



TUSC Q & A

1. How much of the fee goes back to the team?

The cost is \$150 per player. This cost covers the fall and spring season. Of the \$150, the breakdown is as follows:

\$30 to cover registration and field maintenance

\$50 for uniform fee

\$70 goes back to the team to help pay for tournaments

2. Is there a reduced fee for families with multiple children playing competitive soccer?

There will not be any discount for families with multiple children playing competitive soccer. The reason is explained in #2 which shows the breakdown of the funds. Therefore, the cost is \$150 per player.

3. How are forms and fees collected?

The form will be posted on www.texarkanasoccer.com. Players need to print off the form, fill it out, and mail the registration form and player contract along with a check for the full amount to the P.O. box. A player will NOT be considered registered and on a team until the club has the form AND the money AND the signed player coach contract. Players who withdraw before the "Drop Dead Date" will receive a refund minus a small processing fee.

4. Team formation – How will this be done?

The final authority concerning team formation will be with the TUSC Vice President and any other TUSC commissioners. The decision makers must be impartial and have the best interests of the league at heart. (e.g. not a team coach or not deciding about his own child's teams) His decisions will be guided by the guidelines below.

While it is impossible to write a definitive set of rules until we see how many players we have in any age group, the following are general guidelines that will be applied:

1. The club will make every attempt to find a place for everyone that wants to play.

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2. Where ever possible, the player movement decisions should be made so that the coaches, the parents, and most importantly the player, are happy. Effort should be made to get input from all those involved.
3. The club will try to fill teams as age pure as possible first. The ideal situation would be to have one team in every age group (i.e. U15, U14, U13, etc.....)
4. If there are not enough players in a given age group, the club will look at three possible factors:
 - a. If there is only a need for a few players to complete a team in a given age group and it does not negatively impact their own age group, then the club may move a player up to fill out a roster. This will be decided based on skill and team needs. For example, if the U13 roster is short 3 players and the U12 roster can move three players up and still form a U12 roster, then moving players up may be the appropriate solution.
 - b. If (a) does not work, then the club will look to combine age groups. This will be done by looking first at the natural breaks based on how teams will face competition in tournaments. For most tournaments, the natural formation is to combine U15/16, U13/14, and U11/12. Although this is desired, it may not be feasible.
 - c. If natural breaks in (b) do not work, then the ages will be combined based on number of players signed up in a group. As an example, if 8 U15 players sign up and 8 U14 players sign up, it may work out that we have to combine these two age groups to form one U14/U15 team.
5. If there are too many players in one age group for one team but not enough for two teams or if a second coach is not available, then players will be taken on a first-come, first-serve based on the date their registration form AND check arrives in the PO Box.



5. Can a team play both TSA and TUSC?

TUSC (competitive teams) will be registered as Rec level 2 teams and will not be playing in the local TSA league. TSA teams will be created according to the rules governing recreational level 1 formation. If the coach of that team wants to play in a tournament, he/she may do so, but as a TSA team and not a TUSC team. They will be responsible for getting player cards, paying tournament fees, registering for the tournament, etc.

If a child wants to play in both leagues, he/she may do so. In such a case, the player will pay the \$150 and will be registered as a primary player for TUSC and will pay the normal fee and be secondary rostered on a TSA team.

6. Management of team accounts/money?

It will be up to the coach/team manager to manage their own money. Once teams are formed, a coach will be handed their roster and a check for \$70 x # players on their team. Each team will be responsible for tournament entry fees, referee fees, etc. The TUSC VP can assist coaches and managers as needed.

7. How will tournaments / games be set up for competitive teams?

To the best of our ability, TUSC will identify 3 tournaments in the fall and 3 tournaments in the spring that all TUSC teams will attend. Coaches are welcome to participate in more tournaments as they see fit. Coaches may also set up friendly games with other teams as desired. While coaches may have a lot of contacts, the club can also assist coaches in finding teams to play. Grady T. Wallace facilities are available to TUSC teams, but the coaches need to let the board know as soon as possible what fields and dates they want to access the facility. The fields are on a first-come, first-serve basis. If a TUSC team reserves the field prior to the TSA schedule, then TSA will work around TUSC needs. Once the TSA schedule is published, TUSC will have to work around the TSA schedule. Also, the referee coordinator can assist in assigning referees for any TUSC games locally but the TUSC team will be responsible for paying the referee fees.

For TUSC to register a field, they must email the Field Scheduler (currently Holt) with confirmed dates indicating who will play, how many games and the



times and field sizes required at GTW. It will be very bad if TSA schedules around TUSC and then the TUSC games do not materialize.

8. How do uniforms work?

The club will purchase and own the uniforms. The player will be charged an annual fee of \$50 to “rent” the uniform, which will come out of their initial \$150 registration (not an additional fee). The kit will consist of a pair of blue shorts, a white jersey, a red jersey, and a bag. The player will be responsible for purchasing the socks from the club. At the end of a season, the player will turn the kit back in to the club. A player will not be allowed to sign up for any future TUSA soccer league (TSA, TUSC, Scholastic, or BB Recreational League) until their uniform has been turned back in. The player will also be billed the full cost to replace the uniform if they chose to keep the uniform instead of returning it to the club.. (e.g. \$100)

9. What about fundraising and sponsorships?

Teams are allowed to do fundraising and/or find sponsors to help offset expenses. 100% of the money that is raised goes directly to the team. These activities do not have to be coordinated through the club. TUSA has a tax ID number that we can provide for taxable donations.

10. Sign contract for competitive soccer?

There is a coach/player/parent contract that we require everyone to sign. It helps establish responsibilities and expectations between coaches, players, and parents.

11. Pre-Season Parent/Coach Meeting

Every TUSC player is required to be represented at the Pre-Season Parent/Coach Meeting. This meeting will cover the commitments, tournaments, practice, etc around participating in the TUSC league.