**LVU 2017-2018 Player Registration Package**

**U9-U18 Boys & Girls**

**WELCOME**

Congratulations on being selected to play for Lehigh Valley United during the 2017-2018 soccer year.

Our Mission Statement:

***The Lehigh Valley United soccer club has a philosophy of developing high quality soccer players who love the game, have respect for fellow players and have an appreciation for world class performances. Winning attitudes are encouraged in an atmosphere of fair play and hard work; all within the governing rules and the spirit of the game.***

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

You will begin to receive emails from your coach with information regarding team schedules and activities.

Please go to our website [www.lehighvalleyunited.co](http://www.lehighvalleyunited.com)m to learn more about the club.

**LVU Lou Ramos Classic**

This year we will be hosting our 10th anniversary of the LVU Lou Ramos Classic over two weekends in late Summer, including Labor Day Weekend. This event, comprised of 300+ teams, is the major fundraiser of the club throughout the entire year. Each LVU family is asked to volunteer 3 to 5 hours during the weekend. Contributions include telephone calls, organizational responsibilities, registration, and field marshals. Each age group has a coordinator who makes sure all of the responsibilities from that age group have been completed. The assistance from each of our "club families" has been instrumental to the continued success of the tournament. New this year, we are implementing a $50 volunteer fee into our team payment plans. Upon completion of volunteer shifts, this money will be credited back directly to your player’s account.

**United Gives Back (UGB)**

United Gives Back is a philanthropic program to help LVU players develop good citizenship beyond the soccer field. This program is designed to foster an awareness of the needs of our community and the world, and a desire to help others by actively volunteering and giving back. Each team has a UGB representative (preferably a player for teams U14 & Up) that is the liaison between the UGB Club Coordinator and the team. Team reps encourage their team to participate in UGB sponsored events.

**Team Volunteer Positions**

Each team is asked to provide volunteers in the following areas as liaison between their team and the club. There will be a meeting at the beginning of the year to review all responsibilities:

• Team Manager

• Team Uniforms

• UGB Team Representative

• Lou Ramos Classic Team Representative

• Team Website

• Team Registrar (team rosters and passes)

• College Seminar & Profile Book Representative (High School Age teams)

**DESCRIPTION OF FEES AND FINANCIAL POLICIES**

**Costs Included In Annual Player Fees:**

• LVU Club Fees

• Team Coaching Fees & Technical Director Support

• EPYSA Registration and/or US Club Registration

• 2017/2018 League Fees (Delco, PAGS, MAPS, Region I, EDP)

• Tournament Fees

• Training and Game Fields, Indoor and Outdoor

• Club Initiatives (Examples from previous years include goalkeeping, technical sessions, futsal, etc.)

• U9-U14: LVU Team Camp at Muhlenberg College

The fee does not include required player uniforms, warm-ups, practice jerseys, player travel- related costs.

**Fees:**

Fees are determined annually on a per player basis.

**Mid-Season roster additions/transfers:**

Fees for players added/transferred in during a season will be assessed as follows: Nov/Dec addition 60% of annual per player fee

Jan/Feb 50% of annual per player fee

Mar and beyond 40% of annual per player fee

**For Teams Sitting out High School Season:**

Fees for Players on High School Age teams that sit out during the HS season: Rosters must be established before November 1st.

Jan/Feb addition 80% of annual per player fee

March addition 70% of annual per player fee

April addition 50% of annual per player fee

**Injured Players:**

A Player injured for three (3) months or more may receive a reduction in the player fee provided he or she applies to the club for a reduction and provides a doctor’s report on the condition of the player, the probable duration of the injury and any recommended physical therapy. The player should state in the application whether s/he intends to remain on the roster after recovering from the injury and completing any rehabilitation period. The minimum relief granted will be 15% of the annual fee; the maximum relief granted for extreme circumstances will be 30% of the annual fee. The Board of Directors will establish a committee to review any application for fee reduction and determine whether to grant a reduction and, if so, in what amount.

**Financial Aid:**

LVU has a limited amount of funds each year available for our members. **Lehigh Valley United Financial Aid is intended for families at, or below, the poverty line. If your income is not at, or below the poverty line your application will still be considered but you will not likely receive any aid.** A committee established by the Board of Directors, whose decisions are final, reviews the application. Please go to our website [www.lehighvalleyunited.com](http://www.lehighvalleyunited.com) to download the application. Please note that COMPLETE applications for assistance are due within 10 days of acceptance of an offer to join an LVU Team.

**You are required to pay your deposit even though you may be applying for financial aid.**

**Financial aid WILL NOT be awarded to anyone who has not paid their deposit.**

**Payment Schedule:**

To accept a roster spot on an LVU team, a player must register for the club with an initial non-refundable deposit of $250 due within **48 hours** of acceptance of a roster spot on a team. This amount will be applied toward your total player fee, with monthly team payments beginning on August 1st.

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| Deposit | Upon Acceptance of roster spot | $250.00 |
| Balance | August 1st | Remaining Team Balance/5 Payments |

**Automatic Charge Payment Plan #1**: **Annual Player fee less $250 deposit divided by 5 payments**. The remaining balance **MUST** be paid in 5 installments **via credit card** using automatic monthly debiting.

Each payment is debited on the following dates:

#1 August 1

#2 September 1

#3 October 1

#4 November 1

#5 December 1

**Immediate Charge Payment Plan #1**: **Annual Player fee paid in full upon acceptance to the roster**. This option grants a 5% discount to the team payment plan. You select the option for this plan when accepting a roster spot. Full payment is due immediately to receive the 5% discount.

If you wish to pay the full balance by check, mail to the following address:

Lehigh Valley United

1344 North Sherman Street

Allentown, PA, 18109

**It is your responsibility to ensure your payments are processed in a timely manner.** Payments may be made automatically through monthly credit card transactions, or managed through our Self-Service Payment Portal. Each player will be required to use our online Self-Service Payment Portal to monitor their balance and keep payments up to date. If you have not already registered a Self-Service Payment account, please visit [www.lehighvalleyunited.com/contact](http://www.lehighvalleyunited.com/contact) and select the “Self Service Registration” option in the members area on the left.

In the event that payments are not made within 30 days of the payment due date, the club will take the following actions:

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| 31 days late: | Notify Director of Coaching and Coach of balance due and that member is not in good standing. Player will receive a warning that if payment is not made within 30 days, the Director of Coaching will be notified and appropriate actions will be recommended to the Board of Directors (including but not limited to: suspension from games, suspension from practice and games, suspension from club, etc) |
| 61 days late: | Director of Coaching will discuss past due balances with Board of Directors and appropriate sanctions of player and family will take place until such time as player and family become a member in good standing. |

Player accounts need to be monitored monthly. Changes in credit card expiration dates, numbers, etc must be updated in the system through the online portal to keep payments up to date.

**Refund Policy:**

Accepting a position on an LVU team is a commitment to the club and to the other members of the team to play for the full soccer year. In accordance with EPYSA regulations, there may be circumstances that result in a player asking to be released from a team. This refund policy applies to players who voluntarily request a release from a team prior to the completion of the year (August 1 to July 31).

LVU depends on the receipt of payments to pay for expenses during the seasonal year. As such, refunds are strongly disfavored and will be granted only in the rarest of circumstances.

Refunds for voluntary releases are provided on a case by case basis. To evaluate an application for refund, the following items will be taken into consideration.

1. Player being in good standing.

2. Evaluation of player by coach.

3. Comments from Director Coaching with regards to other options within the club.

Upon receipt of these items, the application will be reviewed and recommendation made with regards to a reasonable amount.

**WELCOME AND STAY IN TOUCH**

We look forward to great soccer year! Please feel free to contact us if we can be of help to you during the year.

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