



## VSA TRAVEL FINANCIAL POLICY

2026-2027

**By accepting a position for your child on a VSA Travel team, you agree to the following:**

1. You are financially responsible for the entire year's amount (fall, winter and spring seasons).
2. To make all payments in full as described by the current VSA Travel payment plan.
3. If payments for your child falls behind 2 months or more, you agree that VSA will be allowed to suspend your child from practice and play until payment is made. However, the Club will contact you to make arrangements for payment and set forth a payment plan.
4. It is your responsibility to ensure that your payments are processed on time. System generated emails are sent notifying you of each installment's status of either paid/processed or failed.
5. If you have a remaining balance at the end of the current season, a household debit for that amount will be placed on your account in our registration system which must be paid prior to registering for any future programs and/or seasons.

**Detailed information is outlined below:**

### Fees

**The VSA travel fees for the 2026-27 travel year include:**

- Coaching Salaries: All VSA qualified and professional coaching staff fees are included
- Coaches Travel Expenses: used for tournaments outside 60-mile radius (except for additional tournaments)
- Coaching Education: VSA makes coaching education a priority for all travel coaches. VSA covers most of the cost for every coach's coaching education.
- Training: Fall and Spring (3 x per week), Winter (2 x per week) \*Except Foundation Phase Pod 2 one less training per week
- Tournament Fees: Please see program guides for amount included per program
- State Cup Fee/President's Cup Fee: Pre-ECNL, ECNL RL teams & Premier Red teams
- Administrative Fees: Demosphere website and app, Operations, Fields & Maintenance, Management
- Background Checks and Safe Sport Compliance: Background checks are performed on all VSA staff and team managers. In addition, they are required to be Safe Sport trained annually.
- Player Development Programs: Life Skills Sessions, Sports Performance, Goalkeeper Training, Club Concept, Functional training, College Prep Program, VEO & Spiideo Video, VSA Podcast
- National and League Fees: VYSA, USYA, USSF, & US Club Fees, Referee Fees
- PWC Player Fees and Permits: Fields and Operations
- Scholarship Fund: This fund has been set up to help provide playing opportunities for financially disadvantaged players.

### **VSA fees that are not included:**

- VSA Uniform Fees: All new players for 2025-2026 Season must purchase the current VSA uniform Package: 2x Game Uniform (Home/Away), 1x Practice Uniform, 1x Tracksuit, 1x Bag. This will last for 2 years.
- Additional Programming: including but not limited to: VSA Camps and clinics, VSA Futsal Club, Winter/Summer GK Academy, etc.
- Additional Tournaments – fees, coaching expenses and personal travel expenses

### **Club Fee Payment Schedules**

**You may choose one of the following payment options:**

1. **Payment in full at time of acceptance**
2. **Ten-month installment plan – VSA Travel Players must submit their first installment as their non-refundable deposit upon acceptance to secure their spot on the team. Remaining club fees are split into nine additional monthly consecutive installments. \*U16-U19 ECNL RL teams will have 7 installments following the deposit.**

**Automatic Payment:** Payment information for families choosing an installment plan will be kept on file and automatically charged each month. Families are responsible for ensuring their forms of payment are viable and up to date. When a payment is declined, payment information must be updated within 3 business days. Although the Club will make every effort to contact the family to provide a new form of payment, the burden is on the family to update their account.

**Multi-Payer Families:** Families that share expenses between multiple parties (e.g., separated and divorced families, shared custody situations, grandparents, friends, etc.) must designate a single primary party responsible for coordinating payments. VSA cannot collect fees from multiple sources.

### **Penalties for Non-Payment**

Any player whose account is more than two payments in arrears of VSA fees will be contacted by the Club to make arrangements for payment. Players are expected to pay the outstanding fees promptly according to the schedule provided by the VSA Director of Finance.

VSA will exercise the rights given to it by VYSA in terms of your child's player card as described below.

### **VYSA Policy Regarding Nonpayment of Club/Team Financial Obligations by Travel Players:**

1. **Transfer between Clubs or Teams during Seasonal Year**

It is the policy of VYSA that all travel players registered with VYSA are responsible for making payments required in writing by their club. Accordingly, VYSA will not process a transfer of a player from one club/team to another during the seasonal year if that player is not current on his or her financial obligations, provided that (1) the financial obligation is set forth in writing and acknowledged by the player's family, and (2) the obligation is for the current seasonal year. For purposes of this policy, any written financial obligation signed by the player's family will be sufficient, including a financial obligation



set forth in an electronic registration document and acknowledged electronically at the time of registration.

\*This policy does not apply to a player who changes clubs or teams between seasonal years.

In the event that a club objects to a transfer by a player during or between seasons due to failure to make required payments, the club must, within three business days of the transfer request, submit to the VYSA office the required form objecting to the transfer. VYSA will notify the family that the transfer is being held until payment is made. A club must notify VYSA immediately upon payment (within two business days) to release the transfer request. In the event that VYSA determines a club has placed a hold on a transfer in bad faith, the club may be sanctioned.

## **2. Involuntary Release of Player for Failure to Meet Financial Obligations**

If a player fails to meet his or her financial obligations pursuant to a written obligation, VSA may involuntarily release the player at any time during the seasonal year, provided that the club has followed the process as outlined in the VYSA Travel Team Registration Manual (5.27).

You agree to meet all club financial obligations and as defined by the VYSA policy, failure to do so may result in delays of player transfers or the involuntary release of the player as defined above.

### **Refund Policy**

VSA has a strict NO REFUND Policy, however, any player meeting one of the criteria below may be eligible for a partial refund of VSA Travel Fees.

**Team Viability:** In the unlikely event a player has accepted an invitation to join a VSA travel team and has paid some or all of his/her annual club fees, and due to an inability to form a full roster the team is disbanded, the player is entitled to a 100% refund of their club fee payment. Fees may be adjusted if some services have been provided (e.g., if the team received training prior to disbanding).

**Serious Injury or illness:** Any player who incurs a serious injury or illness between August and May of the seasonal year will be entitled to a refund. The amount is determined on when the injury occurred and how long the player is out. In requesting a refund due to injury or illness, families must provide a doctor's note with the injury description, date when injury occurred and estimated return to play date. (see refund request procedure below on how to submit the request)

**Family Relocation:** Player families who relocate out of the Northern Virginia league area prior to October 1 will be entitled to a refund of 30% of their club fees. Players relocating after October 1 may be considered on a case-by-case basis upon review by the club. Relocation documentation is required to receive a refund.



**State or Federal Mandated Stoppages of Play - if there is an interruption to the regular season structure, VSA will evaluate and employ a scenario approach to the fee schedule outlined below:**

**Scenario A:** Scenario A assumes limitations in training and games due to unexpected circumstances. This scenario includes the Virtual Learning Center and interactive online programming. In Scenario A monthly fees will be adjusted to 50%-75% of the full amount until normal play and programming resumes.

**Scenario B:** Scenario B assumes that players cannot be in person and participate in on-the-field play. This scenario includes our Virtual Learning Center, online classroom sessions and other virtual programming. In Scenario B monthly fees will be adjusted to 25%-50% of the full amount until normal play and programming resumes.

**These are the only exceptions to the No Refund Policy. Other reasons, such as, but not limited to: instances of uncontrollable natural forces in operation, weather cancellations, facility closures are deemed beyond our control and NOT exceptions to the policy.**

VSA occasionally moves players between teams during the seasonal year. If an intra-club move is made, pro-rated club fees will be payable/refundable if the annual cost of the new team differs from that of the original team. Balances must be paid before the move, similarly, refunds will be processed in a timely manner.

While VSA acknowledges that families may have other priorities that supersede their player's soccer schedule, no refunds will be made for missed events.

Likewise, since most club expenses are committed regardless of individual field closures, missed games or practices due to inclement weather or other causes beyond the control of VSA are not subject to a refund. Although the club will make all reasonable efforts to find alternate locations for and/or reschedule cancelled games, in most cases, the club is not obligated to make up cancelled practice sessions. It should also be noted that tournaments are occasionally canceled due to weather or other causes beyond the control of VSA or the hosting club and refunds are not guaranteed. VSA will make every effort to recoup the tournament fees and/or find a replacement event, however, in some cases that is not always possible.

### **Refund Request Procedure**

All refund requests for VSA must be submitted in writing by one of the player's parents. Completed refund requests should be submitted as follows:

Requests should be addressed to the VSA Director of Finance and Administration; the player's coach and age group Director of Coaching should be copied. Included in the request should be the injury or relocation documentation that is required.

