

Club Italia Rules and Regulations

- The President shall have primary authority in governing Club Italia and all its teams. The President must authorize the addition of any player or team.
- Players not complying with the rules and regulations of Club Italia Soccer Association will be subject to disciplinary action and possible dismissal. In addition, players may not participate in any unethical or illegal conduct during Club activities. Players must also adhere to the bylaws and rules of the San Diego County Soccer League, the California Soccer Association, and any other affiliated governing body.
- Players understand that this corporation has no members in the traditional corporate sense and, thus, players have neither voting nor member rights.
- Players agree to release Club Italia Soccer Association, its officers, directors, agents, representatives, and affiliates from all liability that may arise during players' participation within, but not limited to, Club-sponsored activities and events.
- In the event of a problem or dispute between management and player, a player may submit a letter or written appeal (or e-mail) to the club within seven (7) days. Upon review, the President will render a final decision, not open to further appeal.
- The President and managers shall decide team rosters. The minimum roster number shall be sixteen (16); the President and managers shall decide maximum number (up to 22 players). A player must have a CSA identification card to play and may only be registered on one team during the season.
- Recruited players will have a trial period of four (4) matches during which period players may be dropped from the roster. Players may still be dropped from the roster after trial period for not adhering to Club rules. A player joining after the season begins must pay all fees before player's first match.
- Players understand that in the event of prolonged absence due to injury, vacation, work, school, or other reason players may be dropped from the roster. A player who has been dropped must wait for another spot to become available in order to return. If no spot becomes available, player will not be able to return for that season. All fees and any money collected by Club Italia are nonrefundable, except when a player is not recruited after trial period.
- Reserve Players: Registered players who cannot commit to practices or games may participate as reserves **ONLY** in the event a team needs to compensate for a deficit in its roster. The roster may not exceed the SDCSL limit of eighteen (18) for any game, but a team may carry a maximum of four (4) reserve players. Reserves must abide by the same rules and regulations as other players. Reserves will pay a team fee of \$10 before each game in which they participate as well as the CSA registration fee.
- Alternate Players: If necessary, players from one team within the club may participate as alternates for another team within the club to compensate for a deficit in a team's roster. Registered players from lower divisions within the club may "play up" three (3) times during the season, with a limit of two (2) players on any given Sunday. Registered players from upper divisions may "play down" three (3) times during the season, with a limit of two (2) players on any given Sunday, per SDCSL rules. (Premier-team players may only play down in major division.) Managers shall decide whether reserve players or alternate players will receive priority whenever necessary.
- Uniforms and equipment are the property of Club Italia and must be returned upon request or in the event of a player's dismissal. Players must pay for the cost to replace lost or damaged uniforms. Players must come to matches with uniform and all required equipment or they will not participate.
- Rules and regulations may be revised or an addendum may be submitted at any time by the President.

PRACTICES

1. Practices are held on Wednesday of each week from 7 - 9 pm. (unless otherwise scheduled/subject to change). Players must be on time. If players are unable to attend or will be late, they must notify the manager or assistant manager or they will be fined.
 2. Players must attend practice each week to be eligible to play in the following Sunday's match unless they have a valid excuse (e.g., out of town, ill, emergency). Work or school commitments do not qualify as valid reasons for missing practice. Players must find time in their schedule to commit to practice each week. Consequently, players missing practice in a given week, without a valid excuse, will not play for the first half of match that Sunday. Recurring themes in a player's absences (within allowable guidelines) that restrict that player from attending practices may warrant further scrutiny and possible disciplinary action.
 3. Players missing a substantial number of practices (at the manager's discretion) regardless of reason will be subject to dismissal from the club.
- Note: Goalkeepers shall be exempt from rules regarding practice attendance if necessary.

MATCHES

1. **DISCIPLINE, DISCIPLINE, DISCIPLINE.** Proper behavior at matches (and practices as well) remains of utmost importance to this club. No fighting, arguing, or other ungentlemanly conduct with fellow players will be tolerated. If problems arise with any player on or off the field, disciplinary action will result which will include fine, suspension, or dismissal—subject to the discretion of the manager and imposed by the president. **IN OTHER WORDS, DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN.**
2. Players must be at the field 45 minutes—with a 15-minute grace period—thus 30 minutes, prior to the start of the match for warm-up and discussion or they will be fined \$10 (unless an emergency); if players are unable to attend, they must notify the manager or assistant manager or they will be fined \$10 (unless an emergency). The third offense will result in a 1-game suspension.
3. A player's game-time will reflect practice attendance and performance as well as other tactical factors. However, a player in good standing (regarding fines, practice attendance, etc.) will receive a minimum playing time of 30 minutes, continuous or cumulative, each match.
4. No criticism of players will be allowed, including yelling on the field or player-coaching. \$15 fines will be imposed for these offenses. The third offense will result in suspension and possible dismissal. When necessary, talking on the field will only be done by the captain. Fighting and any verbal abuse with anyone will not be tolerated. **LEAVE THE REFEREES ALONE.** \$20 fines will be imposed for any fighting or verbal abuse. The third offense will result in suspension and possible dismissal.
5. Players are encouraged to leave any excess egotism at home.
6. If players are tired, they are expected to substitute themselves—we have the luxury of exiting and re-entering the field at any time—let's use it to our advantage. Players may also be substituted at any time for tactical reasons.
7. Tactics, strategies, and other items of importance for matches will be open for discussion at any time but final decisions will be made by the coach or manager with any additional assistance from the assistant coach and assistant manager.
8. Players missing or arriving late for a substantial number of matches (at the manager's discretion) regardless of reason will be subject to dismissal from the club.

FEES and FINES

- Red- and yellow-card fines will be paid by individual players, as follows (**imposed by SDCSL**):
Yellow cards: \$3 per incident per player (five yellow cards, player misses subsequent match).
Red cards: \$10 - \$40 (depending on severity of foul; expelled player misses minimum one game).

Club Italia-Imposed Fines

- Failure to attend practice (without valid excuse—e.g., out of town, ill, emergency):
PLAYER DOES NOT PLAY FIRST HALF OF SUBSEQUENT MATCH
- Failure to notify manager or assistant manager of absence to practice or match (except emergency):
\$10 PER INCIDENT (Each third offense results in a 1-game suspension)
- Late arrival to match—after 30 minutes prior to start—(except emergency):
\$10 PER INCIDENT (Each third offense results in a 1-game suspension)
- Ungentlemanly conduct on or off the field, including criticism of others; screaming from sidelines or on field:
\$15 PER INCIDENT (Third offense will result in suspension and possible dismissal)
- Fighting with teammates or opponents, including verbal abuse; includes verbal abuse of referees:
\$20 PER INCIDENT (Third offense will result in suspension and possible dismissal)

Note: Fines must be paid prior to first match after incident. All fines will be imposed at the discretion of the manager.