



Cainhoy Athletic Soccer Club

To: Cainhoy Athletic families: 2020 spring season
Players registered in the Junior Academy / Premier competitive programs

From: Cainhoy Athletic Board

Date: April 10th, 2020

Subject: COVID-19, continuing concerns and impact to Spring 2020 leagues and club programming

First, and foremost we trust and pray that you and your families are all in good health, staying isolated, and adhering to all the recommendations of Federal, State and Local authorities. During these dark days, it is clear the only way to mitigate the impact of this dreadful disease on our community is to follow all the necessary safety and health policies from the CDC and other health professionals.

Youth Soccer (like all group activities) has suffered a very hard blow in recent weeks with impacts to many individuals and organizations associated with the 'beautiful game', and Cainhoy Athletic is certainly not immune to this virus' reach and effect (both on and off the field). We are certain many of our members have firsthand experience of job loss, future uncertainty and financial strain in addition to the angst and worry an epidemic of this proportion is bound to generate in our lives.

In meetings we have participated in over the last two weeks, there is still a large degree of uncertainty in our broader soccer community (sanctioning bodies and leagues) with regard to returning to play for the spring, but as each week goes by, that likelihood seems less and less likely.

Regardless of an official declaration to the end the spring season and 2019/20 soccer, it is evident that a large portion of our spring season has been lost forever and your Board has decided to try and return some value back to our members in recognition of this, while still preserving a prudent and necessary fiscal position related to sunk and committed costs incurred by our operations. At a high level, we can share that your Board and Leadership are all volunteers and do not draw any salary, but we do have coaches and soccer practitioners/vendors that do and we need to be mindful of their needs, time spent, and preserving their ability to weather this storm. Also, we have many rents, facility costs and landscaping fees that remain constant (rain or shine) and continue to pay out every month.

We did ask our staff coaches to accept a reduction in pay and all agreed, recognizing an equitable approach to returning more to the families. Similarly, we will recognize some savings through reduced rental fees (on monthly contracted property), reduced technical and goalkeeper training, and some reduced maintenance costs including field lining and trash collection. We wholeheartedly and unanimously decided under no circumstance should any savings achieved through this terrible time be retained by the organization and all savings should be returned in some fashion to our membership or the community. We also recognized that despite several large increases in field rental rates effective January 1, 2020 now is not the time to increase our fees into next year and again, universally voted to set our fees at the same, or lower* rate than 2019/20.



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Being a Non-Profit we are leveraging some of our liquid assets in addition to the savings gained through season suspension to offer our membership a package to offset lost value in March and April. We trust this will ease the pain or frustration, help players get back to soccer, continue their development, assist our coaches, support our partners, and ease family financial pressure by offering summer services and fall soccer related items free of charge.

Upon a return to soccer and 'normalcy', Cainhoy Athletic will build plans to deliver on the following to all our registered coaches/players/families.

- Generation adidas (University) club coaching tool/app to each registered coach for use with their teams, effective immediately upon return to play
- Futwod Individual Training (online at home service) offered to every player through our longtime partner, Mount Pleasant Futsal. Regularly \$39 for a 90-day service at no cost
- adidas warmup jersey in upcoming 2020 uniform package at no cost (\$22 value)
- Summer training mini-clinics and camps held at Trident Academy and Church of Good Shepherd, targeting specific skills, positions, ages and genders in June/July (TBD)

* In addition to the items listed above, we have also agreed to reduce the season fees for our Premier players by \$75 per season (\$150 per year) for 2020-21, which will benefit our spring U12 – U14 players, and most our U13 – U19 players in the fall.

Finally, recognizing that there are many heroes in our midst (including Cainhoy Athletic families) working tirelessly in the medical profession, to help ease the spread and combat the devastating consequences of this terrible coronavirus disease.

The Cainhoy Athletic Board approved the immediate release and donation of \$10,000 to the **MUSC Foundation: COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund** as part of our community support response on behalf of all our membership as a token of our deep gratitude for their sacrifice.

If you would like to learn more about this fund, or donate additional funds, please visit:

<https://web.musc.edu/about/giving>

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this difficult time together,

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