



**Pacific Northwest Soccer Club  
Club Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2020  
6:00 PM  
Via Zoom Teleconference**

- 1. Introduction and Housekeeping Matters - John Wilson**
  - a. All participants stay on mute to facilitate the best sound quality for all.
  - b. Submit questions via chat. Questions and sent out an FAQ later (and included at the end of this document).
  - c. We are recording the Zoom call and will upload later to the website for later viewing as needed.
  - d. 2019-2020 Refund/Credit/Donation – The deadline to submit for refund, credit, or donation is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - e. The information discussed tonight will not apply to the Junior Academy. For more information on the junior program, check the website or send questions to jrregistrar@pacnwsc.org.
- 2. Overview of Tryout/Team Placement Process for 2020-21 - Leighton O'Brien**
  - a. Register through the website for placement ASAP! Current PacNW players that have registered for placement will begin receiving calls from coaches April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Directors and coaches will use knowledge from previous years to determine placement for the upcoming year.
  - b. Players from outside PacNW will be contacted between April 23<sup>rd</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Team Sign-Up: Current PacNW players and non-RCL players will register for their new team on May 1<sup>st</sup>. RCL players coming to PacNW from other clubs will register for their newly assigned team on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. All PacNW teams will have their first team meeting via Zoom on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Rosters will be light on the top teams of the age groups so that opportunities can be available when we get back on the field.
- 3. Registration Details - Robin Hautamaki**
  - a. Team Placement Request vs. Club Registration

1. Team Placement: This is a request to be placed on a PacNW team. The links are on the website under the *TRYOUT* dropdown menu. The links are age group specific.
  2. Club Registration: Instead of having TCB, Robin will send out a Welcome Letter which will include a link to register for your PacNW team and pay the registration fee. You will have 24 hours to register for the club after you receive the Welcome Letter. If you receive your letter on May 1<sup>st</sup>, you need to register and pay by 5:00 PM on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; if you receive it on May 5<sup>th</sup>, you need to register and pay by 5:00 PM on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
  3. If you have trouble with login you will need to contact Club Soccer Connect (formerly Affinity). Their number is at the top of the registration page.
- 4. Fees and Payment Plans for 2020-21 - Michelle Patton**
- a. Description of Club Registration Fee due upon sign-up
    1. The non-refundable club registration fee of \$240 is due on May 1<sup>st</sup> or May 5<sup>th</sup>, whichever is your player team registration date.
  - b. Overview of Virtual Training Fee and expected "all-in" cost for 2020-21 season
    1. A Virtual Training fee of \$95 per month will start June 1<sup>st</sup> (if we are not able to begin on field training yet) and will continue until on-field practices resume.
    2. Payment plans will be set-up once regular operations resume.
    3. If you elect to take the credit from this last season, it will come off fees once we resume regular play.
    4. HS boys – April payment has been deferred. We are waiting to see when we can get back on the field to determine what to do about May payments. Those that paid in full will receive a refund as appropriate when we get back on the fields.
  - c. Financial Aid and Work Study Opportunities
    1. There is a link on the website under "resources" to apply for financial aid. If you are having trouble with the initial fees, please contact Michelle Patton at [treasurer@pacnwsc.org](mailto:treasurer@pacnwsc.org).

## Q&A

### **Q1: Why did PacNW end the Zoom meeting so abruptly and before answering all of the questions?**

A: We started to receive indications that some meeting attendees were attempting to disrupt our presentation. Thankfully these were relatively minor and may not even have been noticed by some. As a result of this situation, we had to act quickly to end the Zoom meeting.

### **Q2: When will PacNW players hear from a coach or director regarding their team placement?**

A: We anticipate that our coaching staff will begin reaching out to players beginning today (Thursday, April 23). We expect that the process of contacting players may take up to a week, so players (and parents) should not be alarmed if they do not hear anything in the next few days.

**Q3: If we didn't get the link for the refund what do we do?**

A: The link to select credit/refund/donation was provided in the chat thread during the Zoom meeting (as well as provided in several prior emails from the club). Due to a need to "close the books" on the 2019-20 season, we implemented a deadline to make a selection. This deadline has now passed so we are no longer accepting requests for credits or refunds.

**Q4. If we elect to take credit, will that be automatically credited towards registration?**

A: No. The credit will be applied to the end of any payment plan that you set up, and cannot be applied to the virtual training fee.

**Q5: What is the initial payment?**

A: Players who register on either May 1 (for returning PacNW players or non-RCL players) or May 5 (for players from other RCL clubs) will be required to make a payment of \$240.

**Q6: If a player asks for a credit, but does not accept the position offered to them, can they get a refund at that point?**

A: No. The deadline for making an election to receive a credit or refund for the 2019-20 season has passed and we are not able to process further refunds.

**Q7: Is that per-player for virtual training?**

A: The virtual training fee is \$95 per player, per month. This fee would begin in June 2020 if we are not able to return to on-field practices.

**Q8: Has WA State Soccer had any guidance from the governor on what it will take to get back on the field?**

A: We remain in close contact with Washington Youth Soccer regarding their response to the coronavirus quarantine, but we have not received any information that the governor's office regarding a specific timeline for getting back on the field. Our Technical Director Leighton O'Brien is a member of the Regional Club Subcommittee (RCS) and participates in their weekly meetings. Thus far the RCS has not yet received any specific guidance from Governor Inslee's office.

**Q9: Will there be financial help for families this upcoming year?**

A: Yes. As in previous years we will offer our financial aid program for qualifying players. You can access a financial aid application on the club's website. We have not yet made any financial aid awards for the 2020-21 season because we do not know how long the season will be.

**Q10: How many tournaments are expected to be played this year? And is there a summer camp for the teams?**

A: In the past most of our teams have played in 2 or 3 summer tournaments. We are unsure whether our teams will be able to continue with this same schedule for the summer of 2020, but we do not have a specific expectation about how many tournaments will be played. Much of this will depend on when the quarantine regulations are lifted, and when tournaments are able to be

played. In the past we have also held a 3-day summer camp at Cedar River Park in Renton. We have not made any determination about whether that summer camp will proceed this year.

**Q11: What if there are no field play or practice in 2020?**

A: Our current plan is to continue offering our virtual training program until we are able to return to on-field practices.

**Q12: Could you give us an idea of what the fees have looked like in the past?**

A: When the PacNW Board analyzed our budget and set player fees for the 2020-21 season, they were as follows:

- Juniors \$950
- U10 \$2100
- U11 – U12 \$2875
- U13 – U14 \$2975
- Boys U15 \$2675
- Girls U15 – U19 \$2975
- Boys U16 – U19 \$2975

In light of the coronavirus pandemic and resulting quarantine, the club has not yet finalized what the total player fee amount will be for 2020-21. That will be determined when we are able to resume on-field practices. At this point all we have determined is the registration fee (\$240) and monthly virtual training fee (\$95).

**Q13: I understand that you guys negotiated a discount on new uniforms but should we really be buying new uniforms on the same 2 year cycle in this economy. Shouldn't we be trying to pass our uniforms to others?**

A: This is a good question and one that we have considered extensively as a Board. Ultimately the decision was made to proceed with ordering new kits this year, albeit at a lower price, primarily because (1) most players have either grown out of or worn out their kits after two years of use; (2) we have a new jersey sponsor with US Bank and we are proud for our players to support this club partner; and (3) our agreement with Nike as the club's exclusive kit supplier requires us to purchase new kits on a two-year cycle.

**Q14: Since we did not play in state cup this year, is that part of the refunds?**

A: Yes. The refund amount included the state cup fee that was not charged by Washington Youth Soccer.

**Q15: How are new uniforms going to be handled?**

A: Players who register for the club will be able to visit soccer.com to order their kit. We expect that the PacNW "store" on soccer.com will be available around May 15, and we will communicate that information out to all players and their families. One issue around uniforms that we have not yet solved is players' numbering. In the past this has always been handled in a lottery at our Taking Care of Business meetings. Because those meetings will now be happening virtually, we are still working on developing the process for determining uniform numbers (this only applies for new

players who are joining PacNW for the 2020-21 season, or for existing PacNW players who wish to change their numbers).

**Q16: What is the virtual training like?**

A: Our virtual training varies somewhat depending on the age group, but in general terms each week the directors provide a detailed description of “homework” that requires players to complete a series of technical drills and fitness activities. These workouts require players to be active for at least 3 days per week and are customized for the age group (it’s not a “generic” or club-wide curriculum). In addition, many teams are conducting team-wide and position-specific Zoom calls, and integrating the quiz game Kahoot to add an element of competition. Many teams are also doing film analysis.

**Q17: Will there be sibling discounts?**

A: Yes, but please note that the discounts described below are based on the full-year cost of player fees. These discounts are likely to be reduced based on the adjusted cost of players fees that will be determined once on-field practices resumes.

The sibling discounts for players aged U10 and older are as follows:

- 2nd Sibling - \$150 off club fees
- 3rd Sibling - \$750 off club fees

The sibling discounts for our Junior Academy program are as follows:

- 2nd Sibling - \$75 off club fees
- 3rd Sibling - \$375 off club fees

**Q18: If you have multiple kids at Pac we pay that registration fee per kid right? dumb question - assuming it’s yes. 😊**

A: Yes. The registration fee of \$240 is a per-player charge (and there are no dumb questions!).

**Q19: Does the Club have an action plan for handling Covid case should it arise when we get back on the field?**

A: Yes. We are in the process of developing a “return to play” protocol. This protocol will describe in detail the steps that PacNW will take to reduce the risk of infection for our players and coaches. We are hoping that it will be finalized in the next few days and we will share that with the entire club when it is ready.

**Q20: Is there a go/no-go cut off for the entire season, rather than TBD each month....?**

A: No. We have no plans to cancel our soccer programming for the 2020-21 season. Until we can return to on-field practices we will continue to offer virtual training programs.

**Q21: How much is the uniform kit?**

A: We expect that the kit will cost approximately \$285. This is a price reduction of about \$100 from the kit cost charged in 2018.

**Q22: Does Pac have plans for Covid Safety measure already? Will plans to protect the players from Covid come from WA state, or the WA Soccer org?**

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