

2024-25

# NORTHWEST UNITED FC

## *TREASURER HANDBOOK*



### **First Things First!!!**

#### **Required Training and Volunteer Background Check (Risk Management Application)**

*Required by the Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, federal legislation designed to support and protect amateur athletes.*

1. **SafeSport Training** - Go to [washingtoneyouthsoccer.org](http://washingtoneyouthsoccer.org), click Resources and choose SafeSport from the dropdown menu. On the left side of the page under Downloads, choose SafeSport for 18 year olds and follow the instructions.
2. **Concussion Prevention Training** - Go to [washingtoneyouthsoccer.org](http://washingtoneyouthsoccer.org), click Resources and choose Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness from the dropdown menu. On the left side of the page under Resources, choose Heads Up Concussion Prevention Course. Create an NFHS account. (You can leave State Assigned ID# blank). Take the Concussion in Sports course (click the blue Order Course button).
3. **Cardiac Arrest Awareness Training** - Go to [washingtoneyouthsoccer.org](http://washingtoneyouthsoccer.org), click Resources and choose Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness from the dropdown menu. On the left side of the page under Resources, choose SCA Awareness Prevention Course. Log into your NFHS account and take the Sudden Cardiac Arrest course (click the blue Order Course button).
4. **Volunteer Background Check (RMA)** - Go to [washingtoneyouthsoccer.org](http://washingtoneyouthsoccer.org), click Resources and choose Risk Management from the dropdown menu. On the left side of the page under Resources, choose WYS Affinity Background Check.
  - a. Create an account for Sports Connect for login if you don't already have one. **Remember your login information.** Log in to do the background check. Choose Fall 2024-2025 season.
  - b. When asked for "Primary Organization", in the background check please select Northwest United (SID: 7863565). **Do not select Skagit Valley Youth Soccer Association.**

When your background check is complete, and cleared, you will be added into Affinity under NWUnited. Then, the Registrar will give you access to manage team finances in TeamSnap.

## Getting Started

### **Establish a Team Budget**

1. Work with Coach to personalize for your team the Team Fee Budget Template, which was emailed to your coach by the club bookkeeper.
  - a. If your team is doing an extra tournament beyond the three summer tournaments paid for by the club, the cost of registration needs to be added as a line item to your team budget.
  - b. It's impossible to know exactly what your Coach Travel Stipend line item will need to be until you receive your League Game Schedule in the fall. A suggested estimate is in your Team Fee Budget Template. Remember, if your team is participating in an extra tournament, you may need to add some funds to your coach travel reimbursement line item. The club-approved coach travel stipend schedule is below.
  - c. Your "Supplies" line item should be at least \$250. Don't forget checkbook renewals, postage, laminations for player cards, etc.
2. Send a copy of the team budget to all team parents and let them know this is an ESTIMATE.

**Establish Due Dates for Team Fee Payments** – This will be variable to each team. Try to find a balance between collecting fees soon enough so you have the money when the team needs it, yet spreading the collection of fees out enough to ease the financial burden on families. If you are asking for more than \$200 at a time, you may want to find a way to spread payments out a bit.

*Be sure to communicate team fee payment due dates to families.* The club's "No Pay, No Play" policy applies to team fees as well as club fees.

### **Create Team Fee Invoices in TeamSnap**

1. Go to Invoicing on TeamSnap.
2. Click Create/Send New Invoice.
3. Enter the details of the invoice. Note that team fee invoices cannot be paid in installments, so you need to create an invoice for each payment you want families to make. For example, if your team fees for the season are \$300 and you want to collect \$100 each month in June, July & August from each family, you need to create 3 separate invoices for \$100 each.
4. Team invoices will automatically be emailed out to families when they are created. It would be appropriate for you to follow up with an email to families to re-iterate due dates, let families know how they can pay, and to give them a contact for questions about team fees.

### **Collect Team Fee Payments**

1. Team invoices can be paid online and the funds will be automatically deposited into your team bank account, but there is a merchant fee applied. If a family would prefer to pay with cash or check, you can have a payment mailed to you or pick up payment in person. When you click on a particular invoice in TeamSnap, there is an option to apply a payment so you can post a check/cash payment and keep track of who has paid.
2. Periodically, check Team Snap Invoicing to see who has paid their team fees. If a family is not paying their team fees, please send a couple of reminders with a specific due date. If payment still is not made, please let the coach know so he/she can talk to the family. If payment still is not being made, please contact the club bookkeeper for support.

## League Costs

**Cost of Home Game Fields** – If your team plays on a field other than SVC and SRP, you will need to collect team fees to cover the cost of the field...

Location	Cost	Scheduled with
Skagit River Park, grass field	Free of cost to teams	Jonathan Graham <a href="mailto:jonathan.graham@nwunited.org">jonathan.graham@nwunited.org</a>
Mount Vernon High School, turf field	\$176.25- only 1 team/day \$142 - 2 teams/day	Jonathan Graham <a href="mailto:jonathan.graham@nwunited.org">jonathan.graham@nwunited.org</a>
Sedro Woolley High School, turf field	Approx. \$80 per game	Erin McMillan <a href="mailto:emcmillan@sbsd101.org">emcmillan@sbsd101.org</a>
Skagit Valley College	Free of cost to teams	Jonathan Graham <a href="mailto:jonathan.graham@nwunited.org">jonathan.graham@nwunited.org</a>

Note - Games played at MVHS will be billed to the club and the club bookkeeper will notify you of the bill received and transfer the payment out of your team account. Games played at SWHS will be billed directly to your team and paid with a check from your team account.

**Home Game Referees:** The club will cover the cost of your team's home game referees. However, please note that if your manager/scheduler fails to notify the ref assignor of needed referees or changed/cancelled games, your team may incur a team-paid penalty...

- a. \$25 for scheduling/changing/canceling a game 7 days or less in advance.
- b. \$50 for scheduling/changing/canceling a game 3 days or less in advance.
- c. \$100 for scheduling/changing/canceling a game less than 24 hrs in advance.
- d. Refs need to be paid for any game cancelled after 6pm the night before.

***If the cancellation/change is the opposing team's fault, please let them know they will need to cover the extra fees and then collect from them.***

## Additional Guidance

1. Please keep a register of your team account transactions so you know how much money is in your team bank account. Reconcile your bank statement each month.
2. Do not sign a check made out to yourself. Please have the NWUnited Bookkeeper or an additional signer (if you have one) do it for you.
3. When you write a check from your team account, please write specifically what you are paying for in the memo line on the check (for coach travel, write where the travel was).
4. Do not handle Club Tuition money if you can avoid it or unless you plan to mail it immediately to the PO Box or drop it off to the NWUnited Bookkeeper.
5. At the end of the season, please make sure you have enough funds to cover any remaining expenses. Any remaining funds belong to the team's parents and they should be consulted regarding its use. Possible uses are a gift for the coach, gear for the team (canopy or bench), or an end-of-season celebration. Beyond this, remaining funds should be refunded to the parents leaving \$200 or less in the account.
6. If a family is looking for financial assistance, please refer them to the Financial Assistance section of the [nwunited.org](http://nwunited.org) website under Parent Resources.
7. If your team is doing a team fundraiser, please remember that team fundraisers need to be approved by the club. Please utilize the fundraiser approval form on the Manager & Treasurer Resources page at [nwunited.org](http://nwunited.org).

## Coach Travel Reimbursement Schedule

Your coach can request travel reimbursements according to the schedule below. *These are set amounts, independent of what the coach actually spends.* If the coach is traveling to a location for games for more than one team, the teams should split the cost of the travel reimbursement. Please make sure and collect team fees in advance so you can reimburse your coach promptly for travel expenses.

Club/Location	Miles	RCL Game	Weekend Tournament	
Whatcom Rangers	30	No travel stipend	No travel stipend	
WA Rush	44			
Snohomish	45			
Seattle United	57		No travel stipend	\$200/weekend if coach has one team in tournament
Sound FC	58			
Crossfire	61			
Pac NW	76			
Starfire	76			
Valley Ridge Park	78			
Eastside	80			\$200/night if coach has multiple teams in tournament
Cascade	82			
Valor	83			
WA Premier	98	\$70/day	\$210/night	
Harbor Soccer Club	108			
Kitsap Alliance	133			
Blackhills	136	\$240/night	\$220/night	
Wenatchee	157			
WA Timbers	232			
Sozo Santos	233			
Columbia Premier	235			
Portland	237			
Spokane	332		Flight: \$400 Hotel: \$200/night Rental car: \$80/day	
Salt Lake City				
Las Vegas				
Sacramento				
San Diego				
Phoenix		Coach submits receipts for exact reimbursement		
Orlando				
Hawaii				