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THPFC International Travel Policy

Applies To: *All Toronto High Park FC (THPFC) teams, players, parents/guardians, coaches, team officials, volunteers, and staff participating in or organizing international travel on behalf of the Club. This policy applies to all travel outside of Canada for tournaments, exhibitions, friendly matches, training experiences, and soccer-related events approved by THPFC. This policy also applies to all parent committees and third-party travel providers involved in organizing or facilitating international team travel.*

Toronto High Park FC – International Travel Policy

To build our community and to enhance the experience of competition in soccer, Toronto High Park FC encourages travel by teams to compete in tournaments and to play friendly matches outside of Canada.

Parents and players should be aware that team travel requires significant initiative and engagement from the team's parents. While participation is optional, parents and teams should strive to ensure that no player is excluded from travel because of excessive cost. To help defray costs, teams should explore fundraising and sponsorship opportunities in compliance with Club and Ontario Soccer guidelines as early as possible.

Travel by teams shall only be approved by the Club if the following conditions are met:

- International travel proposals must be submitted to the Technical Lead (for OPDL teams) or the Competitive Program Manager;
- The team must register a parent committee (Minimum 3 people) with THPFC that will take on the responsibility of organizing the trip, liaising with Club staff, and other tasks as requested by the Club;
- Travel shall not conflict with the league calendar or other competitions such as the Ontario Cup in which teams are registered to participate;

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The Club's support is limited to:

  - Providing a part time coach to accompany the team, subject to staff availability,
  - Filing necessary travel permit applications;
  - Ensuring compliance with applicable regulations; and
  - Providing advice on appropriate tournaments and travel schedules;

- Travel budgets shall include the full cost of the accompanying coach's travel, accommodation, subsistence, and salary/compensation as advised by the Club;
- Depending upon the trip details, the club may look to support the trip with a FT member of staff. In this scenario, the staff members costs will also need to be covered
- Travel outside of Canada and the US will only be approved by the Club if undertaken through a club-approved travel company. The Club maintains a list of travel companies made available on request that can provide complete quotes. Companies outside of this list will not be permitted.
- Prior to travelling, our recommendation is that parents should provide a notarized consent letter from any parent or guardian not accompanying the child on the trip, using the official Government of Canada form, available at https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/children/consent-letter;
- If a parent or legal guardian has sole custody, a notarized statement confirming custody must be submitted along with the consent letter;
- Should host country or organizer regulations require medical release letters or certificates, such documentation shall be obtained in advance of travel and copies of the documentation shall be provided to Club before travel.
- All international travel is conditional on obtaining the required permits and authorizations from the district association, Ontario Soccer, Canada Soccer, the host's national and local soccer federations or associations, and, if necessary, FIFA, ensuring that all matches played abroad are in accordance with Article 10 of the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches;

If any part of this policy conflicts with the policies of Ontario Soccer, Canada Soccer, or the local District Association, the policies of these governing bodies shall take precedence.

This policy is subject to periodic review and updates to align with Club and regulatory standards.

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