

DYNAMO FC U15-U18 MEN

2008-2009 Player and Parent Information



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TEAM SELECTION

- Each player will be notified of his status by Friday, June 6, 2008. All players offered a position on a Dynamo FC senior team will be expected to make a commitment in a timely manner.

TRAINING, GAMES, EQUIPMENT

- The team will train a minimum of three (3) days per week and players are expected at all sessions. During periods of inclement weather, these may be days when practice will take place at North Central High School, Heritage Christian School, Park Tudor, or other sites.
- Barring special circumstances, players are expected at all team meetings, team dinners, practice sessions, league games, friendly matches, and tournaments.
- Players should arrive on time for training – at the field, ready to play when practice is scheduled to begin (properly dressed, shoes and shin-guards on, ball inflated).
- Players should arrive forty-five (45) minutes prior to each game, unless instructed to arrive at another time.
- Players should be prepared with all equipment – all jerseys, shorts, socks, warm-up, shin-guards, proper shoes, a properly inflated ball, and plenty of water (a single 12-16 oz. bottle of water or Gatorade is not adequate for a game).
- Each player should have shoes for all weather and field conditions – 1) indoor/turf or running shoes, 2) hard ground, and 3) soft ground cleats/studs (it is important that when the ground is extremely wet, the players are prepared with the proper shoes).

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2008-2009 Possible Tournaments

November - Veterans Invitational - Evansville

December - Germantown Invitational - Memphis
Norcross Nike Cup - Atlanta
Tampa Bay Sun Bowl - Tampa
Disney Soccer Showcase - Orlando

February - 11 v. 11 President's Day Tournament - Jacksonville
Las Vegas Coaches Classic - Las Vegas
President's Day Tournament - Phoenix

March - Ohio Elite College Showcase - Cincinnati
Javanon Cup - Louisville
Metro United College Showcase - Collinsville
John Talley College Showcase - Memphis

April - Red Lion Invitational - Indianapolis
Crossroads of America College Showcase - Carmel

May - Murray Cup - Carmel

SCHOOL CONFLICTS

- Due to the limited dates for play in each league, the needs of all teams, and our desire to attend certain tournaments and showcase events, the coordination of schedules is a difficult process. It is nearly impossible to avoid conflicts with all school breaks, events, and dances. This includes holiday break, spring break, and prom. Players are expected to make sacrifices when needed to meet the commitments of this team. We will request dates from each player (prom, spring break, etc.) in the attempt to work around the schedules. Be aware that prom will likely conflict with your schedule. If this is going to be a source of consternation for you, do not make the commitment to a Dynamo team.

HOTELS/TRAVEL

- We represent Dynamo FC and everyone in the club when we travel. Players will exhibit their best behavior when guests in a hotel for tournaments. Tournaments offer wonderful opportunities for great times of fun on and off the field, but these are some activities players are to avoid when in the hotel: running, loud and obnoxious

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behavior, wearing cleats, swimming between games, staying up past curfew, and missing meals to get extra sleep.

PLAYING TIME

- Each player selected has proven she is a quality player and able to make a contribution to this team, but the job has only started with being named to the team. Healthy competition among teammates will be elevated by the number of quality players vying for opportunities on the field. Playing time is earned; it is neither given nor guaranteed and no player is entitled to it. Read **QUESTIONS FOR THE COACH**.
- U17, U18: These teams have the ability to roster 22 players, name 18 for each tournament, and dress 18 for each MRL or ISL game.
- Each player is evaluated according to his contributions as a team member through the demonstration of his technical proficiencies, tactical awareness, fitness and physical capabilities, and emotional and psychological disposition. Players are also measured by the consistent exhibition of improvement in these areas in training and games and their ability to utilize new skills learned during training.

ACADEMICS

- As a student-athlete each player is expected to make sacrifices in order to maintain his grades and be productive in training and games. These sacrifices often involve staying up late or getting up early to complete homework and school projects because of a practice or a game. This may include missing a favorite television program or spending limited time with friends. Be prepared to manage your time accordingly. Missing practices to complete homework, work on projects, or study for tests is not proper time management. If a player's grades begin to decline, the coach should be notified in order to develop a contract to improve grades and return to competition.

ABSENCES

- Religious holidays/observances, family weddings, reunions, emergencies – Players should spend time with family on these occasions and are excused from practices and/or games on these days. When possible, please inform the coach at least one (1) week in advance of the holiday or observance.
- School athletics – For players involved in other athletic activities during the spring, each scenario will be discussed individually. Compromises will need to be made with your school and it is anticipated that your primary commitment will be to this team. Players are expected to attend a minimum of three Dynamo practices each week. For the spring 2009 season, the IHSAA Girl's Track Finals conflict with the Indiana Youth Soccer State Cup Finals.

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- If a player has a conflict (required attendance for a performing arts concert, academic field trip, graduations, etc.) with any scheduled practice or game, the coach should be notified at least one (1) week in advance of the conflict.
- Players will not be penalized for any excused absence, including illness or injury. However, being excused from practices or games does not guarantee that all circumstances will be the same upon your return. For example, during your absence another player may show that she should start ahead of you or receive more playing time. You are not entitled to your position, playing time, etc., simply because you were excused from practice.

GUEST PLAYERS

- Any interested Dynamo player must speak to the coach and receive written permission prior to any commitment as a guest player with another team.

INDOOR SOCCER

- Members of the Dynamo FC U15-U17 teams will not participate in any indoor soccer league with a Dynamo team or any other team.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- Please assist in making your son accountable for his actions - - Each player should pack his own soccer bag, take care of his equipment and uniform, bring his own water, extra clothing, food, etc. These tasks should be the responsibility of each player.
- Please have your son on time for training and games. All players should be at the competition site forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of the game, unless told otherwise.
- Parents are welcome to observe all training sessions from the concession stand area. If you feel you need to observe training from a nearer vantage point, please contact the technical director. Please avoid communication with players during practice.
- During games please exhibit good sportsmanship as an example to our players and the opposing team. We all represent Dynamo FC. Extra parental pressure is more likely to distract players than it is to be constructive. Keep comments positive. Please avoid unnecessary communication with players while they warm-up before games and please refrain from “coaching” from the sidelines during games. Please give encouragement and avoid information and/or instruction. Parents are also asked to

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refrain from direct comments to any of the game officials. If any of these guidelines is a problem, your son may be removed from the field and/or you will be asked to leave the playing area.

- Parents are expected to assist with club operations: working in the concession stand, lining fields, field maintenance, team management, tournaments, etc. A detailed list of needs and positions will be provided at a later date.

CLUB FEES

- Team fees and payment information will be made available at/following tryouts. Scholarship money is available. Please contact the manager with questions about the application process.

WEATHIS

- All teams will be notified via email and “One Call,” typically before 3:30 PM, if training has been cancelled or the time/location has been changed due to inclement weather. The Dynamo hotline (767-5555) can also be checked at anytime.

QUESTIONS FOR THE COACH

- If a player has questions or concerns regarding playing time, questions about improvements needed, or needs assistance with goals and aspirations of playing at a highest level, it is the player’s responsibility to approach his coach. Please encourage your son to meet with the coach.
- If you still have a concern after your son has spoken to the coach, please call or email in order to arrange a time to discuss any concerns. When we meet, the player will likely be involved in the discussion. Please avoid speaking to the coach about any concerns, questions, or needs, before or after a game and before or after practice, unless a conference has been scheduled.
- Please notify the coach at any time if you have a “non-soccer” concern about your son or feel the coach needs to be aware of issues the player may not want to discuss - - personal issues, family issues, concerns about school, etc.
- All concerns are to be discussed with the team coach prior to any communication with the technical director.