conduct as part of their participation in Rabun FC, Inc.

Discipline

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to maintaining a positive, respectful, and safe environment for all players, families, coaches, and officials. When behavior does not align with the club's standards, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

Our approach to discipline is **fair, consistent, and focused on accountability and improvement**, while also protecting the integrity of the club.

Purpose of the Discipline Policy

- Reinforce club values and expectations
- Address inappropriate behavior promptly and consistently
- Maintain a safe and respectful environment
- Support player growth through accountability

Disciplinary Process

Rabun FC, Inc. follows a progressive discipline approach. Depending on the severity of the situation, steps may be escalated.

1. Verbal Warning

- Issued by a coach or club official
- Used for minor or first-time issues
- Provides an opportunity to correct behavior immediately

2. Written Warning

- Issued for repeated or more serious concerns
- Documents the behavior and expectations moving forward
- Shared with parents/guardians (if applicable)

3. Suspension

- Temporary removal from practices and/or games
- Used when behavior does not improve or is more serious in nature
- Duration determined by club leadership

4. Removal from Team or Club

- Applied in cases of severe or repeated violations
- Player or parent may be removed from participation
- Decision made by club leadership

Immediate Action (Severe Behavior)

Rabun FC, Inc. reserves the right to bypass the progressive steps above and take immediate action in cases involving:

- Aggressive or threatening behavior
- Harassment, bullying, or discrimination
- Abuse toward players, coaches, referees, or spectators
- Behavior that compromises safety or the club environment

Applicability

This policy applies to all members of Rabun FC, Inc., including:

- Players
- Parents and spectators
- Coaches
- Club leadership and volunteers

Parent Responsibility

Parents are responsible for:

- Supporting and reinforcing club expectations
- Ensuring their child understands and follows club rules
- Modeling appropriate behavior at all times

👉 In cases where a parent's behavior violates club standards, disciplinary action may also apply.

Player Impact

In situations involving ongoing or severe behavioral concerns:

- A player's participation may be limited or suspended
- Continued violations may result in removal from the team or club

Appeals & Communication

- Families may request clarification regarding disciplinary decisions
- Concerns should follow the club's communication process
- All discussions must remain respectful and constructive

Our Commitment

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to:

- Fair and consistent enforcement of policies
- Clear communication regarding expectations and consequences
- Creating a safe and supportive environment for all players

Health & Safety

Rabun FC is committed to providing a safe, structured, and supportive environment for all players. Participation in soccer, however, involves inherent physical activity and associated risks. The information below is provided to ensure families understand these considerations and responsibilities.

Participation & Inherent Risk

Participation in soccer—including practices, games, scrimmages, conditioning, travel, and related activities—naturally involves a risk of injury. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Falls and collisions
- Sprains and fractures
- Concussions
- Dehydration and fatigue
- Other physical injuries associated with athletic activity

While Rabun FC prioritizes player safety through coaching standards and structured programming, these risks cannot be entirely eliminated.

Injury Protocols

In the event of an injury during practice or a game:

- Coaches will assess the situation immediately and provide basic first aid if needed
- If the injury is serious, emergency services will be contacted
- Parents/guardians will be notified as soon as possible

Player Responsibility:

- Players must report any injuries, discomfort, or health concerns to their coach immediately
- Players should not continue to participate if injured

Return-to-Play Policy

Rabun FC prioritizes player health and safety. Any player who sustains an injury must follow appropriate recovery guidelines before returning to participation. The timing and progression back to play will depend on the nature and severity of the injury.

General Guidelines

- Players who are injured during practice or a game may be removed from play at the coach's discretion
- Players should not return to participation if they are experiencing pain, symptoms, or limited mobility
- Parents/guardians are responsible for seeking appropriate medical evaluation when needed

Medical Clearance

- Players with moderate or serious injuries must obtain clearance from a licensed medical professional before returning
- Written clearance may be required depending on the injury
- Coaches will not allow participation without proper clearance when required

Health & Medical Responsibility

Families are responsible for managing their child's health and medical needs. This includes:

- Maintaining active medical insurance coverage
- Covering any medical expenses resulting from participation
- Informing the club of any relevant medical conditions, allergies, or limitations

Rabun FC does not provide medical or accident insurance for participants.

Emergency Response

In the event of an injury or medical emergency:

- Coaches and staff will respond promptly and follow established safety protocols
- Emergency services may be contacted when necessary
- Parents/guardians will be notified as quickly as possible

Club representatives may assist in facilitating care until a parent or guardian is present.

Concussion Awareness & Protocol

Rabun FC takes head injuries seriously and follows best practices for concussion awareness and management.

Recognition

A concussion may occur from a blow to the head or body and can present symptoms such as:

- Headache or pressure in the head
- Dizziness or balance issues
- Confusion or difficulty concentrating
- Nausea or vomiting
- Sensitivity to light or noise

Immediate Action

If a concussion is suspected:

- The player will be **immediately removed from play**
- The player will **not return to play the same day**
- Parents/guardians will be notified promptly

Prevention & Awareness

- Coaches are encouraged to complete concussion awareness training
- Players are taught safe play techniques and awareness
- Parents should monitor symptoms after games or practices

Travel & Transportation

Participation in a travel soccer program may require transportation to practices, games, and tournaments. Families should be aware that:

- Travel may involve inherent risks associated with transportation
- Transportation is typically arranged by families or team coordination
- Rabun FC does not oversee or control all transportation arrangements

Club Safety Commitment

Rabun FC is committed to:

- Providing trained coaches who follow established safety standards
- Maintaining a positive and structured playing environment
- Following appropriate injury response and weather safety protocols

Family Responsibilities

To support player safety, families are expected to:

- Provide accurate and up-to-date emergency contact information
- Ensure players arrive properly equipped (including shin guards and water)

- Communicate any health concerns or injuries in advance
- Reinforce safe and respectful participation

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all players. Player health and safety are our top priorities, and we expect all families and participants to follow the guidelines outlined below.

Emergency Contact Information

For the safety of all players:

- Each player must have **up-to-date emergency contact information on file**
- Parents/guardians must be reachable during all practices and games
- Any medical conditions (e.g., asthma, allergies) must be disclosed during registration

👉 It is the responsibility of parents to keep this information current.

Weather Policy

Player safety is our priority when it comes to weather conditions.

- **Lightning & Severe Weather**
 - Activities will be **immediately suspended** if lightning is detected
 - A minimum **30-minute wait period** will be enforced after the last lightning strike
 - Practices or games may be delayed or canceled
- **Extreme Heat:**
 - Water breaks will be provided frequently
 - Coaches may modify or shorten sessions
 - Players should come prepared with adequate hydration
- **Cold or Inclement Weather**
 - Players should dress appropriately for conditions
 - Activities may continue in light rain but may be canceled for unsafe field conditions

👉 All weather-related updates will be communicated through the team app or email.

Hydration & Player Wellness

- Players should arrive well-hydrated and bring a **full water bottle**
- Proper nutrition and rest are encouraged before games and practices
- Coaches will monitor players for signs of fatigue, dehydration, or illness

Safety Requirements

To ensure safe participation:

- **Shin guards are required** for all practices and games
- Jewelry is not permitted during play
- Players must follow all coach instructions and safety guidelines

Medical Emergencies

In the event of a medical emergency:

- Coaches or staff will call **911 immediately** if necessary
- Emergency contacts will be notified
- A club representative will remain with the player until a parent/guardian arrives

Our Commitment

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to:

- Providing a safe and well-managed playing environment
- Ensuring coaches are prepared to respond to injuries and emergencies
- Communicating clearly with families regarding any safety concerns

Attendance

Rabun FC, Inc. is a competitive travel soccer club that requires a strong commitment from both players and families. Consistent attendance is essential for player development, team chemistry, and overall team success.

Player Attendance Expectations

Players are expected to:

- Attend all scheduled **practices, games, and team activities**
- Arrive **on time and prepared** for each session
- Give full effort and remain engaged during all team activities

👉 Regular attendance is a key factor in player development and team performance.

Communication of Absences

We understand that conflicts may arise. When they do:

- Parents/players must notify the **team coach in advance** of any absence
- Communication should be made as early as possible
- Last-minute or repeated absences should be avoided whenever possible

👉 Clear communication shows respect for the team and coaching staff.

Impact of Attendance on Playing Time

As a competitive travel club:

- Attendance and commitment **directly impact playing time**
- Players who consistently attend and participate will be better positioned for game opportunities
- Missed practices may affect readiness for games and team selection decisions

Extended Absences

If a player will miss multiple practices or games:

- Notify the coach as soon as possible
- Discuss expectations and potential impact on team participation
- Extended absences may affect roster decisions depending on the situation

Commitment to the Team

By joining Rabun FC, Inc., players are committing to:

- Their personal development
- Their teammates and team responsibilities
- The full season schedule

👉 Travel soccer requires consistency and accountability from every player.

Parent Role in Attendance

Parents are responsible for:

- Ensuring players arrive on time and prepared
- Supporting consistent attendance
- Communicating scheduling conflicts in advance

Our Approach

At Rabun FC, Inc., we value commitment, accountability, and teamwork. Players who consistently show up, put in the effort, and support their team will benefit the most from the program.

Fees

Participation in Rabun FC, Inc. includes program fees that support the operation, development, and overall experience of the club. These fees ensure that we can provide quality coaching, competitive opportunities, and a well-organized program.

Program Fees

Program fees typically cover:

- Coaching and training sessions
- League registration and administrative costs
- Field usage and facility fees
- Basic equipment and operational expenses

👉 Specific fee amounts and payment details will be communicated prior to the start of each season.

What May Not Be Included

Depending on the program, the following may require additional costs:

- Tournament entry fees
- Travel expenses (transportation, lodging, meals)
- Optional team gear (sports bag, warm-up sweater, etc.)
- Replacement uniforms or additional equipment

Payment Expectations

- Fees must be paid by the established deadlines
- Payment plans may be offered (if applicable)
- Failure to meet payment obligations may affect a player's eligibility to participate

Refund Policy

Rabun FC, Inc. operates on a commitment-based model. As such:

- Fees are generally **non-refundable** once the season has begun
- Refunds may be considered on a case-by-case basis (e.g., injury, relocation)
- Any approved refunds will be prorated and may exclude administrative or committed expenses

Financial Commitment

By accepting a team placement, families are committing to:

- The full season participation
- The associated financial obligations

👉 This ensures the stability and planning of the team and club.

Financial Assistance

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to providing opportunities for players to participate.

- Financial assistance or payment arrangements may be available in select cases
- Requests must be submitted confidentially and will be reviewed by club leadership

Communication & Questions

For questions regarding fees, payments, or financial arrangements, please contact:

- **VP of Operations & Programs** – registration and payment details
- **Club Leadership** – financial assistance or special circumstances

Our Commitment

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to:

- Transparency in all financial matters
- Clear communication regarding costs and expectations
- Providing value through quality programming and player development

Volunteers

Rabun FC, Inc. is a community-driven organization, and the success of our club depends on the support and involvement of our families. We encourage parents and guardians to contribute in ways that help create a positive and well-organized experience for all players.

Why Volunteer

Parent involvement helps:

- Create a stronger, more connected team environment
- Support coaches and club operations
- Enhance the overall experience for players and families
- Build a sense of community within Rabun FC, Inc.

👉 Even small contributions make a meaningful impact.

Ways to Get Involved

Parents can support the club in a variety of ways, including:

- **Team Parent / Team Manager**
Assist the coach with communication, scheduling reminders, and coordination
- **Game Day Support**
Help with setup, field organization, or sideline coordination
- **Events & Tournaments**
Support club-hosted events, fundraisers, or tournaments
- **Fundraising & Sponsorship Outreach**
Help identify and connect with local businesses or community partners
- **Administrative Support (as needed)**
Assist with registration, communications, or logistics

Expectations

- Volunteering is encouraged but not mandatory
- All volunteers are expected to represent Rabun FC, Inc. professionally
- Volunteers should follow all club policies, including the Code of Conduct and Sideline Policy

Team Parent Role

Each team may designate a **Team Parent** to:

- Serve as a communication liaison between coach and families
- Help organize team-related logistics
- Support a positive team culture

👉 This role is highly recommended and helps streamline communication.

Our Approach

Rabun FC, Inc. values collaboration and community involvement. By working together, we can create a better experience for our players and ensure the smooth operation of our program.

Sponsorship

Rabun FC, Inc. is proud to be supported by local businesses and community partners. Sponsorships play a vital role in helping us grow the program, enhance the player experience, and keep participation accessible for families.

Why Sponsorship Matters

Support from local sponsors helps fund key areas of the club, including:

- Player development and coaching resources
- Field usage and facility improvements
- Equipment and uniforms
- Tournament opportunities and events

👉 Sponsorships allow us to provide a higher-quality experience for all players while strengthening our connection to the community.

Community Impact

By partnering with Rabun FC, Inc., local businesses:

- Gain visibility among local families and community members
- Support youth development and healthy lifestyles
- Build meaningful connections within the Rabun County community

How Families Can Help

Many of our strongest partnerships come from within our own community. We encourage families to:

- Refer local businesses that may be interested in sponsorship opportunities
- Share connections with business owners or community leaders
- Help promote and support our sponsors whenever possible

👉 If you own a business or know someone who does, we would love to connect.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Rabun FC, Inc. offers a variety of sponsorship options, including:

- Team sponsorships (logo placement on jerseys)
- Event and tournament sponsorships
- Club-wide sponsorship packages

More information is available on our website or by contacting club leadership.

Contact for Sponsorship Inquiries

For more information or to get involved:

- **Club Leadership / President**
- **Email:** info@rabunfcsoccer.com

Our Commitment to Sponsors

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to:

- Providing meaningful visibility and recognition
- Building strong, long-term partnerships
- Representing sponsors professionally within the community

Media Release

Rabun FC, Inc. may capture photos and videos of players during practices, games, and club events to celebrate achievements, promote the club, and support community engagement.

Purpose of Media Use

Images and videos may be used for:

- Club website and marketing materials
- Social media platforms (e.g., Facebook, Instagram)
- Promotional materials, flyers, and sponsorship content
- Internal communications and highlights

👉 These materials help showcase player development, team experiences, and the growth of our club.

Consent & Participation

By participating in Rabun FC, Inc.:

- Parents/guardians grant permission for their child to be photographed or recorded during club-related activities
- Players may appear in group or action shots representing the club

👉 No personal identifying information (such as full names, addresses, or contact details) will be publicly shared without additional consent.

Privacy & Safety Commitment

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to protecting the privacy and safety of all players:

- Content will be used respectfully and appropriately
- No sensitive or personal information will be disclosed
- Images will focus on team activities and positive experiences

Opt-Out Option

We understand that some families may prefer not to have their child included in media content.

- Parents may opt out by submitting a written request to the club
- The club will make reasonable efforts to honor all opt-out requests

👉 Please note that avoiding inclusion in group photos or public settings may not always be fully guaranteed.

Use by Third Parties

Photos or videos may occasionally be shared with:

- League organizations
 - Tournament organizers
 - Sponsors or community partners (for promotional purposes)
- All usage will align with Rabun FC, Inc.'s standards and values.

Acknowledgment

By registering and participating in Rabun FC, Inc., families acknowledge and agree to this Media Release policy unless an opt-out request is submitted.

Acknowledgment

To ensure a clear understanding of expectations and responsibilities, all parents/guardians and players are required to review and acknowledge the policies outlined in this Welcome Packet.

By signing below, you confirm that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by the standards and guidelines established by Rabun FC, Inc..

What You Are Agreeing To

By signing this acknowledgment, you agree to:

- Follow the **Code of Conduct** and uphold the values of Rabun FC, Inc.
- Adhere to the **Sideline Behavior Policy** and maintain a positive environment
- Support the club's **Playing Time Philosophy** and coaching decisions
- Comply with all **Attendance, Communication, and Discipline Policies**
- Fulfill all **financial obligations and program commitments**
- Respect all players, coaches, referees, and families within the club

Parent/Guardian Agreement

I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the Rabun FC, Inc. Welcome Packet and agree to support my child and the club in accordance with all policies and expectations.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Player Agreement

I understand the expectations of Rabun FC, Inc. and agree to represent my team and club with respect, effort, and sportsmanship.

Player Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Optional Emergency Contact Confirmation

I confirm that all emergency contact and medical information provided during registration is accurate and up to date.

Initials: _____

Final Note

Rabun FC, Inc. is committed to providing a positive, structured, and competitive environment for all players. This acknowledgment ensures that we are aligned as a club, creating the best possible experience for everyone involved.