



## MRFC North FAQ

### General Remarks from MRFC/MRFC-North Leadership:

It is our desire to support families as they navigate the tryout process and the formation of teams. The goal of this Q&A is to provide clarity and avoid rumors. We want to communicate a cohesive, unified message to our membership. Hopefully this document will provide that.

MRFC's leadership family is proud to announce its MRFC-North representative will be Scott Serpa as DOC/Executive Director. Scott will manage MRFC-North operations and liaison with MRFC. He brings 40+ years of experience in the sport of soccer as player, coach, soccer Dad and administrator, along with being a major contributor to the development of Ravensdale Park.

The goal of Leadership is to take care of our players and their families; this is a responsibility we take very seriously. We work daily to carry out this promise in everything we do. We are a soccer family, who builds confidence in our players through the beautiful game of soccer, that reaches beyond the pitch and into our communities.

### 1. What prompted MRFC to provide MRFC-North in the Maple Valley/Kent area? Why is this a good thing for us?

Based on feedback we have received from many community members, MRFC believes there is a need to offer our soccer program to this area. We have a proven 19-year history of success and are well respected in the Northwest. MRFC's new division, MRFC-North, will provide the necessary elements to give your player every opportunity to have fun, learn from highly qualified coaches and compete at a level that fits the needs of every player. We understand how important "Community" is to Maple Valley, Kent and the surrounding areas. MRFC/MRFC-North is proud to say that many of our coaches are also local community members and care for it as much as you do. Our goal is to use our soccer program as a platform for bigger things. Providing another "family" that will support and provide your player the tools to reach their goals.

### 2. Will there be a different logo and uniforms for MRFC-North?

MRFC-North will use the same uniforms and logos as MRFC. Our kits are red and white. We will hold a uniform fitting night once teams are formed to assist players. Showcase Teams: We will have separate Showcase jerseys for players.

### 3. What will the fees be to tryout and play with MRFC-North?

MRFC-North **tryout** registration is **free**. Please make sure that your player is pre-registered, as this helps us plan for your son/daughter(s) arrival and is a key component for a smooth tryout. Go to [www.mtrainierfc.org/northtryouts](http://www.mtrainierfc.org/northtryouts) to register.

### **MRFC/MRFC-North player fees will vary based on age group and are as follows:**

Once your player has been offered a team position the player must be registered through the MRFC Team Registration site (SportsEngine) and the \$200 Registration Fee must be paid. To make payment easier, a 10-month payment plan is optional on the balance due. Scholarship opportunities are also available. Both the payment plan option and scholarship application are accessible at the time of registration.

**Multi-player Discount:** Families w/ more than one player (U11-U18) will receive a \$100 discount ea. player beyond one.

**High School Boys payment schedule: Annual assessment = \$1550**

**Boys up to U14 and All Girls payment schedule: Annual assessment = \$1550 (11 v 11), \$1350 (9 v 9), \$1150 (7 v 7)**



#### **4. Where will teams practice and play?**

We appreciate that your time is valuable, and convenience is important. Therefore, we will do our best to hold team practices at fields closest to where the majority of players live. We will train and play at Ravensdale Park, Tahoma School District fields, Kent School District fields, King County Parks fields and possibly Kent Parks fields (depending on where the players live and play).

#### **5. Tryouts and “Open Kickarounds (Workouts)”**

Tryout and “open workouts” dates are currently being finalized and will be announced in early April.

#### **6. MRFC-North Coaching Staff?**

MRFC-North is thrilled to have on our staff some of the best coaches in the region. Combined with the resources MRFC already has in place, we cannot be more excited for the players who join MRFC-North. Our coaches bring with them many years of experience, hold advanced level coaching licenses/certifications and are extremely dedicated to the game and to the players

#### **7. League affiliation?**

MRFC/MRFC-North participates in the Puget Sound Premier League (PSPL). The PSPL hosts several different leagues and tournaments around the state, which are sanctioned by US Club Soccer. PSPL abides by US Club policies along with providing rules and league structure that is steered by the PSPL Competition and Rules Committee comprised of DOCs from across the state of Washington. Due to PSPL’s affiliation with US Club Soccer, when teams meet the requirements, MRFC has a pathway to and participates in the highly competitive NPL (National Premier League) and ECNL (Elite Club National League). Also just announced, ECNL will now be branded for BOTH girls AND boys!!

#### **8. What will our club tournament be this summer?**

MRFC will host The Rainier Classic (formally the RVS Classic) held June 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> at Starfire. Individual teams will have additional summer tournament opportunities as well.

#### **9. Will AOE (Academy of Excellence) be offered for MRFC-North?**

MRFC’s Academy of Excellence (AOE) will be expanded to the MRFC-North area. Our skilled coaches will use this program to focus on the individual players technical ability. AOE will give each individual player an opportunity to increase their skill with the ball and become quicker and more agile.

#### **10. What is the volunteer requirement about?**

To keep our fees low, like most clubs in the area, we will implement a volunteer requirement of 8 volunteer hours per family for MRFC-North members. In lieu of 8 volunteer hours, families will have the option of making a onetime payment of \$200.

**Managers, Team Treasurers and Assistant coaches will be exempt from additional volunteer requirements.**

#### **11. Who can I reference with any other questions I may have?**

Please feel free to contact our board members via email any time with additional questions:

<https://www.mtrainierfc.org/boardandstaff>

**For Specific MRFC North Questions:** [MRFC-North-info@mtrainierfc.org](mailto:MRFC-North-info@mtrainierfc.org)