

ADDITIONAL FACTS
ABOUT TRAVEL SOCCER

- 1. Most travel teams practice the same amount of time each week as recreational soccer teams.**
- 2. Age is the determining factor as to the number of practices, where games are played and amount of travel involved.**
- 3. The opportunity for additional travel is available, particularly for older players. If a team wants to travel to out-of-town tournaments throughout the year, that is certainly possible.**
- 4. Newport News F.C. teams play in the SEVYSA league which schedules one game most Sundays, though double-header games may be scheduled during the season.**
- 5. Practice scheduling is a function of field availability, coach availability and parent input. The Club encourages 2-3 practices each week depending on the players' progress and needs. One benefit offered by Newport News F.C. is the opportunity to hold additional practices with the Club's Director of Coaching to provide variety and additional training for players. Individual and team development progress is our Club's main goal.**
- 6. Costs consist of the following:**
 - Club fees, due for each season and payable in two installments per season;**
 - Tournament entry fees, though the Club pays for one tournament per season per team;**
 - Uniform, which is for at least two seasons and may be used for future Club seasons unless there are uniform number conflicts;**
 - Fuel, food and lodging for out-of-town tournaments, though coaches and parents have input and control of these costs. Though the Club encourages teams to stay together, there are no requirements on lodging or transportation for tournaments.**
- 7. The only "hidden" cost is the courtesy payment of a coach's expenses for tournaments. While varying from team to team and tournament circumstances, it is customary for parents to combine to pay for at least the lodging for the team's head coach for out-of-town tournaments. Most teams will pay for some meals and fuel for the coach and may decide to pay expenses for the assistant coach too.**

8. Indoor soccer is available during the winter season. Teams may play together in league play, selected tournaments or for occasional practices. Most play will be at Julie Conn Gym in Newport News or the WISC in Williamsburg.

9. The Club encourages parents to be supportive and heard from the sidelines of games though sideline coaching and critical comments are discouraged. The Club pays the coaches to communicate direction to the players on game days in the most appropriate manner. In addition, unsportsmanlike behavior by parents is not allowed and serious infractions may result in expulsion of the player from the Club. We want to develop sportsmanship in players and parents are the most important role models.