

Updated letter from CFBSA to our members
State of CFBSA April 2009

Dear CFBSA member:

I wanted to write to let everyone know about our updated finances since the Fundraiser and the many exciting things that are taking place within our Association.

The super news is that we had great participation with our Fundraiser and we will be able to stay on track with our revised budget. Without the influx of Fundraiser funds we would have not had sufficient cash flow during the spring season.

On behalf of the entire Board, I want to thank each of you for stepping up to help this great organization and I want you to know that we have adopted a budget for FY09/10 that balances the budget and helps us overcome the deficit we inherited.

We heard from you that the Fundraiser was not popular, so we listened and have adopted the following changes for the fees for registration and a new policy for hardship cases:

Next year the Board has decided that a school lunch letter will no longer be the criteria used to determine who receives a hardship discounted fee to play soccer.

With almost 500 players using the school lunch letter for the 2008/2009 soccer year, the Board has had to conclude that the policy, which worked in the past, is no longer an option if CFBSA is to remain solvent.

However, we must remember that our mission is for kids to play soccer and we do not want even one case of extreme hardship to prevent any child from Carrollton or Farmers Branch from playing soccer. Therefore, we have set aside a limited amount of funds and will ask anyone requesting a hardship to fill out a scholarship request form and we will have a Committee review each one. We know that there are real cases of hardship and we will deal with those in a compassionate way!

The Board also had to reluctantly raise fees for FY 09/10 by \$20.00 per year to \$120 a year for both the fall and spring seasons to ensure that all budgeted costs are covered. This is \$10.00 less than the 2009 per player Fundraiser goal of \$30.00 and the board has decided that we will NOT have a fundraiser in FY09/10. There will be no surprises at all for you the Member!

We also understand that coming up with \$120.00 at once for the entire year may be hard for many families, so we are now accepting split payments for the 2009/2010 registration. The first payment of \$70.00 is due when you register and the balance would be due on 10-1-09 of \$50.00. You can also pay the full payment of \$120 is desired. This should help families to not have a large amount of out of pocket expenses at once

If you have a 3rd child, the 3rd child and up discount would be \$20.00 less per child as in the past to make it \$100 with \$60.00 due at initial registration and the other \$40.00 due 10-1-09.

Due to the many hours that Coaches, Board Members and League Directors contribute to CFBSA, their discount was raised the same \$20.00 per year. They will owe only \$70.00 per child for the entire playing year.

I have listed the yearly rates for several neighboring Associations so you can see that our fees are still the lowest out there!

I want to stress that this Board has had to make some difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions, but when we discovered last fall that we had inherited a negative operating budget and no reserve fund, we took prudent actions to ensure our ability to offer a quality soccer program to the children in our community.

I know some of you were not happy with us, but as Board Members and I communicated to you earlier, we had to fix the finances at CFBSA. The vast majority of you were very understanding and supportive of our efforts and again I would like to thank you for your sacrifices!

We look forward to the upcoming Fall season and I would ask you to spread the word when our registration starts on June 1st to all your child's friends so that we can sign up more children to help spread the great game of soccer throughout our area! We especially need the U-5/6 children to sign up so that we can build CFBSA for the long term!

Lastly, please come out and participate in our Annual AGM meeting to be held on 4-23-09 at Ted Polk Middle School in Carrollton. A map can be found on our web-site at www.cfsoccer.net.

We have five Executive Board positions up for election as well as many League Director Positions.

On behalf of the Executive Board
Tommy Ellis-President CFBSA

Annual Fees for other Soccer Associations:

Dallas Chamber-\$150.00

Coppell-\$130.00

Hurst-\$160.00 (average*)

Grapevine-\$150.00

Lake Cities-\$150.00 (average*)

Bedford-\$140.00

Lewisville-\$120.00 (average*)

* average fee - player fees vary by age group