



I. General Information

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to positively impact the development of youth in our community by providing soccer and life-enriching opportunities to young players of all ages and playing abilities, to create a lifelong passion for the sport of soccer. Atletico New Mexico as a local soccer club is committed to elevating the soccer profile in New Mexico by bringing a competitive and developmental pathway for young athletes. The team will enhance community engagement, attract local support, and contribute positively to the region's cultural and economic landscape.

Our Style:

Based on the philosophy of the Spanish giants Atletico de Madrid, established by Paco Lobato.

Our Characteristics include:

1. Bold and alive teams that are always in predisposition to have criteria and responsibility with the ball. Technical players, brave and composed on the ball.
2. Aggressive and intense players in the different phases of the Game.
3. Teams of solidarity and sacrifice with good organization. Team First mentality.
4. Players capable of working with high-intensity as a team. Never giving up!
5. Our Club curriculum is provided by Paco Lobato, who was with Atletico Madrid as the Sporting Director of their Academy.

Next Level Development:

We continue to develop players to move on and play in college and beyond. By training our players with the Spanish methodology, competing in various Regional and National competitions as well as College Showcase events and playing College friendlies. We have a proven development that has sent many players on to D1,D2, D3, NAIA and JUCO soccer programs abroad

Spain Tours established by Paco Lobato:

Annually, we take players and teams to train, play, and tour the beautiful footballing Nation of Espana. Our players and coaches are exposed to the Highest level of football in the world. Spain is well known to not only be a top Nation in the Men's game, but now in the Women's game as well. The lessons learned at these top Academies are priceless. They gain knowledge and confidence and the trip itself is once in a lifetime!

Technical Staff (Coach):

The coach must lead their team by example and be the role model of the team. Teaching sportsmanship and how to play the game in the right way, fair play. Teaching unity, teamwork, commitment, and strong effort. It is the Head coach's responsibility to keep the team well organized; planning all training, games, tournaments and all activities well in advance so that parents and players have plenty of notice to adjust their schedules to fit the team's needs. The coach must always have a weekly plan of training, utilizing the Atletico Methodology of player development.

Team Manager and Treasurer:

Each team must have a Team Manager and a Team Treasurer. These administrators will coordinate the financial aspect of the team's operation and also the organizational flow of other areas such as player registration, tournament registration, fundraising, payment of team activities and other related tasks. The Team Manager may coordinate these tasks directly or may have other team volunteers participate in this role. It is not the intent of this document to define these roles in detail but instead to acknowledge the responsibility of these positions.

Typically, the Team Manager will be the conduit where information from the coaches is distributed to players -- information that was not given to the players at practices or at matches. The Team Manager, more than likely, is the one that contacts the players of any schedule changes.

The Team Manager must have the ability to communicate to the players and parents any changes in schedule and also to coordinate any assignments to the parents or the players.

The Treasurer will be responsible for creating a team budget, monitoring the team account, and collecting funds for the team. The Treasurer will also be responsible for submitting the quarterly financial report to the Club Finance Manager.

II. Conduct – Player/Parent/Coach/Fan

Player and Spectator Expectations

- Respect: Treat referees, coaches, teammates, and opponents with respect.
- Behavior: No profanity or abusive language.
- Safety: We will not tolerate any type of bullying. Physical, verbal, or cyber.
- Substances: Prohibited use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
- Referees: Do not criticize referees; respect all decisions.

Coach Responsibilities

- Provide a safe and enjoyable experience.
- Avoid hostile environments and protect officials.
- Ensure zero tolerance for abuse.

Spectator/Fan Code

- Do not enter the field of play.
- Avoid harassing or threatening officials, players, or other fans.

PARENT RULES with Team:

- Respect and Trust your coach and the work and philosophy he/she is trying to build.
- Sportsmanship: begins and is reinforced in the home and car ride to games/practices.
- Game Readiness: Your athlete needs to arrive for practices and games at the time required by the coach. Mental and physical preparation plays a key in sports. Message your coach in advance if you will be late, or miss.
- I will trust my coach and club in every aspect of my athlete's development.
- At the Competitive level, playing must be earned, never given. I fully understand this.
- I will teach my athlete to trust their coach and the process of development. I know that this will develop discipline so that my athlete will learn to be more committed, a better listener, and work harder. This is how my athlete will build character for their future.
- I understand that the soccer season is long (not just Fall and Spring). Club soccer is played in August (U14 and under) and winter months as well. Soccer is a very demanding commitment. I understand that if my athlete has to miss practices and or games, that I can never complain about the amount of playing they have earned.

- I understand that by missing a large amount of practice and or games, my athlete can run the risk of being placed on another team in the club. Or may lose their spot on next season's roster.
- I will never say or do anything for any reason, that represents the coach, team or club in a negative manner. I will never make negative comments on group messaging or social media platform. I understand that group messaging is solely for the Team manager to send essential details to parents. Not to voice complaints.
- I will not directly call or text my coach regarding a complaint. I will instead set up time to discuss (with advance notice). You can always include the Coaching Director (Girls or Boys, etc). All concerns are valid. The way we go about these must be respectful as most coaches do have a day job.
- If I do have a complaint. I will wait **48 hours** before asking to meet with my coach. Never immediately after a game (or practice). Or the next day.
- If at any point, a coach or Board member feels a parent has said or done something which is deemed detrimental to the team or club. This parent may be suspended or permanently removed from attending practices and or games. Sometimes competitive sports are too much for a parent. A cooling off period is needed.
- I will never coach, instruct, or speak in a negative manner to my athlete, or other players on the field. I will cheer for my team and athlete. Always in a positive manner. In youth sports, there is much to learn. Hearing multi voices throughout a game will only hinder their learning as well as the joy of playing a sport. My job as parent is to bring athlete to practice and games, cheer, and lift my athlete's spirits after a tough game.
- I will never address a game official in a negative manner.
- I will never address opposing fans, players, or coaches in a negative manner. I will be the bigger person in tough games, difficult situations.

III. **PLAYER RELEASES:**

- If the coach and Director feels the player is not a good fit for their team or club. Based on their level, their interaction with their team and level of commitment. That player may be released from the club. There is no additional fee in this case.
- If a player is seeking to not honor their commitment to their team and is asking for a transfer to another club during season. The Director and club Board will review the situation first. If the Board approves the transfer, the club will sign the player's release for a fee of \$100 to be paid to the club. The Team Manager must also give the club board the total balance due by the player (if there is a balance). The full balance for the year must be paid in full and then the club will finalize the player's release.
- If the player/family has funds in their account from club fundraising - remaining funds will be applied to team fees owed. All funds remain with team.

IV. PLAYER RULES:

Attitude and effort. Everything hinges on this. The player must be focused, respectful of their teammates and coaches. And always giving 100%. Put in the work. Trust the process. Never stop believing in yourself and your team.

PARENT SIGNED & DATED

PLAYER SIGNED & DATED



ATLETICO | NEW MEXICO | FUTBOL | CLUB