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Dear Travel Soccer Families,

We are all dealing with many issues that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. There is significant uncertainty in our daily lives which creates a very high level of stress and frustration about what comes next and when we might be able to return to some level of normalcy. At GFR, we are certainly not immune, but we are doing our best to monitor the situation in order to keep you updated and informed of any decisions that impact our soccer community.

As a followup to our message of April 23rd, we would like to take this opportunity to provide some updates about the Spring season as well as respond to questions about refunds and credits. Although the Travel leagues (namely EDP, NCSL, and ODSL) have not officially canceled the Spring season, GFR is no longer awaiting that decision in order to move forward. If the Travel leagues are able to organize a Summer league, we would certainly be in favor of our teams playing, but it would not be a requirement nor would it affect the amount of credit that GFR will offer toward 2020/21 Travel fees.

We have formulated a plan to issue credit for the Spring 2020 season to be applied to the 2020/21 Travel fees based on the amounts paid in 2019/20. It is very important to note that GFR has already incurred the expenses for the Spring season in full (i.e. the season's expenses including field materials, coach and administrator salaries, as well as league fees with NO expectation of any refunds). Therefore, as a non-profit organization that manages its finances conservatively with our members' and the Club's best interest and well-being at the forefront of all our decisions, we are able to offer a one-time credit toward the 2020/21 Travel fees as follows:

<b>*Net Travel Fees paid in 2019/20</b>	<b>Amount of credit to be applied to 2020/21 Travel Fees</b>
\$1,751 - \$2,100	\$300
\$1,501 - \$1,750	\$250
\$1,251 - \$1,500	\$200
\$1,001 - \$1,250	\$175
\$750 - \$1,000	\$125
Less than \$750	No credit

*\*Note that the credit would be calculated on NET travel fees before any payment plan fees or out-of-county fees were added. The credit will be applied to a 2020/21 payment plan once it has been set up and the first payment made.*

Families also have the option of [converting their credit into a tax-deductible donation](#) to the Club to help offset operating costs (e.g., dedicated staff salaries, field supplies, administrative costs, etc.) that continue to be incurred even though we are not able to play. A donation letter for tax purposes would be provided.

Players born in 2001 and 2002 who are "aging out" of the program will be handled on a case-by-case basis and should contact the [VP Finance](#) for details about their options. Be sure to include the parent's name, player's name, address, contact e-mail, and phone number in your message.

We also understand that things may be uncertain for the foreseeable future and whether we will be able to play a full Fall season is probably of concern. We will make an exception to our refund policy for the 2020/21 Travel year. If the Fall season is canceled, we would offer refunds less any administrative fees to cover costs already incurred including league fees, field maintenance, permits, etc. The value of the refund would vary based on how far along we are pre-season and subsequently in-season as decisions are made by government agencies and/or the governing bodies of youth soccer.

In the meantime, we ask that you complete the initial **FREE** Travel Tryout registration for your child for the 2020/21

Travel year so that we can continue with the necessary planning activities (formulating teams, recruiting coaches, etc.). We need to move beyond this challenging time and look toward a brighter future, so please take a moment to [REGISTER NOW!](#) Also, if your child is not planning to return to Travel soccer, please be sure to let your coach or team manager know.

We hope that your family is staying well during these difficult days. Like you, we want nothing more than to move beyond these unsettling times and return to the soccer field as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

*Rich Shelton*  
Executive Director

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Technical Director

## **Great Falls Reston Soccer Club**