

Frequently Asked Questions for FCD WTX

The FCD WTX Handbook is available on our website. Please take an opportunity to review it prior to July 1 (any updates to the handbook will be published by June 1). **If your child is offered a contract**, you will be asked to sign waivers stating you have read and understand the FCD WTX policies and procedures in the handbook. **If your child is offered a contract**, you will be asked to register and pay online. Your contract will not be valid until the electronic registration process is complete AND payment is received by the FCD WTX Treasurer. A copy of our Donation Request letter is available on our website so that you can solicit private or corporate donations for your player/team if you choose. **All donations must be made online (preferred method) or mailed to the club at PO Box 60561, Midland, TX 79711 for proper recording and then they will be allocated to your player account. No donations can be made directly to a team account and we cannot accept cash donations.** Any donation that covers your full cost of club dues must be turned in to the club treasurer NO LATER THAN JULY 31 in order to receive the \$100 "paid in full" discount. Please keep in mind that donations should not exceed the amount you need to cover Club Dues, Team Expenses and Uniforms as we cannot refund donation money back to players. Please email the Club Treasurer at FCD_WTX@outlook.com for detailed guidance on a large (over \$1000) donations.

If your child is offered a contract, you will receive an email on or after July 1 inviting you to register online to join a team. You will be provided a link at that time to our registration and payment websites. You will need to upload the following items AND complete your registration **NO LATER THAN JULY 10** – if your registration is not complete by July 10, your spot on the roster may be offered to someone else:

- 1) Copies of the Medical Release, North Texas Competitive Player form and US Club Registration Form
- 2) A copy of your child's birth certificate in .pdf format
- 3) A copy of your signed Contract and Financial Agreement
- 4) A headshot of your player in .jpg format

If your child is offered a contract, you will be expected to pay these amounts IN JULY:

\$1200* in full for Club Dues paid online with a credit card or bank account
(you will receive a \$100 discount for paying in full)

OR

\$200 down and make payments of \$125 for 8 months for Club Dues paid online with a bank account

ALL players who opt to pay in installments will be expected to enter their bank name, routing number and checking account number online via the PaySimple link (secure payment website) and drafts will be set up for the remaining monthly payments – this must be done before their registration will be complete.

You will also be expected to pay Team Expenses (separate from Club Dues) by July 15:

\$100 minimum deposit (could be more depending on your playing league and estimated team expenses) in the form of venmo or check (made payable to FCD WTX/your team name) for your share of **start-up** team expenses – **ALL PLAYERS** pay their share of team expenses (see the handbook for further details).

NOTE: No one will be allowed to complete registration unless their prior year's Club Dues AND Team Expenses are paid in full for all players (siblings included) participating in any FCD WTX activity (club, academy, etc).

Uniforms: Once the team roster is complete, your Team Manager will send it to our uniform coordinator. The uniform coordinator will generate an email to you with a link to order your child's uniform (do not order directly from soccer.com, you must use the link provided by the club). All players must order uniforms in July on even numbered years – please order your uniform ASAP, preferably no later than July 20 in order to ensure it arrives in time. Uniform packages are approximately \$350.

TO BE CLEAR: JULY IS AN EXPENSIVE MONTH. You will be paying a minimum of \$200 down for Club Dues, a minimum of \$100 down for Team Expenses and \$350 for required uniforms – a total of \$650 in July. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY. We plan to do our first fundraiser around July 10 (the FaceBook Flash Fundraiser) to help offset these costs. This typically generates over \$10,000 in player donations.

If you are applying for **Financial Aid** from FCD WTX you will need to email the Financial Aid Request form to FCD_WTX@outlook.com **NO LATER THAN JULY 10** (you will need a copy of your most recent IRS 1040 (only the front page showing Adjusted Gross Income) to attach to it). Even if you are awarded financial aid you will still need to pay your minimum \$200 club dues and \$100 team expenses and fill out the drafting information to cover your remaining balance. **If financial aid is awarded your installment payments will be adjusted prior to the first draft in August. NO CONTRACT WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL A PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.**

A few other important notes:

- 1) **No one person has the authority to award financial aid** – this is done by a committee – the committee will meet and allocate funds to players with the greatest financial need. Do not assume you have been awarded financial aid until you receive confirmation from the board – any remaining payments will be adjusted at that time. You will be notified by July 31 of your approval/disapproval of financial assistance.
- 2) We are very strict with our NSF fees and the no-pay/no play policy. These are described in detail in the player handbook. In the event there is an administrative error fees will be waived.
- 3) Please be sure you understand this is a **full year commitment from July through June**. The club budget and coach salaries are set based on the number of player contracts signed and each team budget is set based on the number of players who commit to that team. You will be responsible for all club dues and team expenses for the year except under very limited circumstances.

As always, if you have any questions, problems, suggestions or compliments feel free to email them to FCD_WTX@outlook.com. If you'd like to step up and be on the board please contact us – we are always looking for volunteers and we have many board positions open.

*Please note – our club dues is increasing this year from \$1000 per year to \$1200 per year. We have not had an increase in club dues in over 10 years. After careful consideration, the Executive Board voted to implement this increase so we could give our coaches a raise.