



Benoni Northern Football Club

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Football Fees

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Hi [REDACTED]

For a number of years now, the football section has kept their fees well below inflation and not in line with increasing costs. Prior to last year, we hadn't increased our fees for 3 years. We now find ourselves in a position where our reserves are depleted, we can no longer subsidize the annual fees and have no option but to increase our fees accordingly. Please note, that our fees are still much cheaper than those competitor clubs which are similar in size to ours & provide the same or similar product offering. The likes of Olympia, Corinthians, Bedfordview and Randburg charge in excess of R3000 per kid.

If you had attended our football AGM, you would have noted that the total costs associated to running the football section last season came to R800 000, we have +- 500 members and this equates to R1600 per player, we only charged R1450 last year. Big ticket items include the likes of kit R175 000, balls R48 000, field Maintenance R157 000, referees fees R83 000, affiliated fees to Easterns R126 000, main club subs R72 000, equipment R245 000 etc.

Without all the facts and a full understanding of how each sub-section works (membership numbers, associated running costs, the specific needs of that sport etc.), it is unfair to provide comparison commentary in terms of the different fee structures. We are in no position to compare our annual fees to that of Athletics.

In order to relieve the financial burden on parents, the football committee has agreed on the following payment plan. A minimum payment of R800 on registration and the balance to be paid over 3 months at R300 per month.

We also provide a discount for those parents registering more than one child ie. 1st child R1700, 2nd R1500 and 3rd or more R1300 each.

Parents who coach at the club also receive a discount, should you be interested in taking one of our teams please let us know.

Not taking into account running costs, when you consider that you son plays football for a minimum of 6 months, he trains twice a week, he plays a league or cup match almost every weekend, he gets a coach, a kit, he is provided with training equipment, he has the usage of the club facilities etc. All this comes at a cost of less than R300 pm, we believe the R1700 fee not to be astronomical as you put it but rather fair and in line with running costs. In some cases sports like tennis, cricket, golf and even football outside our club charge in excess of R200 per session for coaching.

Having said the above, we do understand the current economic climate and hardship that some folks are going through.

We hope this answers your e-mail. Please do not hesitate to give me a call on my cell should you deem fit to discuss the matter further.

Regards

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