

F.A.Q.'s

Parents, as stated in the preceding letter there is no conclusion to our merger discussions. Moreover, the details for the model for this club have yet to be finalized, although the outline for the model has been. Based on this outline, and shared core values and interests in what we feel is in all of our kids' best interest, we can answer some questions you may have at this point. We have listed these 'Frequently Asked Questions' below with their responses. As more detailed information is finalized, we will continue to share this information with our membership.

- **How will it affect most children at the current U9-U17 ages that compete at the CUSL C1-C5 levels?**
 - For most kids they will continue to play and train in the same teams, locations, and neighborhoods that they are in now. We feel that it is important that our kids at this competition level continue to experience the practicality of 'playing in their neighborhoods'.
- **What is the cost going to be for children at the current U9-U17 ages that compete at the CUSL C1-C5 levels?**
 - There should be very little change for the children that are participating at these levels. Moreover, we fully expect a structure that continues to give teams the same freedom to choose the tournament(s) they attend and the associated costs, the choice of whether or not to have a professional coach, etc. Therefore much of the cost these teams will incur will continue to be dependant on the goals and aspirations of these individual teams.
- **How will it affect the current teams participating in the U9-U17 ages that compete at the CUSL C1-C5 levels?**
 - Most of these teams should continue to move forward as they are presently being managed, training and playing in the same locations/neighborhoods. The only anticipated changes at this time would be a transition to a different uniform, integrated soccer curriculum and coaching education across the combined club, and a vastly improved working relationship between the sites to help teams who may have shortages in players.
- **How will it affect me as a coach for one of my U9-U17 teams that compete at the CUSL C1-C5 levels?**
 - For most coaches there should not be any change, other than an improved support structure, they will continue to move forward with their current teams. Certainly they will benefit from integrated soccer curriculum across the combined club, and a working relationship between the sites to help teams who may have shortages in players.
- **How will it affect the league placement and bracketing for current teams participating in the U9-U17 ages that compete at the CUSL C1-C5 levels?**
 - This merger should have no influence over changing the current systems within the club, or within the leagues that we participate in.
- **How is such a large club going to service so many kids?**
 - The club will be designed to provide big opportunities for those who have the ability and desire to capture them, while still being managed with all of the advantages of participating in a 'smaller club'. This will be done by independent 'site' management, with many of the management consistencies that we see in Lakota United right now.

- **How is this going to affect many of the children who compete at the ‘Premier level’?**
 - This club will have a truly ‘Premier Program’ run and coached by soccer professionals beginning at U11. Teams will be regionally and nationally competitive. It will be geared toward specially athletic and highly focused soccer players and managed with the sole intention of providing developmentally and age appropriate instruction and competition. At this time we do not have a cost developed for this program.