



2021-2022
TRAVEL GUIDE



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OUR MISSION & VISION

OUR MISSION

Lakeland Tropics Futbol Club, Inc. a not-for-profit organization, is committed to providing a superior inclusive soccer experience for all of the area's youth by offering highly competitive recreational and travel team opportunities. This commitment is accomplished through an organization of volunteers and soccer professionals who administer the training programs. It is our intent as an organization to promote honor, integrity, teamwork, perseverance, confidence and sportsmanship both on and off the field.

OUR VISION

Lakeland Tropics Futbol Club, Inc. strives to provide a player centered approach to long term development through quality coaching, guidance and instruction so that each person may reach his or her potential.



TRAVEL SOCCER PHILOSOPHY



Eoghan Conlon
Technical Director

We are excited to welcome you to the Lakeland Tropics Futbol Club. Our soccer philosophy is focused on the development of each individual player through self-expression, self-discovery, self-thought and individual creativity pertaining to the game.

Development will encompass the four components of the game: technical, tactical, physical and psycho-social commiserate with their development level. Promoting sound characteristics that reflect integrity, honesty and sportsmanship to align with our mission statement will also be incorporated throughout the development process.

We strive to have our teams compete at the highest level of the game and will do our utmost to offer every player interested a place to play. Our focus has been and will remain to develop each player within our club to their highest potential by expanding their opportunity to compete against top talent across the region.

If you are new to our Travel Soccer program, it is important to note that you are joining a club and not just a team. By joining a club, you get to share in all of the assets and benefits that we, as a club, can offer, including the support of our Board of Directors and a full-time staff, including our Technical Director, Performance Director, Goalkeeper Director and Academy Director.

If you are from our inter-league program considering joining a travel team, please know that your son or daughter will be getting involved in a level of soccer beyond what you may have experienced. The players and families are very committed, enthusiastic and the coaching is skilled, energetic and disciplined. These teams have great fun and often both players and parents alike find that the team dynamics make such involvement a great way to spend time together as a family, and make great friends. It's very common for teams (players and parents alike) to talk about their team in terms of "family." It is this club approach that makes us one of the best!

The following pages will explain everything you can expect when becoming a part of Lakeland Tropics Travel Soccer Program. Thank you for considering the Lakeland Tropics as your club of choice. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



TRAVEL SOCCER PATHWAY



DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY



RECREATIONAL

Our grassroots program to introduce players to soccer fundamentals, and spark a love for the game.



ACADEMY

Our youngest travel teams looking to compete and take their love of soccer to the next level. Participating in NPL and CDL league, and a variety of local tournaments.



TRAVEL SELECT

Participating in either of the following leagues; FPL, GCFL, CDL, USA league. Local tournaments and Commissioners cup or Presidents cup.



TRAVEL ELITE & SHOWCASE

Participating in either: NPL, FSPL, CDL league. These teams travel for level appropriate showcases, state and nation wide. They also participate in State cup or Florida Cup.



COLLEGE

We support and guide our players through the college recruiting process to place them in the following; NCAA DI, DII, NAIA and NJCAA programs.



OUR LEAGUES & TRAVEL



WE PLAY IN THE FOLLOWING LEAGUES:

Teams are placed, or petitioned for, in the following leagues based on ability and competition, as decided by the Lakeland Tropics Technical Director.



Statewide League Travel
U13-U18/19
Boys and Girls
Application Process



West- Central Florida
Academy -U18/19
Boys and Girls

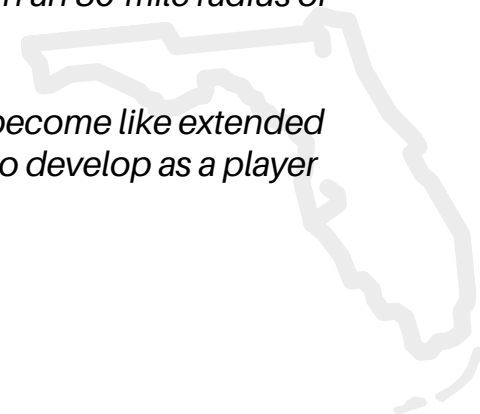
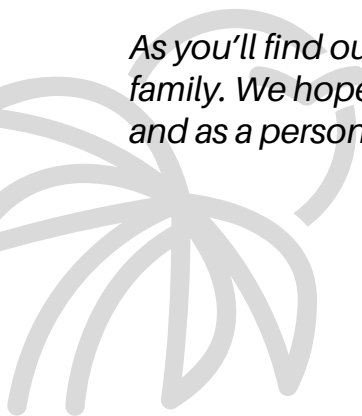


East- Central Florida
Academy -U18/19
Boys and Girls

HOW FAR WILL WE TRAVEL?

Our travel teams playing in League 1 will travel statewide. Teams in the CDL and GCF will play within an 80-mile radius of Lakeland. Home games are played at beautiful Lake Parker Park.

As you'll find out when your child joins our program, your child's team members and their families become like extended family. We hope being part of a travel team will offer your son or daughter an amazing opportunity to develop as a player and as a person and to create long-lasting relationships with players and coaches.



TRAVEL TEAM DESCRIPTIONS



U8-U10 Academy

From U8-U9, these groups will spend the first 2-3 months training together before separating by ability. During this time, ability tends to fluctuate so we will pool players according to how they are progressing. At the U10 level, players will be placed according to ability at the beginning of the season. These groups typically train 3 times weekly, play in regional league competitions and participate in various tournaments.

U11-U12 Elite & Select

Elite Teams:

Consists of players who have the potential to compete at a high level. These teams are expected to train 3 times weekly and compete in State Competitions, State League Play and Tournaments.

Select Teams:

For players who may need further development in technique, tactic, physical or psycho-social aspect, as a means to progress to an elite level. These teams typically train 2 times weekly and compete in regional league play and regional tournaments.

U13-U14 Elite & Select

Elite Teams:

Consists of players who have the potential to compete at a high level. These teams are expected to train 3-4 times weekly and compete in State Competitions, State League Play and Tournaments.

Select Teams:

For players who may need further development in technique, tactic, physical or psycho-social aspect, as a means to progress to an elite level. These teams typically train 2-3 times weekly and compete in regional league play and regional tournaments.

U15-U19 Showcase & Elite

Showcase Teams:

This is for players who want to play at the next level; collegiate and beyond. These players are selected for their ability and commitment to furthering their development. They typically train 3 times weekly, attend out of state showcases and compete in regional league play.

Elite Teams:

For player who may need further development in technique, tactic, physical or psycho-social aspect. These teams train 2 times weekly and compete in regional league play and will attend showcase events.



Program Costs

As a non-profit organization, the Lakeland Tropics work diligently to keep our fees low while providing the highest quality of program possible.

For the 2021-2022 season, the Board has retained fees at the existing level with no rate increase for this season. It is important to note, however, that fees are estimated, and could change due to changes at the league or tournament level. The Club fee has remained the same for this season. The Board has also chosen to implement **a total fee** structure which will encompass all fees into one total fee making it easier to submit your payments.

Your total fees support the following:

- Affiliation Dues - FYSA/US Club
- League Dues
- Tournament Fees
- Operation Costs
- Training and Coaching
- Facility Use Fees
- Referees
- Insurance / Risk Management



INSURANCE

FACILITY USE

LEAGUE FEES

ADMINISTRATION

TOURNAMENTS

REFEREES

**FYSA / US CLUB
DUES**

**SHOWCASE
EVENTS**

**TRAINING /
COACHING**

**RISK
MANAGEMENT**

TOTAL FEE INCLUDES



ACADEMY, ELITE, SHOWCASE

| CLUB FEE | | U8-U10 ACADEMY | U11-U12 ELITE | U13-U14 ELITE | U15+ SHOWCASE |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Coaching / Training Fees | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | FYSA Player Registration | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | US Club Player Registration | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Annual Affiliation Fees | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Field Maintenance | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Coaching Education | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Coach Insurance | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Coach Safe Sport Certificate | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Coach Background Check | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Coaching Equipment | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| TOTAL CLUB FEE | | \$625 | \$775 | \$950 | \$1035 |
| TEAM FEE | Includes –referee and coach travel fees. | | | | |
| | CDL League | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | |
| | FCL League 1 | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | GCF League | | | | |
| | GCF League | | | | |
| | Tournament 1 | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | |
| | Tournament 2 | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ | |
| | Tournament 3 | | ⚽ | ⚽ | |
| | Showcase 1 | | | | ⚽ |
| | Showcase 2 | | | | ⚽ |
| | Showcase 3 | | | | ⚽ |
| | Showcase 4 | | | | ⚽ |
| | College Recruitment | | | | ⚽ |
| | HUDL Software | | | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| TOTAL TEAM FEE* | | \$275 | \$425 | \$450 | \$690 |
| TOTAL FEES** | | \$900 | \$1200 | \$1400 | \$1725 |

* Team Fee is an estimate of anticipated dues and fees. Costs are subject to change dependent on league, tournament and travel costs. ** Total Fees are an estimate as team fees could change dependent on league, tournament and / or travel costs.

Note - Uniforms are a separate expense.

SELECT

| CLUB FEE | | U11-U12 SELECT | U13-U14 SELECT | U15+ SELECT |
|----------|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | Coaching / Training Fees | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | FYSA Player Registration | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | US Club Player Registration | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Annual Affiliation Fees | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Field Maintenance | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Coaching Education | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Coach Insurance | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Coach Safe Sport Certificate | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Coach Background Check | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | Coaching Equipment | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | TOTAL CLUB FEE | \$635 | \$840 | \$895 |
| TEAM FEE | Includes –referee and coach travel fees. | | | |
| | CDL League | | | ⚽ |
| | FCL League 1 | | | |
| | GCF League | ⚽ | ⚽ | ⚽ |
| | GCF League | ⚽ | ⚽ | |
| | Tournament 1 | ⚽ | ⚽ | |
| | Tournament 2 | ⚽ | ⚽ | |
| | Tournament 3 | ⚽ | ⚽ | |
| | Showcase 1 | | | ⚽ |
| | Showcase 2 | | | ⚽ |
| | Showcase 3 | | | ⚽ |
| | Showcase 4 | | | ⚽ |
| | HUDL Software | | ⚽ | |
| | TOTAL TEAM FEE* | \$350 | \$405 | \$495 |
| | | | | |
| | TOTAL FEES** | \$985 | \$1245 | \$1390 |

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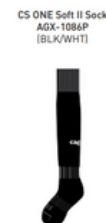
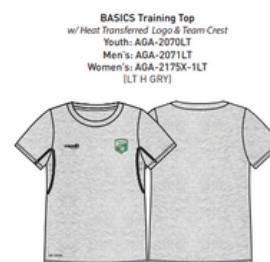
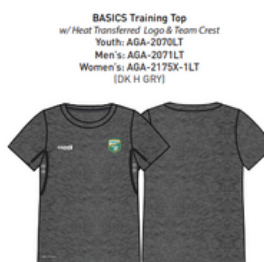
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UNIFORMS

Uniforms are not included in your program costs. They are ordered separately, allowing parents the opportunity to select the best size for the player and receiving the kit directly to the home. Kits are ordered online and paid for directly by the parent or guardian. New kit cost is \$244 and includes - home and away jersey, shorts and socks, training kit, jacket and a backpack.



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PAYMENTS & POLICY



LTFC is committed to working with families to ensure every child can enjoy a soccer experience with our club. With this commitment, we have developed various levels of programs with the intention that families can find one that best fits their financial abilities and child's ambitions. We offer a variety of payment offerings including incentives for full payment, payment plans through the registration portal and scholarships. We strive to have each of our programs meet or exceed the comparable standards for similar programs across the area.

We invite you to visit our website - lakelandtropicsfc.com to review the full financial policy.

LTFC Scholarship Program

We understand and recognize the ever increasing costs of having your child play travel soccer. We feel strongly that money should never be a reason a child can't participate in soccer. We work diligently to help those families in need of help through our LTFC scholarship program.

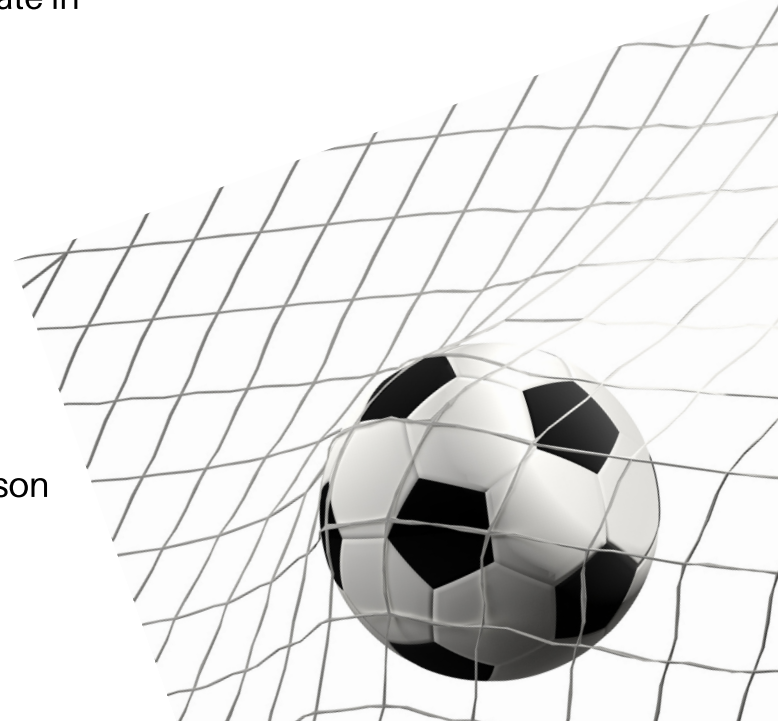
Our program helps hundreds of families each year defray some of the costs associated with playing soccer.

Among the fundraisers will be the 2021 Toast to the Tropics Gala, and new merchandise coming soon. 100% of the proceeds will go toward helping qualified families cover the cost of continued participation in LTFC programs.

The club will also be incorporating a new fundraising policy for the 2021-2022 season to allow teams more flexibility and support for the season.

To apply, you may visit our website at:

<https://www.lakelandtropicsfc.com/scholarship-application>



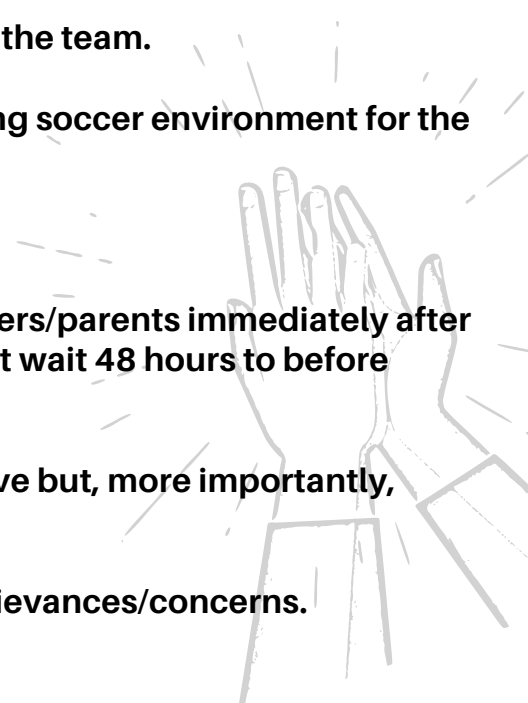
FAMILY COMMITMENT



The commitment level for LTFC teams is significant. Soccer is a team sport and each player's and parent's participation affects the experience of all members on the team. LTFC will offer the best possible soccer programs and will expect a quality level of commitment from all LTFC players and parents. Players and parents must seriously consider this commitment prior to accepting their position. LTFC parents play a huge role in creating a Positive Soccer Environment. By accepting your child's position on the team Parent(s) and or Legal Guardian (s) will commit to building a strong, positive culture for our Club.

We Will...

- Understand that, as a team program, LTFC teams strive to win, but, of greater importance, is the development of the players and the team.
- Be positive role models by encouraging good sportsmanship and demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans and officials at every practice and game.
- Support the coaches' decisions as they relate to their children and the team.
- Refrain from sideline coaching...this creates a chaotic and confusing soccer environment for the players.
- Respect the decisions of the officials.
- Never approach/confront a coach, official or opposing team's players/parents immediately after the game regarding coaching decisions or issues thereof. You must wait 48 hours to before addressing any issues.
- Support a soccer environment which is challenging and competitive but, more importantly, conducive to learning and having fun!
- Follow the established chain of command regarding any and all grievances/concerns.





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OUR TEAM

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