



Our Way Forward

The purpose of this document is to communicate the way forward for our not-for-profit, youth sports organization. As a 501(c)(3) organization, we are relying on our membership to support the organization's financial and sporting responsibilities, so this plan considers all stakeholders that have been impacted by the pandemic.

We must guide the club to a position where we can continue to serve our members today, tomorrow and into the future. So there are many variables to consider and balance.

We continue to monitor and follow the directives of federal, state and local government authorities as well as the governing bodies of youth soccer. As we gather additional feedback we will consider adjustments or modifications to this document.

Spring 2020 –

- All registered players who are in good standing with their account (i.e. are not past due on any 2019/20 tuition payments) in our U8 to U17 age groups will receive a partial credit for the Spring season (subject to the limitations outlined below). The amount of the credit is based on the team you are registered with :
 - NJ – All teams \$300
 - NY – Developmental teams = \$250
 - NY – Classic teams (up to U14) = \$265
 - NY – Classic teams (U15 and older) = \$485
 - NY – Premier teams (up to U14) = \$380
 - NY – Premier teams (U15 and older) = \$600
 - NY – Elite teams (up to U14) = \$465
 - NY – Elite teams (U15 and older) = \$700

The contents of this document are based on information available to us as of May 11, 2020. We reserve the right to make changes to this document as more information becomes available.

To earn your credit, you must: (1) accept your player invitation to the 2020/21 season by the deadline noted in your invitation, (2) complete the online registration process, and (3) make the required upfront payment. After you complete these three steps, we will apply the credit to your account. As a result, the credit will be applied towards the remaining payments due after you make the initial payment for next season.

Your credit can also be applied to any of our organization's programs - OMM Recreational Soccer, Kiddie Kickers, Adult Soccer, Buddyball Sports, 3G Field Hockey or Orangetown Lacrosse. The credit will not expire.

- If you are not in good standing, you will receive your credit once your outstanding tuition balance for the 2019/20 season is paid in full and you complete the three steps outlined above.

- Limitations / conditions placed on eligibility to receive credit :
 - If you received a scholarship under our ***Tuition Assistance Program*** during the 2019/20 season, you are not eligible to receive a credit.
 - If you are eligible to receive a credit, but decide not to register for the World Class FC program for the 2019/20 season, your credit can be applied to any other program in our organization (i.e. WCFC supplemental training programs, recreational soccer, lacrosse or field hockey programs).
 - Credits can't be applied to our summer camp programs.
 - If you are currently registered with one of our U18 teams and you are a graduating senior, we will make a scholarship award equal to the amount of the credit outlined above. The scholarship will be issued on or about September 1, 2020.

- If you are eligible to receive a credit and wish to donate the credit please notify us at info@wcsocceracademy.org This will be highly appreciated and all families making this donation will be acknowledged by the club. Also, as a registered 501(c)(3), you may be eligible for an income tax deduction for this donation.

Why are we issuing credits -

There are many factors that we considered in making this decision. There are many expenses related to the spring season that the organization already paid and will not be able to recover. We also lost revenue opportunities.

The Executive Board has been operating the organization as unpaid volunteers for +10 years and will continue to lead the club through this pandemic as volunteers. We need to place the organization in a reasonable financial position to continue operations for next season, so our decisions today are designed to keep all programs viable for the future. During these times the club has not received any outside financial support or funding.

Some of the key considerations in this decision include the following:

1. We already paid for many spring season expenses (e.g. league registration fees, tournament registration fees, carding fees, etc.) and vendors are not returning cash to us. Our vendors are giving us partial credit, so this makes it difficult for the organization to give cash refunds if our vendors are not issuing cash refunds to us.
2. We have paid our coaches through this pandemic. So while we are not on the field, we still incur substantial costs. We made a decision early in this process that we wanted to do as much as we could to take care of our coaching staff.
3. While we are not on the field, we still have fixed, recurring expenses to run the club and cover operating expenses related to the field complex. The Town of Orangetown has not contributed any financial assistance to the organization, so we have no other resource available and remain alone in meeting our obligation to maintain the complex and pay all operating costs.

Next Season (Fall 2020 / Spring 2021) -

Team Formation

Our club conducts player evaluations for each player. Additionally, player depth charts are created for each age group and program, by coaches and directors (these are not visible to players or parents). What this means is that our coaching staff has a strong grasp of each child's current playing ability and potential for growth and improvement.

Our members are important to us and they come first. After placement, players will continue to be observed and evaluated and **we will reserve the right to move players to a higher and/or more appropriate level of play if that is decided to be in the best interest of the player, provides them with a challenging environment, balanced with the ability to achieve success.**

Once we are cleared to return to play, we will continue to conduct 'on-field' tryouts for non-members.

Tuition:

- In addition to the policy outlined above regarding credits against tuition due for next season, we are also taking additional steps to assist our customers next season :
 - 1) **Tuition increase** – despite rising costs to operate the organization, we have made every attempt to limit the increase in tuition for next season.
 - 2) **Initial payment reduced** – we reduced the initial payment required at the time of registration.
 - 3) **Extended monthly payment schedule** – the balance due, after the initial payment is made and net of any credit earned, will be due over an extended period of time.
- When you register for next season, please note that you must provide a credit card at the time of registration. The club no longer accepts payments by check.

We fully intend for the fall season to be played, in its entirety. Currently leagues and governing bodies are discussing new protocol once we return to the field. Internally, we are looking at new health and safety standards for our players and families.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support - we're all dealing with this pandemic as best we can, and we send our best wishes back out to you and all of our families. Stay safe and we hope to see you on the fields again soon.