



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Radnor Soccer Club travel parents,

Tryouts marked the beginning of the 2018/19 travel soccer year, and the end of a 2017/18 travel soccer year that saw some remarkable successes. Most recently, five of the 12 participating Samba teams advanced to the state cup playoffs. Three teams won their YSC indoor divisions. We do not measure the club's success by results, but this is the highest level of competitiveness in my 19 years of involvement. We have Alan Mezger, his directors and the coaches to thank for raising the level of soccer at RSC.

Even as we raise the bar for our players and teams, we remain aware of our mission: to develop young athletes in body and character through the great game of soccer. We are committed to providing safe, positive, fun, and supportive playing environments for your players. We strive to instill good sportsmanship, confidence, self-esteem and a passion for the game.

All of this would not be possible without the commitment of our volunteer Board of Directors, Alan Mezger, Kirk Johnson and the coaches. Our coaching staff at all levels continues to improve, with incredible additions this year, including:

- Tom Carlin, head coach of Villanova University's Men's Soccer team
- Rob Dallas, head coach of Cabrini University's Men's Soccer Team
- Julian Ward (FC Continental)
- Grant Myers (Lower Merion Soccer Club)

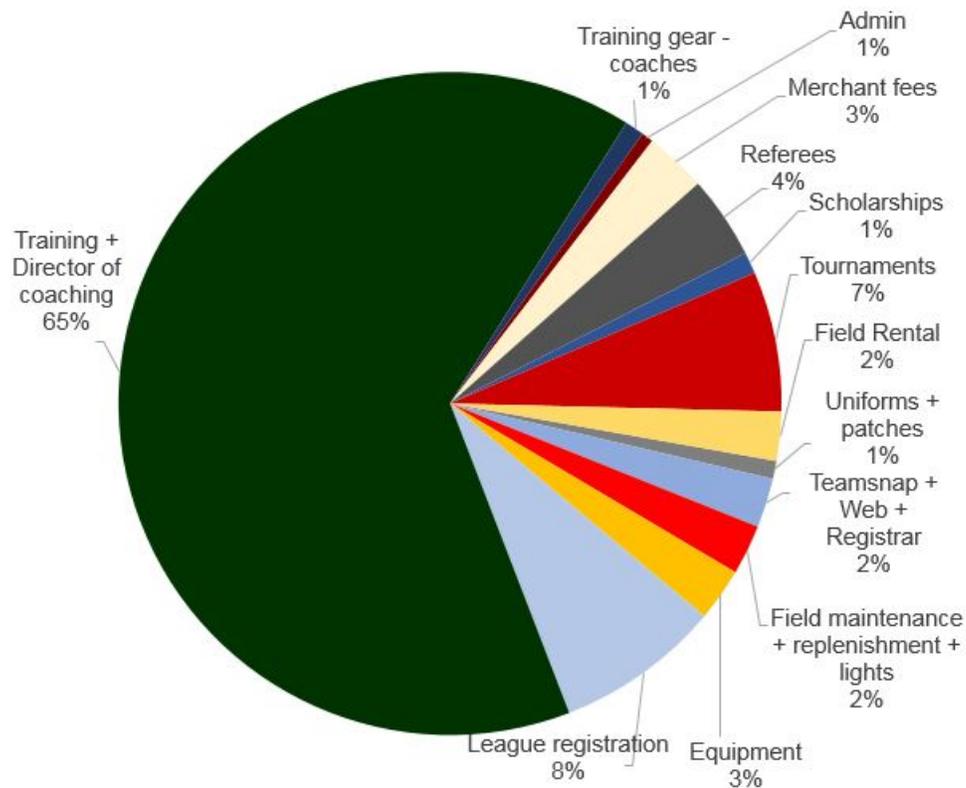
In response to demand, we have extended travel soccer to U8 and have added a U7 Developmental Program. The club will offer a Champions Soccer League program for players with special needs, will again mark Cancer Awareness Month and will implement an equipment exchange program (with excess equipment donated to soccer programs for the less privileged).

We saw some challenges in 2017/18, including the loss of indoor space for the winter program, inconsistent scheduling at YSC and some coaches who did not meet our new standard. We are committed to addressing these issues in the coming season. Given the current reality of very tight indoor space and unsatisfactory experiences at YSC, we are looking at other options. We will likely utilize more outdoor winter training competitions. We may have to scale back the winter offerings at the Santos level to ensure that we can deliver the quality and value for which we strive. We will better tailor the winter programs to the needs of each Samba team, especially at the older age groups. And we *will* communicate better and sooner than we did last year.

We know that travel soccer is expensive. As a community club, we take seriously our obligation to be responsible stewards of the money you pay for the program. We have held fees flat year over year (last year's cost included uniforms), even while we continue to improve the program. Thanks to donations from several businesses, we will shortly announce a rebate for families with multiple children in travel soccer. And we are easing the transition to travel soccer with a discount for our youngest players. We believe our program provides great value, especially when compared to other club programs which charge \$2000 or more (without uniforms).



We also think you should know where your money goes. This chart provides an overview for 2018/19:



As you can see:

1. 65% of the fees go to coaching and the Director of Coaching
2. Tournament fees, league fees and referee fees make up another 19%
3. We dedicate a portion of our budget every year for scholarships

We are able to keep costs constrained because much of the Club's administration is run by volunteers. We will need your help this coming season. We have many roles to fill. Please contact Megen Karakelian ([megenkarakelian@radnorsoccerclub.org](mailto:megenkarakelian@radnorsoccerclub.org)) or me if you are interested in volunteering.

We are always looking for ways to improve. If you have ideas or questions, please go to [Contact Us](#) on [radnorsoccerclub.org](http://radnorsoccerclub.org) or email me ([scotttoomey@radnorsoccerclub.org](mailto:scotttoomey@radnorsoccerclub.org)).

Thank you for choosing RSC for your children and we look forward to a great travel soccer year!

Best regards.

Scott Toomey, President