

2011-12 Player Fees

Overview

The table below contains the player fees for the 2011-12 seasons. Please know that BC Force is well aware of the rising costs associated not only with soccer, but with most extracurricular activities available to children and young adults in our community. As a father of three children that participate in youth sports, music, and other activities, I feel the financial strain of this sort of increase like many of you do, and it worries me. My biggest concern is that a child will not be able to participate in youth soccer because of financial reasons. That said, our club is facing real cost increases as well, and it is certainly a challenge to produce a quality program while at the same time keeping fee increases to a minimum. Fields cost more to rent... referees cost more to pay... it costs more to support coaching education opportunities for our coaches...and our coaching salaries lag behind many of our local competitors... I could go on.

The Fee Structure: An Explanation

You will see below some differences in fees that may cause you to wonder why one team would cost more than another. For example, you will see that Tier 1 teams cost more than Tier 2 teams. You will see that a Buffs 1/Red 1 team costs more than a Buffs 2/Red 2 team, even though both are Tier 1. You will see that a U13 Red 1 team costs more than a U12 Red 1 team. All these cost differences have explanations. Let me try to articulate a few.

The first point to make is that the fee structure for the coming year is based on the idea that each team must pay for itself... that includes coaching stipends, referee costs for each game, field rental for every practice, field rental for every game, state association fees, etc. Additionally, each team has some responsibility to cover shared costs for administrative services provided by the club that enable the team to be registered with the state, schedule games through our office, request referees for matches, etc. Taken together, then, each team has a fixed cost. That cost is distributed equally across all team members, resulting in the individual player fee.

A few differences to note... Tier 1 teams practice 1/3 more than Tier 2 teams, so field rental costs and coaching compensation are adjusted in the team fees to cover these costs. Older teams have longer games (e.g., 40 minute halves versus 30 minute halves). That means it costs more to rent a Pleasant View field for a U14 team than a U11 team, it costs more to pay referees for a longer game, etc. More experienced and more highly trained coaches demand greater compensation than coaches with less experience and education.

For Tier 1 teams, the bulk of your fee increase over last year is directly tied to the pre-season and winter team training camps. In years past, we have asked parents to pay separately for these camps. This year, for Tier 1 teams only, **the cost of all team camps (preseason and winter training) are included in the registration fee.** In addition, \$3500 is budgeted into each Tier 1 team to support tournament registration fees. (Most other clubs require parents to pay for tournament registration outside of the fee structure.)

This is just a summary of the kinds of costs that have resulted in a modest increase of fees this year over last year. Every year we conduct an analysis of fees that other clubs across the state are charging. I am pleased to let you know that we continue to be in the middle of that distribution. As you may be doing some comparisons yourself, be aware that many clubs do not include provisions for coaching stipends, nor tournament costs, in their fee structures. In other clubs, it is not uncommon to have to pay \$100 or \$150 per month to support the coach salary. So... be sure to compare apples to apples. It is our philosophy to wrap all team costs for the season into the fee structure. This, of course, requires more payment up front, but we believe in the long run that our fee structure is not only competitive with similar clubs in the state, but in most cases, allows for a less expensive (and higher quality) experience overall.

Finally, do recall that we have one of the most substantial scholarship programs in the state. This program is independent of registration fees. We do not want any child to forego a soccer experience because of finances.

Please find below the fee structure for the 2011-12 season. Rest assured that there was great conversation among staff members and the Board of Directors as these fees were set. We are trying to provide a great value for our families in the club, and thank you for your support of the Boulder County Force Soccer Club.

Sincerely,

Jeff Frykholm
Executive Director
Boulder County Force

Fee Structure, 2011-12

<u>Team</u>	<u>Tier</u>	<u>2011-12 Fee</u>
U11 Red 1/Bufs 1	T1	\$1790
U11 Red 2/Bufs 2	T1	\$1690

U11 Tier 2 Teams	T2	\$960
U12 Red 1/Bufs 1	T1	\$1790
U12 Red 2/Bufs 2	T1	\$1690
U12 Tier 2 Teams	T2	\$960
U13 Red 1/Bufs 1	T1	\$1795
U13 Red 2/Bufs 2	T1	\$1695
U13 Tier 2 Teams	T2	\$960
U14 Red 1/Bufs 1	T1	\$1795
U14 Red 2/Bufs 2	T1	\$1695
U14 Tier 2 Teams	T2	\$960
U15 Red 1/Bufs 1	T1	\$1300
U15 Red 2/Bufs 2	T1	\$1260
U15 Tier 2 Teams	T2	\$895
U16-18 Red 1/Bufs 1	No Tier	\$1300
U16-18 2 nd Level	No Tier	\$895