



# EARLY COMMITMENTS – WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

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# PREMISE/PURPOSE:

The Early Club Commitment provision is intended to relieve the stress and discomfort experienced by players and families as a result of the “tryout” process. Provision put in place in March 2020.



# PROHIBITED USE:

Clubs and coaches are prohibited from using the early club commitment provision to pressure players and families to commit to the club in order to keep the player and their family from seeking an alternate place to play.

**DOCUMENTATION:** [Early Club Commitment Provision](#)



# CLUB DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EARLY COMMITMENT:



- Any club offering the "early commitment" option may advertise the option when they advertise tryouts. (NOTE: it is not mandatory that clubs offer early commitment)
- The early commitment can only be offered to current year registered players.
- Early commitments can be signed beginning May 1 of each year for the next playing season.
- The complete early commitment language in the policy **MUST** appear in any/all documentation referring to the early commitment including the registration form the player/family signs.
- The early commitment information must include the language that explains the process to be released from an early commitment.
- Collect signature on registration form and a minimum deposit of \$25.00
- Be able to produce that signed document if requested.



# PLAYER/FAMILY DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EARLY COMMITMENT:



- Read the language in the early commitment registration form.
- Understand that an early commitment is to the club, not a specific team. The club is not prepared to and will not have the complete information about specific team positions until after tryouts.
- Sign and date the commitment form provided by the club.
- Pay a deposit of at least \$25.00 to the club (club may require additional money).
- The player is now committed to the club for the next seasonal year and may not tryout for another club.



# RELEASE FROM EARLY COMMITMENT:

After completing the process for an early commitment, if the player/family chooses to be released from that early commitment, they can be released using the following process:

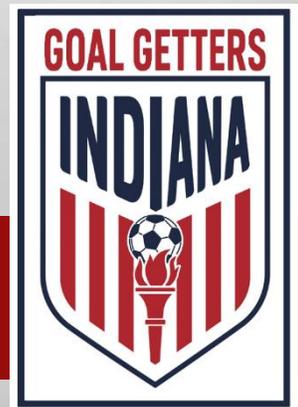
1. Send a written request to the club asking for a release from the early commitment with copies of the request sent to the Club's board of directors.
2. Send a copy of that same request asking for a release from the early commitment to the Indiana Soccer Registrar ( currently Amber Cremeens [amber@soccerindiana.org](mailto:amber@soccerindiana.org))
3. The request must be received by the club and Indiana Soccer before 12:00 AM (the morning of) the first advertised day of tryouts for the player's specific age group at that club.
4. If requested in accordance with the procedures, the release will be granted.
5. Club must refund any monies paid in excess of the \$25.00 back to the player.



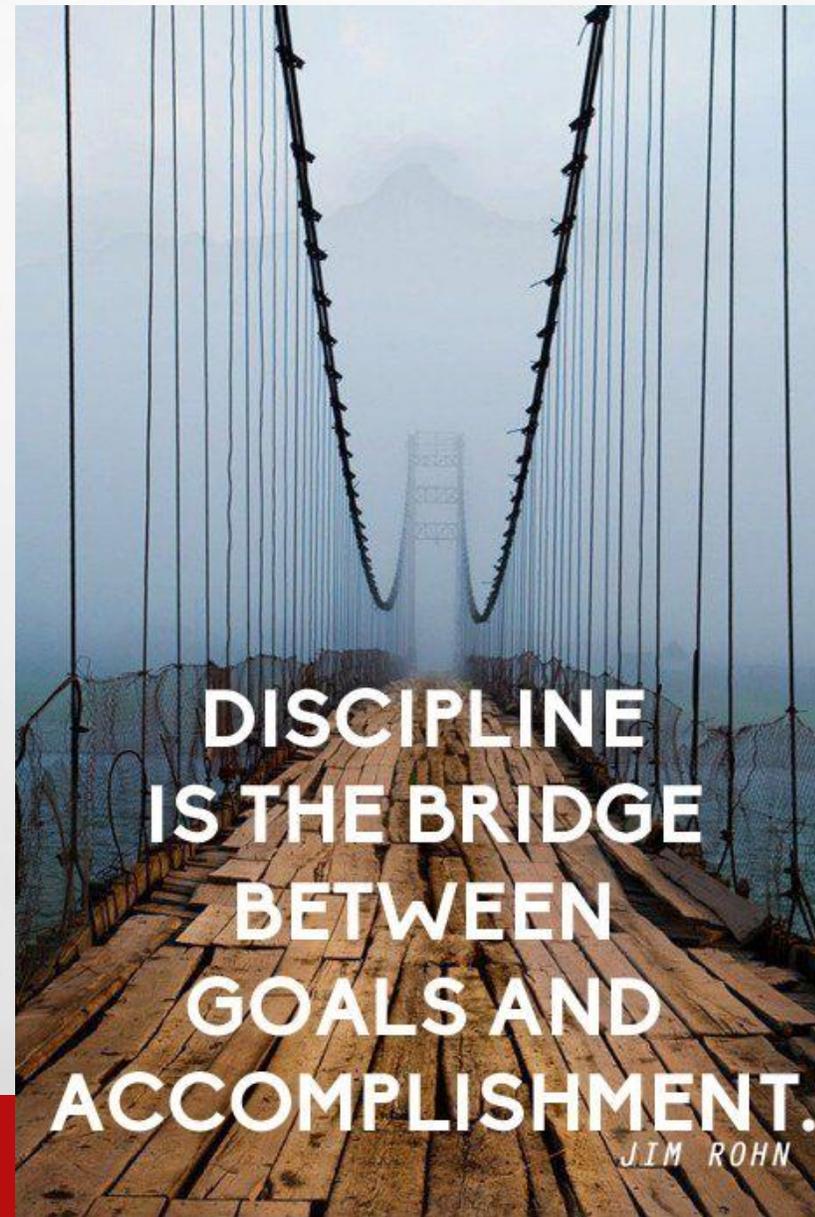
# EARLY COMMITMENT REQUIRED LANGUAGE:



- This early commitment cannot be signed before May 1.
- This early commitment is for the entire seasonal year 20XX-20XX.
- This early commitment is to the club, not a specific team.
- The signature of the player/guardian (players age 18 and older can sign for themselves), plus a payment of at least \$25.00 signifies acceptance of the commitment.
- This early commitment prohibits this player from trying out any other club.
- You can be released from this commitment by sending the request for release in writing to the club, the club board, and to the Indiana Soccer registrar before the first day of tryouts at this club for your age group. Release is mandatory if procedure is followed. All fees paid in excess of \$25.00 will be refunded.



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