

TRSC Competitive Soccer Policy

SECTION I COMPETITIVE IDENTITY

“Tahlequah Renegades” is our club’s competitive identity, and therefore, the name of every competitive traveling soccer team that represents TRSC. Teams are formed by age groups that follow the same system as recreational teams, i.e., birth dates from August 1st of one year, thru July 31st of the following year. The teams all share the common name of “Tahlequah Renegades” but will be differentiated by a “year” which is the birth year of the oldest child in that age group. Therefore, you will have team names such as “Tahlequah Renegades ’00 Boys,” or “Tahlequah Renegades ’00 Girls”. In the event that there are enough players in a given age group to form two teams, an “A” & “B” team will be formed. These teams are sometimes assigned an additional designator such as a “color” to further differentiate the 2 teams. An example would be “Tahlequah Renegades 2000 Orange Boys” , & “Tahlequah Renegades 2001 Red Girls”.

SECTION II REGISTRATION

- A. The registration fees of the TRSC shall be \$100.00 per player. These fees apply to the normal registration period (July 1st – June 1st), as defined and set forth by the OSA. Announcements of registration will be posted via website, local newspapers, as well as other forms of media.
- B. Individual registration fees must be paid at the time of enrollment. If the player is a new player, a copy of the original birth certificate must be provided prior to accepting the registration form and or fees.
- C. Refunds. Tahlequah Recreational Soccer Club will not allow refunds of registration fees after players have registered with the Tahlequah Renegades.
- D. Scholarships. Scholarships will be applied for by the parents/guardians. The TRSC Registrar will approve scholarships on a first come, first serve basis. Special arrangements and or discussions can be made on an individual basis by the TRSC Executive Board.

SECTION II TEAM FORMATION

Tryouts are held in early June. Specific dates for tryouts are posted annually on our website about 1 month prior to the tryout dates. Registration and tryouts can take up to 1 ½ hours, and tryout times are staggered by age groups. During the tryouts, qualified licensed coaches will conduct individual player evaluations while watching a small sided training session. The players are chosen from these evaluations. If a child is selected to play for a Tahlequah Renegades team, the parent or guardian will be notified sometime shortly after the final tryout date via digital notice. Usually this is within 10 days, but will be prior to July 1st. If a child does not make a competitive team this season, we strongly encourage them to continue to play soccer

by signing up for our recreational league in August. We will keep a list of reserve players, and potentially offer them the opportunity to attend competitive team training sessions, in order to have them well prepared to fill spots in the competitive rosters when they become available.

SECTION III COACHES

Each coach, assistant coach, and team manager shall register with the TRSC Registrar and conform to the licensing structure set forth by OSA and USYSA.

SECTION IV COSTS

Cost can vary from team to team, but the following list of expenses should provide enough information to approximate the average costs. Registration & Coaching fee costs vary by age group and Team: There are Registration fees, Coach/Trainer fees. Below is an explanation: Registration fees are used to register your player in OSA's insurance and to register your player as a member of their competitive league for that season. The other fees include a coaching fee to pay the coach. Coaches attend every practice and game their teams have and they work solely with that team.

All competitive coaches must meet USYSA and OSA coaching license requirements. Uniform costs are usually semi-annual and average around \$150-\$200 for the official home/away uniform and bag. Other costs depend on how many and which tournaments a team decides to participate in. A good approximation of tournament registration fees is around \$35-\$65 dollars per player, per tournament attended. Tournaments are the way teams receive ranking points toward state and national ranking. Older teams should be aware that tournaments are the primary tool used by college coaches to scout and recruit potential college players. Other costs include travel expenses, and on some occasions lodging if one chooses to stay the weekend for a tournament. After the initial registration fee is paid, and uniforms are purchased, the expense of tournaments may be paid in increments. They are not usually due all at the beginning of the season, but rather can be paid shortly prior to the tournament date. All these costs should be discussed with the coach and team manager prior to the beginning of the season.

SECTION V. FUNDRAISING

Teams may raise money to support their individual team's expenses. Normally, these expenses cover things such as club dues and tournament fees, coaching fees and coaching travel expenses, equipment, misc. expenses, transportation, and award or end of season functions. A coach or a team administrator usually administers these funds. Guidelines in order to protect the reputation and tax exempt status of Tahlequah Recreational Soccer Club (TRSC) important. Each team must adhere to the following guidelines: If at any time a team solicits a donation on behalf of TRSC, or a TRSC Team, then the donation should be submitted to TRSC for deposit into the TRSC bank account (see below for accounting of those funds).

- A. A simple litmus test is: If you walk out of a room with a donation you received from an individual or corporation and that entity is under the understanding that they will be able to claim a tax deduction for that donation using TRSC's tax exempt status, then you have solicited a donation on behalf of TRSC. Failure to pass that donation through to TRSC demonstrates that you have misled that entity and you are exposing yourself to serious personal liability.
- B. At no time, should a bank account be opened for a Sports Program or Team that is used as a depository for fees, donations, or sponsorships that may be construed as belonging to TRSC. Checks should be made payable to "TRSC" and in the memo area reference the team name.
- C. Any cash received should be submitted in a timely fashion to the TRSC Treasurer.
- D. Team balances will not be carried over year to year unless more than 50 percent of the roster remains intact. If a team dissolves any remaining surplus will go to the general fund of TRSC to be used as the Board determines.
- E. If you receive a donation, you should provide the donor with a receipt approved by the TRSC Board.
- F. Once the TRSC Treasurer receives a donation he/she will create a subcategory in the budget under "Fundraising". The team's name will be listed and the amount credited to that line item. Additionally, a similar subcategory will be created in the budget under "Fundraising Expenses". Although a detailed report will be available if requested it is our intention to only keep track of these two-line items in the budget (i.e. The teams' approved fundraising revenue, and the teams' expenses against that revenue).
- G. The team will get the money back from TRSC by submitting invoices or check requests for team expenses. TRSC will pay invoices or check requests up to the amount of the donations credited to the team. Please note that someone on behalf of the team should closely track the expenses to not exceed the revenue (It is suggested that all expenses flow through that individual, normally a team administrator).
- H. While it is not our intention to specifically regulate how a team's money should be used, common sense should prevail. The donation was made to benefit a youth sports program and the money should be spent on items that benefit the children on the team in regards to player development, team unity, sports education, player recognition, and fun.