



April 6, 2020

Dear House and Recreational Soccer Families,

The past few weeks have presented challenges unlike any we've ever experienced. We recognize that this pandemic is much larger than sports, and we are aware of the impact that this crisis is now having and will continue to have on all of our families over the coming months. We continue to monitor the situation to make decisions that adhere to the policies and guidelines set forth by federal, state and health authorities to help curb the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus while also making plans to return to the soccer field *stronger* than ever when the time is right.

As you are certainly aware, Governor Northam has mandated a "stay at home order" through June 10th. Shortly thereafter, the Suburban Friendship League decided to cancel its Spring season. With those decisions in mind, GFR, unfortunately, sees no other alternative but to cancel the Spring Recreational season. We are very disappointed to have to take this route, but we do not feel that a meaningful soccer season would be possible given a start date of mid-June.

Canceling an entire season has far-reaching repercussions not only for players and families but also for the Club. We have given a great deal of consideration to the financial aspect of removing an entire season from the calendar and would like to outline the following options for the allocation of your Spring registration fees:

All Spring registrations will be moved to the Fall season over the next few weeks but will be modified if you decide on another option before May 1st. (Please note that players age up in the Fall, so transfers will be made into age-appropriate programs as listed in our [Age Group Chart](#).)

If your child is unable to play in the Fall, the following options are available:

1. **DONATE:** Make a tax-deductible donation to the Club in the amount of the 2020 Spring fees. GFR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and a letter for tax purposes will be sent to you.
2. **CHOOSE ANOTHER PROGRAM:** Apply the 2020 Spring fees toward the cost of a [GFR 2020 Summer Camp](#) or other GFR program (to be used no later than the Spring 2021 season).
3. **REFUND:** Accept a refund less an administrative fee of \$30 sent by check within 21 days. (Please note that the Club has already incurred expenses such as credit card processing fees, administration, field maintenance, etc which are not recoverable.)

If you agree to transfer your child's registration to the Fall season, there is no action needed at this time. **If you would like to opt for one of the alternatives listed above, please indicate your preference by completing this [GOOGLE FORM](#) as soon as possible and no later than May 1st.** Please submit ONE form for EACH child playing in a Recreational Program (Me & My Ball, House League or SFL). Your request will be processed within 21 days of submission.

Please direct all inquiries to Refunds@GFRsoccerclub.org.

Thank you for your patience and continued support. I hope everyone is staying safe, healthy, and calm in these unsettling times, and that we remain mindful of the most essential things in life -- the well-being of family, friends, and loved ones.

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