



"This is No Ordinary Soccer Club You're Dealing With."™

HOW BLAST FEES WORK

Blast fees are calculated over the course of the entire year. From tryouts through playoffs, the fees are used to pay for everything from coaches and facilities to player registrations league fees and our newer, "tournament only" competitive plan each year as well.

"Why the different fees for different ages?"

Blast players from u9 to u14 have a fall season that accounts for a fall league and training 2-3 times per week. This cost for younger players gets offset during winter when younger players do not have the exact same amount of weekly training hours.

With our indoor space costs higher, our older players will see more winter training time than our younger players will. Which does increase the overall cost for training for players 14 and older.

"How are coaches and trainers paid?"

Our club is unique in that we have set amounts for head coaches and assistants. We have small flexibility to adjust, allowing our head coaches to earn between \$6,000 and \$8,000 per year for teams u14 and older; and \$4,000 - \$6,000 for u14 and younger. Assistants receive between \$2,000 and \$4,000. We have used this model every year to find coaches who are also "professionals" or in career paths and not looking to make a living out of soccer. We believe it paints a more accurate picture for our players. Still, we find quality, knowledgeable and passionate coaches each year.

Recently, budgets from larger MN clubs were inadvertently made public showing some head coaches of "top teams" earning \$20,000 per team and assistants at \$10,000. These clubs are also paying directors between \$40,000 and \$85,000 annually. The Blast pays its directors \$4,000 per year. These are clubs Blast teams have beaten regularly in competition. The point here is not to reveal the unfortunate "money grab" in youth sports, but to inform our members we pay the same amount for our teams - nobody get's "special consideration" based on a coach who demands/needs more money. In fact, as a club, the Blast has the largest percentage of premier teams in the club and the smallest coaching budget accordingly.

"What if my child cannot make winter training?"

We are unable to provide different costs for all the variables for all our players. We find that once a family understand the DREAM Development philosophy and works to incorporate Blast training into their other sport calendar, they find that can make most sessions. So, they do ultimately benefit from training despite having a winter sport.

"What if my child is injured?"

We do provide some relief for players who will be out for longer than 30 days. In cases of surgeries and such, we do our best to accommodate cost reductions. At the same time, we also have a complete Rehab plan we offer for post-surgical players and rehabbing players to keep them engaged and ready to compete as soon as ready and cleared by physicians.

We hope this helps answer questions about Blast fees.

Age Level	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
u9/u10	✓		✓			✓		✓	✓			
u11/u12	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
u13/u14	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
u15/u16	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
u17/u18	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
u19	✓		✓			✓		✓	✓			

