



2021-2022 AJAX Information

Thank you for choosing NB AJAX Soccer Club!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Please refer to the Ajax calendar (League Apps Mobile App), as this will be your primary source of general information & important dates for your team & for NB AJAX SC throughout the year.

June 1-July 6: No Training

July 7-Aug 4: Training

August 9-12: Required Boot Camp (additional cost)

August 13: OneTwo Soccer Tourney (in house at Weston)

August 16: Regular Team Training Starts (Fall)

August 21-22; 28-19; & Sept 4-6: possible Preseason Tourneys

September 11: first weekend of Fall Games (possibly)

November 13-14; 20-21: Post-season Tourneys

November 23-27: Thanksgiving Break

December 8-9: Staff / Alumni vs Player games (during training)

December 10-January 9: Christmas Break – no training

January 10: return Regular Team Training returns (Spring)

February 5-6; 12-13: possible Preseason tourneys

February 19: first weekend of Spring Games

March: Spring Break (based on school calendars)

May: Tryouts (set by the leagues)

PLAYER & PARENT HANDBOOK:

The 2021-2022 *NB AJAX Soccer Club Parent / Player Handbook* can be found online at www.nbajax.com on the “Documents & Forms” page. The handbook contains information regarding NB AJAX SC policies & procedures. All players & their families are expected to abide by & support the policies & procedures included in the handbook. If you have additional questions, please contact your head coach, team manager, or the NB AJAX SC Business Director, Jen Raley, as described in the handbook.

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT:

Each **family** is required to commit five (5) hours during the seasonal year as a volunteer in support of Club events & needed requests. There are several ways to cover this commitment. Please refer to the Volunteer page, under the AJAX Select Soccer tab on the website for a complete list of approved events and/or activities that qualify for service hours. **These hours are tracked & it is your responsibility to ensure proper credit is received.** Volunteers are not automatically assigned to any event. Prior to a need, a request for volunteers will be sent by email. Most volunteer opportunities do not require knowledge of soccer. Volunteers can be any family member & all hours are credited toward the family requirement.

Parents/Families choosing not to volunteer will pay a **Buy-out fee** of **\$75**. If the buy-out option is chosen, payment must be made upon registration. Parents who do not buy-out & do not fulfill the five (5) hour requirement will be **billed \$75** at the end of the seasonal year.

AJAX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

There are many children in the New Braunfels area who possess the ability & desire to succeed on & off the soccer field, however, lack the financial means to play select soccer. To help address this need, AJAX provides need based financial aid. Money raised for the program provides reduced fees for qualified families in our club. Last season ('20-'21) approximately 35-40 players (10-15% of the players) qualified for varying amounts of financial aid. These awards are based on economic need using the Federal Poverty Guidelines & State of Texas Reduced & Free Lunch Program as a decision-making tool. Awards are reviewed & made by Scholarship Committee. Awards are not & cannot be based on talent.

As a part of our annual giving campaign, we offer families the option to make a one time payment in an amount of their choosing, to be credited to the NB AJAX SC Financial Aid Program. Please consider donating to help our financial aid program provide soccer for deserving players.

When applying for the spring season only, limited funds remain for financial aid awards. However, applications are still available & are reviewed.

If financial aid is needed, the **Financial Aid Application** is due in the NB AJAX SC Business Director, Jen Raley, by **June 30, 2021**. A written decision will be mailed/emailed prior to the August 1st payment due date. Payment of the \$200 or \$300 commitment fee is **required** at the time of signing. The commitment fee cannot be included in financial aid considerations & is non-refundable. For questions concerning Financial Aid or player payments, please contact Jen Raley at nbajax@live.com.

EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

All players are expected to meet a high standard of commitment. Players are expected to attend all practices & participate in all league games & tournaments. Although we strive to provide quality playing time for all players, there are NO guarantees of playing time. Academy, Division 2, and Super II coaches' teams will make every effort to play each player at least one-half of each game, except when players are injured, ill, absent from training, or for disciplinary reasons. All players should expect to play in several tournaments, possibly on holiday weekends, including Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, &/or others.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE:

Once your player has been assigned to a team, you must submit a copy of a birth certificate to verify their legal name and date of birth, if you have not already done this in a previous seasonal year. There is a secure link on the website registration page to upload the copy.

Annual 2020-2021 FEES:

Commitment fee is required plus monthly payments:

	D2, Super II, D1	SCL, Premier
Commit Fee: (Due in June)	\$200	\$300
Monthly Payments:	(Pay over 10 mo.)	(Pay over 10 mo.)
	\$180	\$185
Sibling Discount (applied after registration)	\$10 per month per player	\$10 per month per player

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

The commitment fee is \$200 (D2, Super II, D1) & \$300 (USC, SCL & Premier). Each player must pay this fee. Payments are due on the first (1st) of each month unless otherwise requested by the parents to the Business Director, Jen Raley.

AJAX charges an annual fee. If you choose, this annual fee can be broken down into monthly installments.

AJAX does not charge a monthly training fee and does not discount for missed training days, weeks or months.

All accounts must be paid in full by May 15 each year. If a team/player moves up in level of play during the seasonal year, they will pay the higher fee and if a team/player moves down a level during the seasonal year, the fees are prorated accordingly.

Monthly payments are made directly to the Club via credit/debit card (cash payments can be made if arranged with the Business Manager, Jen Raley). Monthly automatic payments may be set up for MasterCard/Visa/Discover/American Express through League Apps. Automatic payments will process on the first (1st) of each month (unless other arrangements are made). **A \$40 fee will be charged for any NSF check or declined credit/debit card.**

Failure to pay your monthly fees for sixty (60) days, will invoke the "NO PAY- NO TRAIN" Club Disciplinary Policy. Players will not be eligible to participate in team practice until payment issues are resolved.

Annual fees include all coaching/training fees, annual league fees (i.e., qualifying tournaments, Spring Cups, etc.), individual player registration fees (membership, insurance, etc). Additional costs include non-league tournament fees (determined by Ajax Coaching Staff), all player travel expenses, & out-of-Austin/San Antonio team travel costs for coaches at these events. Fees remain the same regardless of the number of days your player attends training, the number of weeks for training, days missed due to weather or number of games in the season. During the season if the player's division status changes, fees will be adjusted accordingly. **Fees will not be refunded or forgiven due to player absences, withdrawals, or early release from a team. The only exception to this policy is if the player provides the office with documented proof of an injury that prevents them from playing for a at least 6 weeks. Prorated refunds for documented injuries can be arranged.**

UNIFORMS

ORDERING YOUR UNIFORM:

Following your team assignment, you will receive an email with a link to our NB AJAX SC uniform page with Soccer.com. Follow the link to order your player's uniform. **Uniform numbers (#) can be chosen by the player after confirmation with the Team Manager or Club Business Director. If your child will be dual rostered or play in multiple leagues or multiple teams, NB AJAX reserves the right to assign a jersey number to minimize unnecessary & costly number changes and/or jersey purchases throughout this uniform cycle.** You will need to choose each required uniform piece, as well as ordering any optional uniform pieces directly from the Soccer.com. Once you have all required uniform pieces, please check out & complete your order using your credit card. Be sure and include your mailing address, as all uniforms will be shipped directly to your address from Soccer.com. Please plan for a four to six (4-6) week delivery timeframe. **UNIFORM DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS JULY 10, 2021 .**

Samples of the uniform kit pieces for sizing can be available at the Field Office at Weston Soccer Fields during scheduled training times during July. Please contact NB AJAX SC Business Director, Jen Raley, if you need assistance.

MANDATORY UNIFORM PACKAGE:

The cost of the New Balance uniform kit is approximately \$185 (can be less with youth sizes) (shipping charges will apply after July 1, 2020). The select uniform package must be purchased through Soccer.com.

The New Balance uniform package includes two (2) game jerseys, two (2) pairs of game shorts, two (2) pairs of game socks (1 black, 1 grey), and one (1) training shirt. **The warm-up & backpack are optional pieces of the uniform package this year only.** Additional uniform pieces, logo wear, soccer balls, etc. are available online through Soccer.com.

GOALKEEPER (GK) UNIFORM:

There are optional Goalkeeper uniform items available for order on the Soccer.com order link online. However, NB AJAX does not require GKs to purchase these items. GKs can purchase GK jerseys wherever they would like. GKs are REQUIRED to have an approved jersey number on the back of their jersey & an NB AJAX SC logo patch on the front, left breast of the jersey. Numbers & patches can be heat sealed on the jersey through our logo wear provider, IAP Laser. Please contact the NB AJAX SC Business Director, Jen Raley, at nbajax@live.com for instructions & details.

SCHEDULING

INITIAL SCHEDULE:

In August, our Ajax coaches will attend a scheduling meeting to work with opposing clubs/coaches to schedule the entire year's games. Approximately a week later, the schedule will be published by the league & is considered official. After the games are published, any changes to games (that are not caused by weather) require an agreement by both teams to a new date/time, approval from the home team's field assignor, a fee to be paid, & a form submitted for processing to the league at least 10 days in advance. **If all these steps are not met, & a team does not play the game, that team will forfeit the game. The league will charge the team \$250 per forfeit, which will be the parent's responsibility to pay.**

RAINOUT GAMES:

If a game is rained out, the same process as above must happen within 72 hours of the original game date – but no fee is due.

WEATHER POLICY

GAMES and TRAINING:

NB AJAX always wants all games & training sessions to happen as scheduled. As a staff & board, we want to wait to make decisions about field status when we are confident our decision is correct. Fields are closed when it is felt that the safety of the players is in question, that traveling to the complex puts families in danger, or that the damage to the fields could provide an unsafe playing surface. Most decisions will be made in the mornings for weekend games, or as soon as we can for weeknight games. On training nights, our weather policy targets 2:00 pm as our decision deadline. Sometimes the decision will be to move training to an alternate site (Soccer Zone or NBMS/ORMS turf field). AJAX makes every effort to make sure that training is not cancelled. AJAX will only communicate cancellations to the membership.

League Apps NB AJAX mobile app:

This is the primary communication hub/app for the entire club. Parents & players are asked to download the app to their phones or tablets to ensure that they receive timely & accurate club/team information. The League Apps AJAX SOCCER CLUB mobile app is flexible & can be set up differently for each user. "HOW-TO" information meetings will be set up throughout the year.