

UNIFORM POLICY

PURPOSE FOR HAVING A CLUB UNIFORM

A critical step toward creating a “Club” tradition is to have a unified visual presence on the field. Besides providing an essential visual identity, a standardized club uniform saves each team a substantial amount of money. The size of the Rio Vista Football Club attracted the attention of all the major uniform vendors and culminated in a competitive bid process. As a result, the club has been able to negotiate significant price savings on the cost of the uniforms and uniform accessories. Each team registered as a member of RVFC is required to purchase the standardized club uniform. Teams new to the club will be required to purchase one of the standardized uniform options as part of the membership requirements to the club. Teams will be required to purchase new uniforms every 2 years. Under only special circumstances will a RVFC team be allowed to deviate from this policy. Any deviations must be pre-approved by a vote of the RVFC Board.

Rio Vista Football Club’s uniform will be specified on the club website, at the club approved vendor’s storefront, through literature at tryouts, and in the team registration packets. Adidas is the current club specified manufacturer for uniforms, training suits and accessories. Besides the exceptional quality and comfort of the Adidas uniform material; another consideration in choosing Adidas are the 3 year (minimum) life-spans of the chosen product lines. What this means to the club is that these product lines will be supported by Adidas for at least 3 years. Each uniform product line and accessory (Warm-ups, bags, etc.) will be detailed in a separate attachment. Any team of age U11 or above playing in the “Metro” schedule will be considered “competitive” and as such will be required to wear a RVFC approved kit. For U10 and younger teams, recreational teams, and the RVFC Soccer School, there is an alternative to the competitive uniform in which a less expensive choice of uniform will be available.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The team uniform coordinator or team manager, as representative of that team, is responsible to the specified vendors for management of the teams’ accounts and payment in accordance with the required uniform payment schedule. No Uniforms will be released to an unapproved team representative. Furthermore, **no uniform orders will be released to anyone without the team account being paid in full.** Rio Vista FC will not serve as a financial intermediary between the RVFC team and the vendor. RVFC will assist its vendors and bring to bear its resources against any team in which insufficient funds or other situations in which there may be an issue between one of its teams and the chosen vendors of RVFC that merits mediation.

UNIFORM COSTS

The price of the uniforms and the uniform accessories to all Rio Vista FC teams are based on a negotiated agreement between RVFC and the approved Adidas distributor in which the parties have entered into a master uniform agreement. Integrity of the agreement has been sanctioned and guaranteed by Adidas that should the Adidas distributor become unable to supply the Adidas products, RVFC will be directed to another vendor. In the case of a change in vendors, the prices detailed in the agreement cannot be guaranteed. In addition to the cost of the uniform package or individual uniform pieces, there may be other nominal costs, based on additions such as the addition of sponsor logos, or in the case of a state champion, the addition of embroidered stars to the uniform kit. As per the RVFC master uniform agreement with its uniform retailer, warm-ups, and equipment bags will be sold to RVFC teams at the negotiated and agreed upon price detailed in the pricing attachment. Please refer to the Team managers manual provided by Soccer Stop for ordering guidelines and deadlines. Teams are strongly encouraged to purchase from the specified RVFC vendor as all purchases of Adidas products are tracked and count towards our ability to outfit our full-time, professional, and volunteer staff. The amount of tracked purchases allows RVFC to utilize an exchange of attire to paid staff in addition to wage as part of a compensation package. Provision of staff coaching attire helps alleviate direct out of pocket expenses to the membership for coaching costs. Also, the amount of monies attributable to RVFC membership purchases will assist in the negotiation of

future uniform contracts helping to keep uniform costs lower. Uniform package, pricing information, order forms, and procedures are available on the website, in tryout literature, and as part of a team's registration information.

UNIFORM DECORATION

Uniforms will be decorated with Rio Vista approved transfers for both the "RIO" logo and numbers. Soccer Stop will apply the numbers to the jerseys once they are received. Training suits will be embroidered as part of the order and will be decorated by a vendor approved by Rio Vista and Soccer Stop.

TEAM IDENTITY, DESIGNS, OR EXPRESSIONS OF INDIVIDUALITY

Teams may express individuality or individual team identity in the form of team warm-up tops, shirts, or other wearable items. At no time may a team wear anything other than the club specified uniform during an official league game, tournament, or friendly when officially representing RVFC. Players may wear the kits of their choice during pre-game warm-up, scrimmages, skills, or practice in accordance with the mandate of the coach for such attire. **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: Child predators are an unfortunate reality in our society today. As such, for the safety of our players, Rio Vista will not allow and actively discourages the display of any information on a uniform or warm-up kit / t-shirt that identifies a player, other than the club specified number. Furthermore, RVFC encourages its membership to utilize other methods of identification on a players training suit other than the player's name. Identification of possession of such items can be accomplished by embroidering the player's number (and/or team name) on the training suit, or by using a permanent marker and writing the player's name or number on the "sizing" tag inside the specific garment.**

THE CLUB, A TEAM AND/OR A SPONSOR'S LOGO

All Rio Vista team uniforms will bear the Rio Vista club logo on the center chest of the jersey. Individual team logos and/or sponsor logos may be allowed on a jersey, short or sock if prior written approval has been granted by the Board. Rio Vista FC and its Board of Directors reserve the right to approve or disapprove any logo, marking, or writing to be placed on the club's official uniform. Approval will not be unreasonably withheld. For any request to be approved, a team must submit, 30 days in advance the artwork (logo, marking, writing, etc.) drawn to the exact scale illustrated in the true colors. A team will be notified within 30 days of submission whether or not the request is approved or disapproved. The Board will consider whether or not at least the following general guidelines have been met before approval may be granted.

- The colors are compatible with the uniform and club logo's colors.
- The request is appropriately scaled and sized.
- It is tasteful in design and/or message/slogan content.
- It is necessary (i.e. helps secure a financial sponsor).
- Logo size must be NCAA compliant

Procedures for Ordering Uniforms-

Please refer to the Team Managers uniform procurement manual provided by Soccer Stop.