

Proposal to: Town of Richmond Selectboard

From: Richmond Soccer Volunteers/Parents Paul and Danielle Altenburg, Matt Kramer, Lynsey Nally, Adam Burnett, Austin Ziskie, as well as Mansfield United, represented by Emmet Manning

Subject: Bringing Richmond Rec Soccer under Mansfield United SC programming

Dear Selectboard,

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We write to you as community members whose kids love soccer, and they love playing Richmond Soccer with their peers.

Our proposal outlines a plan to bring Richmond Soccer under Mansfield United Soccer Club programming. This model currently exists for Jericho and Underhill Recreational soccer and has been successful there for many years.

History: For the past several years, Mansfield United has already been managing registrations and tracking funds for Richmond Soccer. Mansfield would deduct Vermont State Association registration fees (\$10) and a small processing fee (\$5). The balance they would bring to the town in a check and those funds would be deposited into a town account. In previous seasons Rec volunteers would request reimbursement for soccer expenses from that town account.

As with many local programs – volunteer turn-over can be a challenge – it can be hard to sustain quality and consistency in a program. Bringing the program in under an established local club and continuing to work with local volunteers will help to alleviate some of the “next wave” challenges. We are a group of parents who love soccer would like to see it flourish and grow a bit and believe this will help. We have all stepped up to help in any way we can. Emmet Manning has agreed to incorporate Richmond Rec soccer into Mansfield United’s programming. Being part of Mansfield United would provide access to more resources and support and the club benefits from having another strong rec program that flows seamlessly into a next step of Travel Soccer. It keeps all local soccer programming cohesive as the player’s progress. The support Richmond would get from Mansfield United also helps alleviate the volunteer burden and enhance the overall program quality.

Mansfield United will establish Richmond Rec (R-League) as a club program. They will manage and collect the registration fees, purchase supplies as needed, and coordinate the program: field set up, coaches, schedule, and team rosters. This structured framework will help in several ways: it provides a path and clear direction for our volunteers, an established format they don’t need to create allowing them to focus more on coaching and less on logistical issues. The connection to Mansfield United will allow for a broader base of volunteer support from an established program. Exposure to Mansfield United provides the additional benefit of having families familiar with Mansfield’s other programs including access to summer programs, spring soccer, and various tournaments. These programs provide more opportunities for player development and engagement.

Mansfield will rely on Richmond Soccer volunteers to help execute; lead coordinators, lining of the fields, initial venue set up, and organize sessions to ensure things run smoothly.

Players will still be registered with the State Association which provides secondary insurance.

For the current town fund soccer account containing \$17,343, Mansfield would like to present initial expenditures to include: small goals purchased for the new program format (\$4,000.00), purchase two field liners to have on hand at Volunteer Green if the current liners are not in good working order (\$230.00) and there will be miscellaneous costs for start-up needs and any residual issues from past seasons (about \$1,000).

We also propose setting aside funds to help support families with scholarships for those who cannot afford the registration fee.

The Town of Richmond will continue to mow and maintain the fields where Richmond Soccer plays, and we would appreciate the continued use of fields at no charge as a community based non-profit program.

Here is an outline of the program:

A recreational coed soccer league serving the Richmond community, Mansfield United Soccer Club's R-League is an instructional non-results-oriented league that is supported solely by volunteers who dedicate their time for the development of each individual player and strive to achieve a love of the game for all.

AGE GROUPS

U4 - "PITCHNIKS" - ALL PLAYERS BORN 2020

U5/U6 – U6 - "KICKS" – ALL PLAYERS BORN IN 2018 and 2019

U7/U8 – U8 –"BALLERS" – ALL PLAYERS BORN IN 2016 and 2017

REGISTRATION –

July 15th, 2024 – August 15th 2024

per player program fee -\$30 + uniform shirt (families order direct)

UNIFORM-

Challenger Sports - [Mansfieldunited - Home \(challengerteamwear.com\)](https://www.mansfieldunited.com/home/challengerteamwear.com)

Pawnee reversible shirt – navy / white \$25 - order deadline August 9th

DATES -

R-League will run – Sunday 9/8 – Sunday 10/20

WEEKLY SCHEDULE -

SUNDAYS – K-League – Pitchniks & Kicks 12:00, Ballers 2:00pm,

TUESDAYS – K-League – Pitchniks & Kicks -5:30 pm -6:30 pm

THURSDAYS – K-League – Ballers - 5:30 pm -6:30 pm

LOCATION

Volunteers Green Richmond, VT

REGISTRATION LINK -

Player Registration URL:

https://system.gotsport.com/programs/444536193?reg_role=player

Thank you so much for your consideration of this proposal. We welcome your thoughts and questions.

Sincerely,

Paul and Danielle Altenburg, Matt Kramer, Lynsey Nally, Adam Burnett, Austin Ziskie, and Mansfield United Soccer Club, represented by Emmet Manning

R-League

REVENUE

| | fee | players | ext |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| *Program Fees 2024 | \$ 30.00 | 100 | \$3,000 |
| One-time Richmond transfer | | | \$17,343 |

EXPENSE

| | \$\$ | Q | ext |
|--------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|
| field paint (case) | \$75.00 | 10 | \$750.00 |
| gear | | | \$500.00 |
| Got Sport | \$5.00 | 100 | \$500.00 |
| VSA | \$10.00 | 100 | \$1,000.00 |
| Scholarship Funds | 30 | 8 | \$240.00 |
| | | | <u>\$2,990.00</u> |

PROGRAM NET \$10.00

One-Time Costs

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|----|-------------------|
| Small Soccer Goals | \$400.00 | 10 | \$4,000.00 |
| *Misc startup costs | | | \$1,000.00 |
| Field Liners | \$115.00 | 2 | \$230.00 |
| | | | <u>\$5,230.00</u> |

Balance \$12,113
Transfer Funds

*- Goal is to keep program cost low

* Possible uniform costs from prior year