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Carmel United Families,

While local conditions have been improving, the Coronavirus continues to wreak havoc on our everyday lives. With schools now remaining closed for the rest of the school year, East Hudson Youth Soccer League (EHYSL) has officially canceled the Spring season. While we realize this is a disappointment, we also want to remain cautious and sensitive to recommended best practices in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and, most importantly, protecting the welfare of our players, volunteers, and their families.

For the moment, EDP has not officially canceled their league season. The only team this concerns is the Cobras, our high school team. Therefore, the following section, which outlines how reimbursement will be handled for this season, will not apply to them unless EDP cancels their season.

### REIMBURSEMENT

#### Inhouse:

- Players who registered and played in the Fall have been issued a \$40 account credit which can be used for a future season by any player in the family.
- Players who registered for the Spring-only season have been issued a full refund.

#### Travel:

For players who registered **before December 1:**

- Players have been issued a \$100 account credit, except for the Cobras.
- Should EDP cancel their season, Cobras players will be issued a \$200 account credit.
  - High School seniors will be issued a refund for that same amount.

For players who registered **between December 1 and February 1:**

- Players have been issued a \$200 account credit, except for the Cobras.
- Should EDP cancel their season, Cobras players will be issued a \$250 account credit.
- Players have also been (or will be) issued an account credit for 50% of any uniform items purchased.

Players who registered **since February 1:**

- Players have been (or will be) issued an account credit for the full amount paid.
- Players have also been (or will be) issued a credit for any uniform items purchased.

All relevant account credits have been issued. Where possible, refunds were issued back to the credit card used when registering. If a credit card is no longer on file or the amount of time to apply a refund has lapsed, a check will be sent. Any raffle tickets from this year can still be submitted for inclusion in next year's raffle.

## **TRYOUTS**

As we hopefully will begin a recovery soon, the Club must plan to move forward. Nobody can predict the future but, unless and until somebody communicates otherwise, we expect and must plan to return to normal activities in the Fall.

Typically, we would've already held our Travel tryouts for next season. Without having a definitive timeline for reopening, there's no way to plan this event. As such, we've decided the best course of action is to keep ALL current travel players on their respective teams for next year. Therefore, a formal tryout will not be held for current players.

We would like everyone to register as soon as possible so we can confirm our numbers for each team. Please register at <https://carmelsoccer.sportssignup.com/> by June 1<sup>st</sup>, if possible. We will also need to submit our uniform order to our vendor so they can plan production.

Teams looking to add players to their roster can hold a late-Summer tryout once team practices begin, or sooner if circumstances allow. New players interested in trying out for travel teams should register for tryouts at <https://carmelsoccer.sportssignup.com/>. We will let everybody know when a tryout will be held.

Any Inhouse players born in 2012 who are interested in playing Travel soccer in the Fall should register for the new U9 team. There will not be a formal tryout for this age group. Hopefully, we will get enough players to form this new team. Assuming we do, we will need coaches. Any parents who might be interested in coaching this team should also contact me. Ideally, we'd be looking for two volunteers.

## **PAYMENT PLAN**

Because of the current economic environment, we will be keeping our registration fees the same as last year. We will also be extending our payment plan for Travel. Usually, the payment plan would consist of an initial payment followed by 3 additional payments on June 1, July 1, and August 1. For this year, we will be adding an extra payment to the plan and pushing payments out a bit.

We are still asking for the initial payment at registration but, since most players are starting with an account credit from this past year, that payment should be covered. Additional payments will not occur until August 1, September 1, October 1, and November 1, so most of you would not be making a payment until at least August.

Inhouse registration is also open. The Inhouse payment plan option will remain as 2 payments with the second payment due August 1.

## UNIFORMS

On a much more exciting note, as we originally communicated last year, we are switching travel uniform providers this year and will have a new custom kit for the Fall.



The new Carmel United travel kit will consist of:

- 1 custom primary game jersey (Blue/Black)
- 1 pair of custom shorts (men's or women's version)
- 1 alternate game jersey (Fuschia/Black)
- 1 practice jersey (Turquoise)
- 1 pair of socks

A complete kit as outlined above will automatically be added to your registration. Extra uniform items will be available for purchase, as well.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** These new uniforms are more true-to-size than our existing uniforms, which were sized a bit small. In comparing our current uniform to the new vendor's sizing, it looks to be about a size off. In other words, a Medium in our existing jersey is about the same size as a Small in the new jersey. The same goes for shorts. To help illustrate this point:



- The first picture above shows our old Adult Small jersey on top of a new Adult Small jersey. The new jersey is noticeably larger.
- The second photo shows a new Adult Small jersey on top of an old Adult Medium jersey. They are practically the same size.
- The third picture shows an old Adult Small shorts on top of a new Adult Small shorts. Again, the new shorts are about a size larger.

Here are the official measurement guidelines supplied by our vendors. It further supports the sizes being about one size off between old and new uniforms, especially at the smaller sizes:

NEW UNIFORM GUIDE			
Size	Jersey (Chest)	Shorts (Waist)	Socks (Shoe size)
YXS	25 - 27"	21 - 23"	YOUTH
YS	27 - 29"	23 - 25"	Mens size
YM	29 - 31"	25 - 27"	12.5 - 4
YL	31 - 33"	27 - 29"	REGULAR
AS	36 - 38"	30 - 32"	Mens size
AM	38 - 40"	32 - 34"	4.5 - 8
AL	40 - 42"	36 - 38"	KING
AXL	42 - 44"	38 - 40"	Mens size
2XL	44 - 46"	40 - 42"	8.5 - 13

OLD UNIFORM GUIDE		
Size	Jersey (Chest)	Shorts (Waist)
YXS	22 - 25"	19 - 21.5"
YS	25 - 27.5"	21.5 - 24.5"
YM	27.5 - 30.5"	24.5 - 27.5"
YL	30.5 - 33.5"	27.5 - 30.5"
AS	33.5 - 36.5"	30.5 - 33.5"
AM	36.5 - 39.5"	33.5 - 36.5"
AL	39.5 - 42.5"	36.5 - 39.5"
AXL	42.5 - 45.5"	39.5 - 42.5"
2XL	45.5 - 48.5"	42.5 - 45.5"

Normally, we would have held a sizing event to try on the new uniforms but, under the circumstances, that will likely not be possible. If by some chance we are able to hold a sizing day, we will let you know. One last note on sizing... when selecting sizes, please keep in mind that the uniform needs to fit the player not only this September but also next June.

Again, we wish circumstances were different for this season but we are all dealing with things that are beyond anybody's control. The past two months have been difficult for all of us and Carmel United understands the hardships caused by this pandemic. However, with the recent federal and state announcements around "re-opening", we are very hopeful for youth soccer's return.

We appreciate your support, patience, and understanding as we all work together to get back on the field.

Be well,



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