

2020-21

NORTHWEST UNITED FC

TREASURER HANDBOOK



Getting Started

1. Volunteer Background Check (RMA)

- a. At nwunited.org, go to Resources and click on Managers & Treasurers. Click the WA Youth Background Check link.
- b. Scroll down and click “How to do the Background Check and Required Certificates” and follow the directions. You will need to complete the certificate training before completing your background check.
- c. If new to WA Youth Soccer, will need to make an account for WA Youth Soccer; **remember your log-in information**. Once you’ve done so, log-in to do the background check.
- d. When asked for “Primary Organization”, in the background check please select Northwest United (SID: 7863565). **Do not select Skagit Valley Youth Soccer Association.**
- e. When your background check is complete, and cleared, you will automatically be added into Affinity under Northwest United. You will not have access to your teams until you are manually added by the Registrar.

2. Team Fees

a. Establishing Team Budget

- i. Work with Coach to personalize for your team the Team Fee Budget Template.
- ii. It’s impossible to know exactly what your Coach Travel Stipend line item will need to be until you receive your League Game Schedule. Suggestions are as follows: \$150 for U9/U10, \$300 for U11/U12, \$500 for U13+.
- iii. Your “Supplies” line item should be at least \$250. Don’t forget checkbook renewals, postage, laminations for player cards, etc.
- iv. Send a copy of the team budget to all team parents.

- b. **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 you need to make payments, yet spreading the collection of fees out enough to ease the financial burden on families. *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.

- c. **Track Team Fee Collections & Payments** – Your most crucial tools are the spreadsheets you use to track team fee collections and payments.

- i. Collection Spreadsheet – Each player gets a line and each due date gets a column. Input payments from families with note for check # or “cash”.
- ii. Checkbook Register – Please keep good records regarding checks written including date, check # and date of payment.

3. **Summer Tournaments** - Work with the Coach and/or Manager to find out deadlines and determine when each tournament payment should be mailed in. In some cases, a coach/manager may have to pay for the tournament on his/her personal credit card and be reimbursed with a check from the team account.

Summer

1. Preparing for Tournaments

- a. **Coach Travel Reimbursement:** Be sure to collect enough team fees in advance to be able to cover coach travel stipends for tournaments. The Club-approved reimbursement schedule is as follows:
 - i. 0-100 miles (one way) from Skagit River Park – no travel stipend
 - ii. 100+ miles (one way) from Skagit River Park - \$30/day
 - iii. Eastern, WA or Vancouver, WA area when an overnight stay is required - \$150/night
 - iv. Out of State – Proposal must be submitted in advance to NWU Executive CommitteePlease note: These are set amounts, independent of the actual cost of coach's expenses. Also, if a coach has multiple teams traveling at the same time, the travel reimbursement will be divided equally among the participating teams.
- b. **Reimbursement for Team Supplies:** Whether it is you, the manager, the coach, or a parent purchasing any necessary team supplies, be sure they are reimbursed promptly.

Fall Prep

1. League Registration

- a. **RCL Registration:** You do not need to send payment in. The Club will be charged as a whole and the individual team cost will be transferred out of your bank account by the Club bookkeeper. The cost is \$385 for U13+, \$290 for U11/U12, and \$215 for U9/U10.
- b. **NPSL Registration:** You will not need to send payment in. The cost is \$150 for any team. The club will be billed and the individual team cost will be transferred out of your bank account by the Club bookkeeper.

2. Cost of Home Game Fields – Be sure you collect team fees to cover the cost of fields...

Location	Cost	Scheduled with
Skagit River Park, grass field	Free of cost to teams	Marcos Vega marco.vega@nwunited.org
Mount Vernon High School, turf field	\$176.25- only 1 team/day \$142 - 2 teams/day	Marcos Vega marco.vega@nwunited.org
Sedro Woolley High School, turf field	Approx. \$80 per game	Erin McMillan emcmillan@swsd101.org
Skagit Valley College	Free of cost to teams	Marcos Vega marco.vega@nwunited.org

- a. 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.
- b. Games played at SWHS will be billed directly to your team and paid with a check from your team account.

3. Cost of Home Game Referees: Be sure you collect team fees to cover the cost of referees.

- a. The Club will receive a bill for the referees your team uses Sep-Dec and then again Jan-Apr, and the NWU Bookkeeper will bill your team.
- b. Cost of referees is as follows:
 - i. U9/U10: \$30.00, center ref only
 - ii. U11/U12: \$38 for center & \$22 for assistants (ex: \$38+\$22+\$22=\$82)
 - iii. U13/U14: \$42 for center & \$27 for assistants
 - iv. U15/U16: \$50 for center & \$33 for assistants
 - v. U17/U18: \$55 for center & \$38 for assistants
- c. Please note that if your manager fails to notify the ref assignor of needed referees or changed/cancelled games, your team may incur a team-paid penalty...
 - i. \$25 for scheduling/changing/canceling a game 7 days or less in advance.
 - ii. \$50 for scheduling/changing/canceling a game 3 days or less in advance.
 - iii. \$100 for scheduling/changing/canceling a game less than 24 hrs in advance.
 - v. 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 ref & field fees and then collect from them.

Home & Away Game–Day Duties

1. **Home Game Duties:** *Please keep track of the number of refs you have at each game so you know if your bill is correct when you receive it from the club bookkeeper.*
2. **Away Game Duties:** There are no away game duties other than reimbursing the coach for travel expenses according to the schedule laid out in the “Summer” section.

Additional Expectations

1. Your Team Budget and Checkbook Register should be readily available for any parent to look at. Your Collections Spreadsheet should remain confidential.
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. Reconcile your bank statement each month.
4. When you write a check from your team account, please write what you are paying for in the memo line on the check.
5. Be understanding of people’s financial situations, but also hold firm to standards. The “No Pay, No Play” policy applies to Team Fees as well as Club Fees. If a family is being unresponsive to paying Team Fees in the timely manner, do not ask more than twice before involving the Coach.
6. It is helpful for families if you periodically send them a notice of how much in team fees they have paid and how much they still owe.
7. The team cannot participate in State Cup if their bills are unpaid.
8. 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. Parents should be responsible for their own Club Tuition – please encourage them to mail it themselves.
9. At the end of the season, please make sure you have enough funds to cover any remaining expenses (including ref fees which are not billed until the end of Apr or beginning of May). 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 \$100 or less in the account.