

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What makes Indiana Fire South the best choice for my child's development?

Indiana Fire South provides a cohesive, cooperative environment where players can develop and reach their goals on and off the field. Our dedicated, professional staff includes Directors of Coaching and Soccer Operations, goalkeeper coaches, professional administrative staff and professionally licensed coaches.

- For the elite level players, Indiana Fire South Academy is the only club in our area with an affiliate US Soccer Developmental Academy (DA) program in Indiana for U13-U19 boys and a LOCAL ECNL program for U13-U19 girls.
- For competitive and developing players, Indiana Fire South Academy offers state and regional competitive travel and youth development programs.
- Indiana Fire South's unique partnership with Indiana Fire (Indianapolis) and the Chicago Fire MLS team provides direct access to the professional game for our players and direct curriculum, player development, and coaching development support for the club.

#### When should the player arrive for the scheduled tryout?

- Arrive at the Price Park fields 20-30 minutes prior to the start time for their age group. Times for each age group and a chart showing the 2023-2024 Soccer Age groups are on the following page.
- Players will be given a numbered tryout t-shirt to wear during the session and need to plan accordingly to have enough time to change into the shirt provided.

#### What is the required equipment for tryouts?

- All players will be provided a tryout t-shirt at check in.
- Wear shorts, cleats and shin guards.
- Bring PLENTY of water.
- Players should not wear ANY outside club or high school apparel during the tryout session.

#### What are the options for joining/trying out for Indiana Fire South teams?

- Premier Red Travel Teams: U13-U19 (See description pages)
- ECNL Regional League: U13-U19 Girls, only.
- Select White & Grey Travel teams: U11-U19 (See description pages)

#### Non-Tryout:

- Youth/Academy Teams: U7-U10 (See description pages) Open registration through early August.
- Sparks Juniors: Ages 3-6 years (See description pages) Open registration through early September.

# How are roster spots offered for Indiana Fire U11-U19 teams?

Following tryouts, U13-U19 players receive an email to ACCEPT/DECLINE their invite and pay the commitment fee online to join the team or an email letting them know we are unable to offer a roster spot to the player.

All U11/12 players will receive an email to ACCEPT/DECLINE a roster spot. If numbers allow for more than one team, there will be an evaluation period at the start of the Fall season (August) and teams will then be assigned.

If a player has any issue that will prevent them from being able to pay the commitment fee, the club must be notified in advance. Please contact kbennett@indianafirejuniorssouth.com

			2022 -	2023	BIRTH	YEAR	CHART				
Birth Month	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Jan	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Feb	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Mar	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Apr	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
May	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Jun	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Jul	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Aug	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Sep	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Oct	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Nov	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Dec	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19

# **TRYOUT DATES AND TIMES**



What if weather cancels a tryout session? An alternative plan and schedule will be sent and posted as soon as possible. We may move indoors at CMTC Soccer Center with a fully new time schedule or move the sessions to Tuesday, June 13 @ Price Park.

Can my son or daughter try out to "play up"? Players must register for their age-appropriate scheduled tryout. The Indiana Fire South DOC's and coaching staff will determine placement for any player. The DOC's in cooperation with coaches will be the ones to determine during the tryout and/or during the year to place any players permanently on a team above their current registered age group. This decision will not be made by the player's coach without consent of the DOC's. You may contact the player's coach, DOC's or notify our administration ahead of tryouts if you would like to make the request for your child to "play up". (kbennett@indianafirejuniorssouth.com)

What does it mean to be a "Trapped 8<sup>th</sup> Grader" and what age group does a trapped player attend for tryouts? There are some situations where a player is a U15 by age, but will be in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade during the fall of 2023 and therefore not involved on a high school team. Players in this situation will try out in their true U15 age group. After the final tryout day, players will be notified of placement within a U15 team; Indiana Fire Juniors South (depending on the number of trapped players) may offer a fall-only training and friendly match program for trapped players, or we may place trapped players on U14 teams for fall. This determination will not be made until after tryouts and the number of trapped players is determined. The maximum allowable by state rule is 3 players per team.

What is the IHSAA 7 player rule? Does it apply to any U15-U18 player? The IHSAA 7 player High School rule will apply to ALL High School players. Using the upcoming Fall 2022 HS season team roster as a basis, no more than 7 players from the same HS team may roster/play together on the same Club team for Spring 2023. Note that incoming freshman intending to play on the HS team in Fall 2022 are counted, but Seniors that play on the HS team in the Fall 2022 are not counted since their HS eligibility will have concluded by Spring 2022. Failure to comply will compromise the HS rule and may result in the player losing his or her roster position. If a player will NOT be playing for his/her high school, then that player does NOT count against that school's 7 players. This is an IHSAA rule that we must follow--this is NOT a rule set at the club level or by Indiana Soccer Association.

How are teams formed and players selected? The evaluation staff for an age group will consist of the age group head coaches and additional staff coaches from other age groups. Additionally, input from the 2022/2023 age group staff will be shared with the incoming 2023/2024 staff. The tryout process will be supervised and governed by the Director of Coaching, using the evaluation data from the age group tryout; the team's head coach will determine the rosters for each team. Roster sizes are based on the guidelines set for teams by soccer governing bodies such as Indiana Soccer and US Club Soccer. Indiana Fire South will finalize all rosters following the conclusion of the scheduled age group tryout for U13-U19 teams. Final roster decisions will not be open for debate.

Does a player remain on the same team for the whole year? Indiana Fire South utilizes the club player pass system to allow for player movement throughout the year, as deemed necessary & developmentally appropriate for each player. Players who show above-average development and commitment may be asked to train or participate in games with teams at a higher-tier or age level at various times throughout the year. This maximizes the experience for players who are committed to development by rewarding them with additional opportunities and challenges. Likewise, if a player is in an over-challenging environment, recuperating from illness or injury or not earning a lot of playing time with the primary roster team, that player may be given the opportunity to train or participate in games with teams at a lower-tier to gain experience, playing-time and confidence in play. All roster movement decisions are to be made by the coaching staff.

What is the notification process after tryouts? Players will be notified by email regarding selection and team placement. Please ensure that the information provided during the online tryout registration process includes correct contact information for your player. Indiana Fire South will not guarantee a player a roster spot beyond the first contact making the original offer. Players who are invited to join a team with Indiana Fire South are expected to respond to the email notification which will be sent to the provided email addresses and if they choose to ACCEPT, must pay the commitment fee online to hold their spot on the team. All registrations are expected to be completed online. All players are expected to pay the required commitment fee even if they plan to apply for a need-based scholarship for club fees. If a player has any issue that will prevent them from being able to accept and pay the commitment fee outlined in the acceptance email, the club must be notified in advance. Please contact kbennett@indianafirejuniorssouth.com

What if my child cannot attend tryouts? Indiana Fire South will not automatically grant an exemption to a player who is unable to attend and participate in the tryout session for their age group. An exception may be made for a player who cannot participate due to an injury or other emergency as approved by the Coaching Director. Other exemptions may include players currently rostered to IFS teams during the 2022-2023 year if other unavoidable commitments do not allow them to attend, in which case the club needs to be notified. To request approval and/or inquire about alternate evaluation opportunities, please contact: <a href="mailto:kbennett@indianafirejuniorssouth.com">kbennett@indianafirejuniorssouth.com</a>

#### Who should I contact if I have questions regarding payments and scholarship applications?

The 2023-2024 scholarship application will be made available on the website: www.indianafirejuniorssouth.com. Scholarships are awarded based on demonstrated financial need only and may be applied to club fees only. The deadline for scholarship applications to be received will be July 10, 2021. Scholarship award notifications will be made on or about August 1st, 2023. Your child will need to register and participate in tryouts June 12. If your child is offered a spot on a team and you will be applying for a scholarship, but you are unable to pay the commitment fee at that time, you must contact <a href="mailto:kbennett@indianafirejuniorssouth.com">kbennett@indianafirejuniorssouth.com</a>. If your child is not awarded a scholarship and you feel your family cannot afford the fees, we will release your child from the club obligation. There is no way we can predetermine if your child will receive a scholarship. We do have scholarship money budgeted, and we anticipate we will be able to fulfill partial scholarships for the majority of the requests. If you have questions regarding the scholarships please email kbennett@indianafirejuniorssouth.com.

# What happens after we accept our roster spot?

Team meetings for 2023/24 will be held at a later date after tryouts and each player is expected to have at least 1 parent/guardian attend. Paperwork turn in night for all players will be June 19 from 6-8pm @ CMTC Soccer Center.

#### **IMPORTANT Paperwork Information:**

All required paperwork must be turned in to the club by July 10th.

Please EMAIL to: your team manager or kbennett@indianafirejuniorssouth.com

- Medical Release- ALL players.
- Copy of medical insurance card- Both sides
- 2023/2024 Player Agreement- ALL players
- 2013/2024 Commitment Statement- ALL players
- Birth Certificate (COPY)- NEW players only
- Out of State Release- Kentucky Residents ONLY- this form is required by the KY Youth Soccer Association to allow a player to be carded to a club in another state.

The Medical Release and Player Agreement forms will be made available for you to download and print once you have accepted the roster spot for a team. They can also be found on our webpage:

www.indianafirejuniorssouth.com/documents

\*Sparks U6/7 and Academy U8, U9 & U10 will receive information by email as the Fall season approaches on how/when/where to submit paperwork and will be provided with the upcoming season information in detail.



The Indiana Fire South Academy 6U-12U Experience Birth Years: 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012

#### What is the seasonal playing calendar and travel for 6U-12U players?

#### Training

**6U-10U** Training will begin for all teams in August/early September. Over 6-8 weeks of August-October and March-May, 6U-10U players will train &/or play two-three times weekly. From mid Jan-February, the players will be offered a winter training futsal program through CMTC Soccer Center. Indiana Fire South will not be responsible for loss of training time due to weather issues. Optional functional trainings may be made available at various times throughout the year. Exact training times will be provided by email communications and posted to the website.

**11U-12U**. Required training will begin for all teams mid August. During the months of August-October and March-June, 11U/12U players will train two-three times weekly. From mid Jan-February, the players will train once during the week at CMTC Soccer Center as part of the club winter skills program. Indiana Fire South will not be responsible for loss of training time due to weather issues. Optional functional trainings may be made available at various times throughout the year. Exact training times will be provided through email and or Team Snap communications.

#### • Leagues & Tournaments

**6U-10U** teams will typically play 6+ games in the Fall and 6+ games in the Spring. U8-U10 teams will typically play in our club hosted tournament in the Fall at an additional per player cost. Additional tournament play will be dependent on player/team development.

**11U-12U** teams will play in local, state and regional-based leagues (ISL). Teams may play 6-8 league games in the Fall (August-October) and 6-8 league games in the Spring (April-June). Or teams may play friendlies only in the fall and league in the spring. They will play in our club hosted Fall tournament during the fall. Additional tournaments over the year (2-3) may include both local and regional events; Presidents Cup (top-tier for U11-U12) or Challenge Cup (2<sup>nd</sup> tier for U11-U12) based on the team's ability and recommendation by the coaching staff and overall recommendation by the state. A schedule of leagues and tournaments may be discussed at the informational team meeting following tryouts, but an exact schedule will not be available until released by Indiana Soccer at the start of the fall season.

#### Do teams in these age groups train together or separately at Indiana Fire South?

Indiana Fire South strives to offer challenging, developmentally appropriate training environments for all players at every level. For the 6U-10U age groups, teams usually train together as an age group with additional individual team training, scrimmages and cross-training scheduled as determined by the coaching staff.

#### Can my child balance school, Indiana Fire South soccer and other sports and activities?

This is largely a question to be decided by each player and family. At 6U-12U, the club realizes that kids are exploring multiple sports and activities. Some families and players are able and choose to balance multiple commitments. If a commitment is made to Indiana Fire South, your child will be asked to make soccer their primary focus after their school commitment. Sometimes players may request alternate training nights to accommodate other activities or sports; these requests are typically decided on an individual player basis, are dependent on availability and are at the discretion of the coaching staff.

#### What is the cost for 6U-10U Youth?

Tuition for the 6U-10U player will be registered for and paid by season (Fall/Spring) The fees include all of the general overhead costs of operating a soccer club including field rental, maintenance and upkeep, coaching and support staff, utilities, insurance, and office operations. These fees are paid directly to Indiana Fire Juniors South with online registration.

Tuition for the 6U-7U player that registers by season will be \$125 for fall and \$125 for spring.

Tuition for the 8U, 9U, 10U player will be \$450 (total) for the fall & Spring season.

\*\* Winter skills class information will be made available.

In addition to club fees 8U-10U teams will need to purchase the uniform jersey or kit. Players will wear the uniform for all practices and games.

U6/7 Players will receive a jersey and may purchase their own navy shorts and socks to wear for all practices and games.

#### What is the cost for 11U/12U Youth?

Club fees (only) for the 11U & 12U player for the 2023-2024 year will be \$780.00. Club fees include fall, winter and spring required training programs and all of the general overhead costs of operating a soccer club including most field rental, maintenance and upkeep, coaching and support staff, utilities, insurance, and office operations. These fees are paid directly to Indiana Fire Juniors South with online registration. See the complete fee structure on our website at <a href="www.indianafirejuniorssouth.com">www.indianafirejuniorssouth.com</a>

In addition to club fees, 11U & 12U teams will have a team budget and collect team fees, which are used to cover costs specific to the operation of that team. Team fees include the cost of league applications, referee fees, field rental, tournament and cup entry fees and reimbursement costs for the coach's travel expenses. These fees will vary by team, but usually range from \$175 - \$250 in the fall and \$175 - \$250 in the spring.

Because Indiana Fire South is a 501 c 3 not-for-profit organization, our budget is based on our player registration at tryouts. There are no refunds for club or team fees for any reason other than season ending injuries or family relocation.

#### How much are uniforms and where do we order?

Indiana Fire South is an Indiana Fire Academy affiliate club and wears Adidas uniforms ordered Eurosport/Soccer.com and shipped directly to your door. We are required to become part of the Indiana Fire Academy uniform cycle. **The 2023-2024 playing season is the 2**nd year of a two-year uniform cycle for all Indiana Fire affiliate clubs.

- \*\*For the 8U-10U age group, the basic uniform kit includes a numbered shirt, shorts and socks. All other items are optional. This kit is slated to cost about \$100.
- \*\*For the 11U & 12U age group, will use a basic kit (game jerseys, shorts, socks), with a training kit (jersey, shorts, socks). All other items, including warm-ups, additional socks and training shirts, bag, and cold-weather, inner and outer wear, is optional. The kit is slated to cost about \$200. These will be available to order in July 2023 through the club's website link to our soccer.com uniform ordering portal.



# The Indiana Fire South Academy 13U & 14U Experience Birth Years 2011, 2010

#### What is the seasonal playing calendar and travel for 13U-14U players?

#### Training

Premier Red travel teams: Required training will begin for all teams early-mid August. During the months of August-early November and March-early June, U13/U14 players will be required to train two times weekly. Mid Jan-February there will be a 6 week, 2x per week technical skills class offered at CMTC. Indiana Fire South will not be responsible for loss of training time due to weather issues. Optional functional trainings will be included and made available at various times throughout the year, including a full winter training program (January-March). Exact training times will be provided to teams as the season approaches.

**Select White travel teams**: Required training will begin for all teams early-mid August. During the months of August-early November and March-early June, U13/U14 players will be required to train two times weekly. Mid Jan-February there will be a 6 week, 1x per week foot skills program included in club fees. Indiana Fire South will not be responsible for loss of training time due to weather issues. Optional functional trainings may be available at additional cost at various times throughout the year. Exact training times will be provided to teams as the season approaches.

#### • Leagues & Tournaments

13U-14U Premier and Select teams will play in state (and possibly regional-based leagues) that will generally play in a 1-4 hour radius from Evansville. All teams will typically play 8-10 league games in the fall (August-October) and 8-10 league games in the spring (April-June). They will also play in the Indiana Fire Juniors South tournaments as directed and 1-3 additional tournaments during the year. Tournaments may include both local and regional events. Teams will apply for State Cup (top-tier for U13-U14), Presidents Cup (second tier for U13-U14) or Challenge Cup (third-tier for U13-U14) based on ability and recommendation by the coaching staff. A schedule of leagues and tournaments will be discussed at the informational meeting with the coach, but an exact schedule will not be available until released by the Indiana State League early August.

#### Do teams in these age groups train together or separately at Indiana Fire South?

Indiana Fire South strives to offer challenging, developmentally appropriate training environments for all players at every level. For the 13U-14U age groups, teams train independently with scrimmages and cross-training scheduled as determined by the coaching staff and availability.

# Can my child balance school, Indiana Fire South soccer and other sports and activities?

This is largely a question to be decided by each player and family. Some families and players are able and choose to balance multiple commitments. For the U13-U14 age groups, especially at the Premier level, the primary commitment of soccer is strongly encouraged. If a commitment is made to Indiana Fire South, your child will be asked to make soccer their primary focus after their school commitment during the league season. During the winter training, Premier players will have options for attending optional sessions to accommodate other activities or sports. Winter training is highly recommended for the benefit of the player and his/her team. Other requests are granted on an individual basis at the discretion of the coaching staff. Select team players participation in team and club winter training is highly encouraged for the benefit of the player and his/her team. Excused absence will be at the discretion of the coaching staff.

#### What is the cost for 13U-14U?

Tuition for the U13-U14 player for the 2023-2024 year will be \$840 for Select and \$990 for Premier. At both levels, club fees include fall and spring required training programs, functional and goalkeeping sessions and all of the general overhead costs of operating a soccer club including field usage at Goebel and Price Park for Select teams and Goebel, Price Park and CMTC for Premier teams, maintenance and upkeep, coaching and support staff, utilities, insurance, and office operations. These fees are paid directly to Indiana Fire South through the online player registration. See the complete fee structure on our website at www.indianafirejuniorssouth.com

In addition to Club Fees, 13U-14U Select & Premier travel teams will have a team budget and collect team fees, which are used to cover costs specific to the operation of that team. Team fees include the cost of league application, referee fees, tournament and cup entry fees and reimbursement costs for the coach's travel expenses. These fees will vary by team, but usually range about \$200 - \$400 in the fall and \$200 - \$400 in the spring. Winter team training, facility rental, etc. may be included in the fall and/or spring team fees or teams may collect a winter team fee additional to fall and/or spring.

Because Indiana Fire South is a 501 c 3 not-for-profit organization our budget is based on our player registration at tryouts. There are no refunds for club or team fees for any reason other than season ending injury or family relocation.

#### How much are uniforms and where do we order?

Indiana Fire South is a Indiana Fire academy affiliate club and wears Adidas uniforms ordered Eurosport/Soccer.com and shipped directly to your door. We are required to become part of the Indiana Fire Academy uniform cycle. **The 2023-2024 season is the 2**<sup>nd</sup> **year of a two-year uniform cycle for all Indiana Fire affiliate clubs.** 

The 13U-14U age group will use a required kit. This includes home and away jerseys, shorts and socks and a training jersey. It does not include a warm-up or bag. Additional items such as warm-ups, additional socks and training shirts, ball bag, and cold-weather inner and outerwear are available through soccer.com. The kit is slated to be about \$200-230. These will be available to order in July 2023 through the club's website link to our soccer.com uniform ordering portal.



# The Indiana Fire South Academy 15U-19U Experience Birth Year 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005

#### What is the seasonal playing calendar and travel for U15-U19 players?

#### Training

Premier Red 15U-19U travel teams: After the June team meeting, most players will begin training with their respective high school programs. Required training will begin for all Premier teams at the conclusion of high school play. From November-June, players will train two times weekly in team training or winter training programs at CMTC Soccer Center, EVSC Soccer Complex, Goebel Soccer Complex or Price Park. Mid Jan-February there will be a 6 week, 2x per week technical skills program included in the fees. Indiana Fire South will not be responsible for loss of training time due to weather issues. Specified optional functional trainings may be included and made available at various times throughout the year. Exact training times will be provided to teams and coaches as the season approaches.

Select White U15-U18 travel teams: After the June team meeting, most players will begin training with their respective high school programs. Required training will begin for all Select teams at the conclusion of high school play. From November-June, players will typically train two times weekly. Mid Jan-February there will be a 6 week 1x weekly foot skills program included in the fees. Indiana Fire South will not be responsible for loss of training time due to weather issues. Optional functional trainings may become available at various times throughout the year. Exact training times will be provided to teams and coaches as the season approaches.

#### • Leagues & Tournaments

15U-19U teams may play in state and regional-based leagues (MRL & ISL). Teams will play 6-8 league games in the spring (March-June). They will also typically play in the Veterans Invitational hosted by our club in November, 1-3 college showcase events, and 1 state cup event. Teams will apply for State Cup (top-tier for U15-U19) or Presidents Cup (second tier for U15-U19) or Challenge Cup (third tier) based on ability and recommendation by the coaching staff. A schedule of leagues and tournaments will be discussed at the preseason team meeting, but an exact schedule will not be available until closer to the season approaching.

## Do teams in these age groups train together or separately at Indiana Fire South Academy?

Indiana Fire South strives to offer challenging, developmentally-appropriate training environments for all players at every level. For the 15U-19U age groups, teams usually train independently with scrimmages and cross-training scheduled as determined by the coaching staff and availability.

## Can my child balance school, Indiana Fire South soccer and other sports and activities?

This is largely a question to be decided by each player and family. Some families and players are able and choose to balance multiple commitments. However, for the 15U-19U age groups, especially at the Premier levels, the primary commitment of soccer is required. If a commitment is made to Indiana Fire Juniors, your child will be asked to make soccer their primary focus after their school commitment. During the winter training, Premier players will have options for attending optional sessions to accommodate other activities or sports. Winter training is highly recommended for the benefit of the player and his/her team. Other requests are granted on an individual basis at the discretion of the coaching staff. Select team players participation in team and club winter training is highly encouraged for the benefit of the player and his/her team. Excused absence will be at the discretion of the coaching staff.

#### What is the cost for 15U-19U?

Tuition for the 15U-19U player for the 2023-2024 year will be \$840 for Select or \$980 for Premier. At both levels, club fees include late fall and spring required training programs, functional and goalkeeping sessions and all of the general overhead costs of operating a soccer club including field usage, maintenance and upkeep, coaching and support staff, utilities, insurance, and office operations. These fees are paid directly to Indiana Fire Juniors South through the online player registration. See the complete fee structure on our website at www.indianafirejuniorssouth.com

In addition to Club Fees, 15U-19U Select & Premier teams will have a team budget and collect team fees, which are used to cover costs specific to the operation of that team. Team fees include the cost of league application, referee fees, tournament and cup entry fees and reimbursement costs for the coach's travel expenses to game. These fees will vary by team, but usually range between \$300-700.

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# ECNL 2023-2024

Indiana Fire South ECNL teams will compete in the Regional League of the prestigious Elite Clubs National League beginning with the 2023-2024 season. We will compete in the Great Rivers Conference with 8 other clubs from Indiana and Ohio.

Participation in ECNL teams is by tryout/invitation only. Our coaches are constantly working to identify the most talented players in our area and to promote talent towards the Indiana Fire Academy ECNL teams as DP players. ECNL participants have the chance to play against some of the toughest competitors, which allows players to develop soccer skills that may take them through college soccer and beyond.

Our ECNL teams begin at U13. Younger teams will begin competing by August, and usually participate in pre-ECNL events throughout the year. Our U15-U19 teams begin training in the late fall, with optional fall training for players who are not playing on their respective high school teams. The U15-U19 teams usually participate in two to three national showcases, which attract many college coaches from top schools.

Indiana Fire Academy South ECNL registration fees for the 2023-2024 season will be \$1395 and will include 2-3x weekly training, a comprehensive college soccer recruiting package and all coaching and administrative costs involved in facilitating the program.

In addition to Club Fees, 13U-19U ECNL teams will have a team budget and collect team fees, which are used to cover costs specific to the operation of that team. Team fees include the cost of league application, referee fees, tournament entry fees and reimbursement costs for the coach's travel expenses to game. These fees will vary by team, but usually range between \$500-700.

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