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## ARLINGTON TRAVEL SOCCER CLUB

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ATSC Managers and Families,

As many of you know, the ATSC is in the process of substantially revamping the financial structure and procedures of the club. I have explained the reasons for these changes elsewhere, so in this note I plan to focus on the procedures of the new system.

The most substantial change involves how fees will be collected and managed: In the past teams have collected the fees from families and managed these fees through team bank accounts. Teams have then paid expenses (club fees, league fees, coaching fees, tournament fees, etc.) on a team by team basis. Under the new system, the club will collect and manage all fees. To facilitate this change the club has instituted a club-wide player fee. This fee is intended to cover virtually all team fees. **The ATSC player fee for 2008-2009 will be \$700 per season, or \$1,400 for the year.**

A few notes regarding this fee structure:

- The largest expense is coaches' salaries, followed by tournament fees, staff salaries, financial aid, association (ASA and VYSA) and league (ODSL, WAGS, and NCSL) fees, uniforms, and miscellaneous expenses
- Beginning in the fall of 2009, the club will provide new uniforms to all players every two years
- The 2008-2009 U9 players and new players joining teams for the 2008-2009 will receive uniforms for the coming year
- Returning players who need replacement pieces for their existing uniforms will be required to purchase them. The club's partnership agreements with Adidas and Eurosport will allow us to purchase uniforms at a substantial discount from the retail price
- The club will provide details on the procedures for ordering uniforms to managers in a separate letter
- Any team that expects to play in more than 3 paid tournaments during the year will be expected to provide additional funds to cover the tournament fees
- The details of the process for funding additional tournaments will be described in a later communication
- As in the past, eligible Arlington teams will pay no fee to play in our own spring preseason event

Registration and payment of fees will be handled through our online system. We plan to open the registration system within the next week. The process of registering and paying fees is as follows:

1. **All players must register for tryouts** via club's online registration system. For those without internet access, paper registrations will be provided at tryouts
2. Once players have been offered and have accepted positions on teams, the coach and/or manager of the team will provide the list of players to the club (Managers, as required, should transfer paper registrations into the online system)
3. The club will then make these players eligible to be registered into the travel player program via the online registration system
4. Families of the selected players will then **return to the registration system and officially register for the club for the 2008-2009 season**



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5. At this point the families will be offered **the following options for payment of fees:**
- a. To pay online via credit card in four equal payments, with the first payment due by July 7, 2008.
  - b. To pay the entire yearly fee online via credit card by July 7, 2008
  - c. To pay via check in four equal payments, with the first payment due by July 7, 2008 (Mailing instructions will be provided in the online system)
  - d. To pay the entire yearly fee via check (Mailing instructions will be provided in the online system)
  - e. To request financial assistance. The form for requesting financial assistance is currently posted on the website in English and in Spanish. Instructions will also be included in the online system. Managers with players without internet access should assist these families in getting access to the form

For those paying the fee in four installments, the other four payments (in addition to the initial payment due on July 7, 2008) will be due on September 15, 2008, December 1, 2008, and March 1, 2009. Families will follow the same procedures in step 4 above for each of these payments.

Thank you for your patience and support as we go through this transition and feel free to contact the club with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Steven Lent  
President, ATSC

