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ARLINGTON TRAVEL SOCCER CLUB

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ATSC Families and Managers,

As many of you know, the ATSC is in the process of substantially revamping financial structure and procedures of the club. This letter focuses on the club's Financial Aid program. In particular, this letter will:

1. Explain the new policies and procedures being instituted for the 2008-2009 soccer year
2. Provide you with contact information for the Financial Aid committee; the members of this committee can answer any questions you may have regarding the new policies and procedures.
3. Enlist your help in getting the word out to all players trying out for ATSC teams and in supporting the Financial Aid committee as they review the Financial Aid applications.

The new policies in effect for the 2008-2009 soccer year are described in the following paragraphs. Where applicable, the previous policy is mentioned for reference:

1. Financial Assistance determinations will be made in concert with the club's open tryouts and the selection of players. The aid provided will cover the entire 2008-2009 soccer year. (Previously, financial aid was determined separately for the fall season and the spring season.)
2. Financial Aid awards may range from several hundred dollars up to the entire player dues of \$1,400 for the year. Families receiving a partial aid award will be able to pay the remaining portion of the dues on a monthly schedule. (Previously, financial aid was capped at \$200 per season.)
3. Applicants will be required to fill out a new application form which must be signed by the player's parent or guardian. A team manager's signature is not sufficient and will not be accepted. The required Financial Aid Request Form is available in both English and Spanish on the ATSC website (www.atsc-va.org) and has been included as an attachment with this letter. (Previously, the team Treasurer or Manager filled out a request form covering all applicants for their team.)
4. Applicants will be required to provide proof of income by supplying one of the following documents:
 - Approval Document for Free Lunch Program or Reduced Lunch Program
 - Approval Document for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program
 - Approval Document for Women Infant and Children (WIC) program
 - Approval Document for Food Stamps program
 - 2007 Federal Tax Form 1040, with W2s and 1099s.
 - 2007 Virginia State 76x series tax form with W2s and 1099s

- If none of the required documents are available, please contact a member of the Financial Aid committee regarding the application (In previous years, no proof of income was required)
5. Financial Aid Applications are due on or before JUNE 27, 2008.



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Every effort is being made to have a member of the Financial Aid committee attend the first tryout session for each age group. They will meet with the Managers and families to explain the new policies, field questions and provide copies of the Financial Aid Request Form. Copies of the Financial Aid Request Form will also be left with the Managers for distribution at subsequent tryouts. For age groups in the middle of tryouts, a committee member will attend the 2nd or 3rd tryout session. For the U9 age group that has already completed tryouts, a committee member will attend the U9 Information Night scheduled for June 3, 2008.

The Financial Assistance Committee consists of a Chairman (Lenny Mayor) and two (2) committee members (Laura Anastos and 'tbd'). Contact information is provided below and we ask that you please not hesitate to use it. We are urgently looking to fill the third slot on the committee, so if you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact Lenny Mayor.

The Financial Aid committee will meet in early July to review the applications and determine which players qualify for Financial Aid. All decisions of the committee will be communicated to the player's family. The player's family must then decide whether to accept the package awarded to the family. It is likely that managers will be called upon by the committee to facilitate communications with some of the players who request financial assistance, both before, during, and at the end of the process.

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

Regards,

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