



## 2016-2017 Uniform Policy

Dear Parents,

In response to the United States Soccer Federation's (USSF) announcement earlier this year that all youth soccer organizations implement the *new player development initiatives* (Age Group Changes & Formats of Play Change), Challenge Soccer Club has decided to adopt a new Uniform Policy that will be implemented at the start of the 2016-2017 season.

- **Age Group Change:** Moving forward, teams will be formed by birth year as opposed to school calendar year. For example, Challenge 05 will consist of players born in 2005 (between Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2005).
- **How does the birth year change effect uniforms?** Right now our teams consist of players who are born in two different years (i.e. a player on a current 05 team can be born between Aug 1, 2004 – July 31, 2005). Moving forward teams will consist of players born in the same calendar year. That means our new teams for the 2016/2017 season will be mixed with players who purchased uniforms last year and players who are at the end of their 2-year cycle and therefore are supposed to purchase uniforms.

**New Uniform Policy for 2016/2017:** This year, all player in all age groups will be required to purchase new uniforms. The entire club will move to a 2-year cycle at the same time.

In summary, because of the mandates sent down by US Soccer we feel there is no way to manage the uniform ordering process in an efficient and fair way unless we require all players to purchase uniforms at the same time. Had US Soccer not made their changes, we would not have updated our Uniform Policy. It is our hope that Challenge Families will understand the reasoning behind our decision to make this change.

**Uniform Goal:** Challenge Soccer Club strives to project a professional image. The club uniform plays an integral part in the forging of club identity and in building both a sense of community and of pride in the organization. This can only be accomplished if all Challenge Soccer Club teams wear the designated club uniform so that no matter what age group, no matter what the occasion, the team can be readily identified as representing Challenge Soccer Club. This underscores the fact that we are a single club that exists to support and encourage its members.

## FAQ's

**Q: We purchased new uniforms last year. Do we have to buy new uniforms this year?**

**A:** Yes, all families in all age groups will be required to buy the new uniform kit this year.

**Q: If we purchased uniforms last year will we receive a credit for this year since we are going to buy uniforms 2 years in a row?**

**A:** Families who purchased the ENTIRE uniform kit last year will receive a \$100 gift card from Soccer 4 All that can be used towards the purchase of any Adidas item sold at Soccer 4 All, including cleats, slides, fan wear etc. Please note, the \$100 credit cannot be used towards the purchase of uniforms. Gift cards will be distributed in July, after uniforms for 2016/2017 have been purchased.

**Q: How will we receive the \$100 gift card from Soccer 4 All?**

**A:** After tryouts, Challenge Soccer Club and Soccer 4 All will create a list of families eligible to receive a gift card. The details of how the gift cards will be distributed will be available shortly.

**Q: If we purchased a backpack and warm-ups last year do we have to buy these items again this year?**

**A:** You will not have to purchase a new backpack or warm-up pants, but all other items will be required. The warm-up jacket for 2016/2017 is a new design and all families will be required to purchase one.

**Q: How much does the entire new uniform kit cost?**

**A:** The entire uniform kit costs \$298.50 and includes the following:

- Adidas Mi Team Condivo 16 Jersey x 2 (red & white)
- Adidas Mi Team Condivo 16 Shorts x 2 (red & navy)
- Adidas Practice Shirt (black)
- Adidas Parma 16 Practice Short (red)
- Adidas Condivo 16 Training Jacket (red)
- Adidas Core 15 Training Pant (black)
- Adidas Copa Zone II Sock x 2 (white)
- Adidas Copa Zone II Sock (red)
- Adidas Stadium Team Backpack (red)
- Adidas MLS Replique Ball

**Q: My daughter is going to be a senior. Do we have to purchase the entire uniform package?**

**A:** No, seniors are only required to buy uniforms and a practice jersey (2 jerseys, 2 shorts, 2 socks, 1 practice jersey).

If you have any questions about the new Uniform Policy, please email the Club Administrator Ashley Fendley-Frazier at [ashley.fendley@challengesoccer.com](mailto:ashley.fendley@challengesoccer.com).

Respectfully,

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