

The Club selects tournaments in January for the following season. This is done to assure tournament acceptance and to allow summertime planning. Teams typically play in 2 local tournaments and 2 travel tournaments. Travel destinations could include Milwaukee, Madison, Oregon, etc.. The entire Club participates in The Green Bay Invitational. Several teams will be participating in tournaments in Minnesota this year, including the Tony's Cup, Eden Prairie and the Schwan's USA Cup (an international tournament in Blaine).

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT: As with any organization, the Club has a need to generate income to offset expenses. Expenses incurred are tournament fees, field fees, coaches salaries, referee fees and training, first aid supplies, postage/printing costs, etc, this amounts to approx. \$60,000. The Club generates income by charging individual registration fees and hosting the local Green Bay Invitational Tournament.

Registration fees: Each player is assessed an individual registration fee, 2002 registration fees were \$200/player plus a \$56.00 uniform fee. The Club budgets to be in a break-even position at season end. In 2002 it cost the Club about \$275 to put a player on the field. Fees are evaluated each year with adjustments made based on projected costs. Fee payments are made in three increments—a \$50 commitment fee due with signed acceptance letter after tryouts, a payment in January and the final payment the beginning of March.

Tournament Income: Each year the District hosts the Green Bay Invitational in June. Proceeds from this event are shared by each of the local clubs (7 clubs).

Time Commitment: Each family is expected to volunteer to help out the Club in various ways: a position on the Board, team managers, referee training, try-outs, tournament committee volunteers, tournament volunteers (concession stands, field marshals, clean-up, etc.) and various other things.

Fundraising: In 1999, based on Club feedback, the Club discontinued the practice of a Club fundraiser. The decision was made to charge players what it costs the Club to field each team. Individual or team fundraisers can be done to help defray costs of extra tournaments, equipment, etc. as well as to build team unity.

TEAM MAKE-UP: Each team consists of 18 players, a team manager, a coach and a parents group, the coach is selected by the Executive Board. The coach is responsible for all on field activities, the 18 roster positions are filled by the coach. The team manager is a volunteer position and coordinates all administrative and off-field team activities. This allows the coach to concentrate on skill development, practice and game coaching. The team manager comes from the parents group and is usually the glue that holds the team together. The parents group plays a key role in the success of the team. Parents must take an active role in their teams if they and the Club are to be successful. Proactive involvement by the parents group will make the select soccer experience positive: lack of involvement by all parents will usually lead to frustration. *Remember this is an all-volunteer organization* which can only flourish if everyone pitches in! Player tryouts are held in August for the next season. Tryouts generally consist of drills and scrimmages and last approximately 2 hours.

REGISTRATION: After tryouts in August, the Club initiates the registration process. The purpose of the registration process is to administer the appropriate forms and collect player fees. Some years have included general Club meetings to share pertinent Club information, other years the Club has used individual team meetings to administer this process. The Club Registrar has responsibility for administering this process, but the help of all parents/players is required to complete the task.

If you have any questions regarding competitive soccer or the Green Bay Lightning Soccer Club, please feel free to contact one of the following board members:

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