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The Manalapan Soccer Club (MSC) Board of Directors, for the 2021/2022 travel season, have decided to raise the annual registration fee from \$250 to \$400 per player (full sided teams that only play a spring season will pay \$300 for registration). This decision was not made without much consideration and analysis. This registration fee has not been raised in many years, ignoring the fact that most of the expenses covered by this fee have continued to increase year after year. The Board has also decided that, from this point forward, the uniform cost will be included within the \$400 fee, so families will not have to directly pay for uniforms. That fee will be paid by the Club to the uniform provider directly. It is the Board's hope that by including the uniform fee up front, we can streamline the ordering process and avoid players getting their uniforms late (after the season has started).

This registration fee serves a dual purpose for the Club. The first purpose of the registration fee is to lock the player into a commitment with their team. The player cannot formally accept the roster spot until they have paid the registration fee. It has always been the Club's hope that a family will not accept a roster spot unless they are committed to MSC and their team, but every year families accept a roster spot (and pay their registration fee) and then later decide to leave to go to a neighboring Club. In most instances this type of late departure causes much anxiety and confusion for the remaining players, and in many instances leaves the team short of the needed number of players. In past seasons, these families have been all too willing to walk-away and forfeit their \$250 fee. We hope that by increasing it to \$400 families will not walk away, and will remain committed to their MSC teams.

The second purpose of the registration fee, and frankly the more important of the two, is to allow the Club to continue to pay various expenses incurred by the travel teams.

The following fees are paid by the Club, directly to the individual travel teams.

- **League Registration Fee** – Entry fee for MOSA and EDP leagues
- **State Cup Competitions Entry Fee**– New Jersey Youth Soccer (NJYS) State Cup competition or MOSA Cup competition (1 per year)
- **Referee Fees** – Referee fees for league games
- **Escrow Payment** – This is a payment made from the Club to the individual travel teams to assist in covering general team expenses, in addition to the items listed above.  
(\$750 for small sided teams & \$1000 for full sided team that play a fall and spring and \$500 for full sided teams that play spring only)

These fees range from \$2000 to \$3700 for per team/per year.

In addition to the above, the Club also pays the following:

- **NJYS Player Registration Fee** – This is a \$15 per player fee to cover player registration/carding and insurance through NJYS.
- **Manalapan Township Capital Maintenance Fee** - We have to pay Manalapan Township a fee for every player within the Club (Recreation and Travel) that uses the Manalapan Rec Center fields.
- **Manalapan Rec Center Light Usage Fee** - We have to pay Manalapan Township a fee for every hour we use lights at the Rec Center.
- **Manalapan School Board Field Use Permit Fee** - We have to pay for field use permits for the Manalapan Township school fields.

In addition to the fees directly associated with the each travel team, the Club works within the community to support worthy causes such as scholarships for our members, food donations around Thanksgiving and various fund raising ventures in and around Manalapan. The Club also works to support the Township on Capital projects that support the community such as the recent replacement of the Rec Center Lightning Detection system (the Club donated the full amount to replace the old system). The Club also purchased the turf that current resides on Field A at the Rec Center (and pays for annual maintenance of that turf), and has plans to replace that turf when replacement is warranted.

All MSC Board members are volunteers and do not profit from any of the MSC funds. It is the Boards' intention to use collected monies to continue to support our own membership and the community as a whole.