

## **2007-2008 RAGE Estimated Soccer Costs, Comparisons, Expectations**

### **Competitive Expectations**

Our RAGE soccer club has three Competitive levels, known as Division 1, Division 1 AC, and 3. Division 4, known as Recreational (REC), is organized for the majority of PGSA players. The emphasis in Division 4 is on new friendships, learning basic soccer skills, receiving conditioning and having fun.

Competitive soccer is a type of soccer that by its very name implies that players are doing it because they have demonstrated a greater proficiency of skills, as well as a willingness to make certain time and financial commitments. They compete against others in the club for spots on team rosters and they compete with their teams against other competitive clubs.

At the competitive level, players want to excel and work extra hard, and in doing so they make a commitment when they join a Division 1 or 3 team. Parents should understand that regardless of their commitment, without the proper skill level their daughter will not make a competitive division. Players and parents must be aware that being on a competitive team comes with increased expectations that they share with their teammates. The team's success is dependent on all players being there for each other.

Increased expectations include attending all team soccer events, be it practice, training, scrimmages, tournaments or team meetings. As a competitive team member, everyone is counting on their teammates to have the same level of commitment to the TEAM.

### **Estimated Costs**

The Club has been asked to provide Parents with information regarding the costs associated with each Division so that they can make a more informed decision before tryouts.

The following table, in addition to providing the costs, illustrates the differences between the Competitive and the Recreational programs and the differences between Traveling and Advanced House (FLIGHT). Before the Spring Placement/Tryouts, you are being asked to sign an agreement that you are aware of these differences and agree to the commitment required for the playing level being requesting for the coming soccer season.

**The Division 1 VP will provide additional handouts at placement / tryouts regarding more specifics with team costs for the various age groups.**

## Estimated Costs, Commitment & Expectations Comparisons

The following table is an average based on historical data, and is subject to variations. The younger the player, the shorter the season and the lower the costs.

	COMPETITIVE			FLIGHT	REC
DIVISION/ CLASS	1 U10-U19	1-AC U11-U19	3 Traveling House U9-U19	4 Advanced House U9/10,11/12,13/14	4 House U6-U19
Season <sup>1</sup>	July-State Cup /Regional+	July-State Cup/ Regional+	July-January, later for olders	August- November	August- November
Average Base Cost/Player <sup>2</sup>	\$800-\$1600+	\$800-\$1600+	\$100-\$500	\$185-\$200	\$135
Player Costs - Tournament Travel <sup>3,4,7,8</sup>	This cost is dependent upon the age, number of tournaments, tournament locations, mode of travel, accommodations, and meals and the success of the team. See Division VP for additional details.			\$0	\$0
Player Vacation Planning <sup>9</sup>	Prior to July 5 <sup>th</sup> -subject to Regionals/State	Prior to July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Prior to July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Prior to Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Whenever
Tournament Attendance	Must Attend	Must Attend	Must Attend	Suggested	Suggested
Playing Time- Coaches Discretion, PIM002	Affected by Attendance, Commitment level	Affected by Attendance, Commitment level	Affected by Attendance, Commitment level	Everyone plays equally	Everyone plays equally
Tryouts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Goalie Rosters <sup>4</sup>	Set at Tryouts	Set at Tryouts	Set at Tryouts	Flexible	Flexible
Practice/Training	2-3/week	2-3/week	2-3/week	2 /week	1-2 /week
Out of Area Travel <sup>4</sup>	U15 & up: 4 – 5 tourneys U11 – U14: 3 – 4 tourneys	2 - 3 tourneys	Association Cup	Limited-Local	Tide Cup
Tournament Host	Yes, U15 & Up	Not in 2004	Yes	Not in 2004	Not in 2004
Parent Volunteers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Uniforms <sup>5</sup>	Competitive	Competitive	Competitive	Rec+	Rec
Scholarships	Yes <sup>6</sup>	Yes <sup>6</sup>	\$100 Max	\$100 Max	\$100 Max
League	AC or GSSL	AC or GSSL	CYSA-District 3	In-House	In-House

<sup>1</sup> U9/U10 has no overnight travel and finishes with District Cup in December. Jamborees are local.

<sup>2</sup> Age Dependent-includes Registration, Coach Salary, % of Technical Staff, Goalkeeper Training, Intensive Training or Camp (If scheduled), Uniforms, Warm-ups. It is less for U9/U10

<sup>3</sup> To get a better estimate, contact a Team Treasurer of a previous team

<sup>4</sup> Does not apply to U9/U10

<sup>5</sup> This year, **all** competitive uniforms will be the same new uniforms

<sup>6</sup> This is on a case-by-case basis – Contact Division 1/2 VP for application

<sup>7</sup> May be several trips by air, especially if season is extended

<sup>8</sup> Family travel costs are additional

<sup>9</sup> Vacation should not conflict with practice, training, games, or tournaments

### COMPETITIVE COMMITMENT Q&A

- 1) **Why are Tournaments “must attend”?** The coach and all of the players on the team are making a substantial commitment in time and training to prepare for and participate in tournaments. For one or more players to choose to not participate in a tournament impacts the ability of the entire team to compete in that tournament.
- 2) **What are the repercussions of not attending a tournament?** Ultimately it is the coaches prerogative to decide how to deal with the situation. Having agreed to a level of commitment, a player that chooses to not attend a tournament or practices can have their playing time significantly impacted in future games. In addition, commitment level is something considered in following year team selections.
- 3) **Why are Division 1 costs higher than 3 & 4?** Many factors go into the cost of the highly competitive Divisions. The level of training and the paid coaches are two key reasons. Also, the number of tournaments, and their locations can also increase the per player cost.
- 4) **What chance do Division 4 Advanced House teams have for attending Association Cup?** It is likely that the AH team that wins its in-house league will be invited to apply for a spot in the Association Cup. That decision has not been finalized at this time.
- 5) **If I tryout for Division 1 and am not selected, what is the process for trying out for Division 3?** Tryouts are all scheduled so that Division 3 tryouts are after the Division 1 tryouts.
- 6) **Why should a player take their vacation by a certain date?** Depending on when the official practices start, it is expected that the teams will be practicing as a team when the season starts. It is very ineffective to prepare for tournaments and the league games when only some of the players are in attendance.

**If you have other questions please visit the Competitive Desk at Registration.**

**The following form must be completed for all players considering tryouts for Division 1 and 3, and Advanced House.**

**Please complete and attach this form to the Player  
Registration Form**

**Competitive Soccer Commitment Acknowledgement  
2007-2008**

**TO: PGSA RAGE**

**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print players name, legibly)

**AGE GROUP:** U\_\_\_\_\_ (Applies to U9-and above)

We are requesting placement on a Competitive RAGE soccer team for the 2004-2005 soccer season.

**The highest level of soccer we are willing to commit to is:**

**Div 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Div 3 Traveling House \_\_\_\_\_ Div 4 Advanced House (Flight) \_\_\_\_\_**

We understand the above expectations and agree to abide by the level of commitment we are selecting. We understand that **we are not eligible for placement or tryouts at a team/division level higher than our stated commitment level.**

**PARENT (Guardian)** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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