

## **Xolos FC Academy NJ**

After some research we have determined that we are \$1,000 to \$2,000 less expensive per year than other comparable programs. This is a very big gap between us and other programs and we are not really sure what they are providing for such fees. As such, we are the lowest cost Soccer Academy program of its type in New Jersey. We are determined to keep the overall costs as low as possible to all our member families. The costs for EDP registration, Tournaments, Referee fees and Field usage have skyrocketed in the last few years as well, making the world of "Pay to Play" even more costly.

In order to maintain the level of service and quality that we provide, we will start a monthly fundraiser of \$40 to be paid twice per month of \$20 each. This will help bridge the gap, so that we can enter more EDP based events, including indoor leagues and Futsal this winter. As a thank you for all of your support with the fundraisers, we will be providing NY Red Bull Game tickets for a game to all of our players during the 2019/2020 game season.

The alternative is to raise our tuition by a significant amount and that is not something we wish to do. The monthly fundraiser will alleviate the need for any such increase at this point.

At some point in the future our parent Club in Tijuana may assist with funding of our program but we need to grow a bit more first before this is viable. We will be holding our first Xolos Cup next spring that Club Tijuana will sponsor. This is a start to increased support by our parent club. Additionally, we are working with them on setting up friendly games of the First team Xolos with the NY Red Bulls, New York FC and Philadelphia Union. All of our Academy teams would be invited to the games and have access to the players at these events.

Lastly, EDP has asked us if we can join the National league program, which will provide the highest level of competition nationally that can be attained and a direct path to US National team play and collegiate opportunities. We are not ready for this step yet but it is a door open to us once we are ready.

I want to thank all the players and their families for their continued support as this journey has only really just begun.

Joe DiMauro

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