

Twin County Soccer Association

Title: Policy on Financial Assistance

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Purpose

The Twin County Soccer Association (TCSA) is committed to making soccer accessible to all children, regardless of financial circumstances. This policy outlines the process, eligibility, and guidelines for families seeking financial assistance for Club Registration Fees.

Scope

This policy applies to all families of players registered with TCSA who demonstrate financial need and wish to request assistance with Club Registration Fees. Financial assistance does not apply to costs such as uniforms, camps, travel expenses, or additional team events.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for financial assistance:

1. **Player Registration:** Players must be registered in the TCSA online registration system.
2. **Demonstrated Financial Need:** Applicants must provide requested documentation to demonstrate financial need (e.g., pay stubs, participation in assistance programs such as SNAP or Medicaid).
3. **Volunteering Requirement:** Families receiving financial assistance are required to volunteer a minimum of three times during the seasonal year. Families are encouraged to volunteer more often to support the club's operations and events. Failure to meet this requirement may impact future eligibility.
4. **Annual Application:** Financial assistance must be reapplied for each seasonal year. Previous awards do not guarantee future assistance.

Request Procedures

1. **Application Submission:**
 - All requests must be submitted through the online financial assistance form.
 - No requests will be accepted via email, word of mouth, or other unofficial channels.
2. **Supporting Documentation:** Applicants must provide any necessary documentation to verify financial need.
3. **Application Timeline:** Applications are accepted year-round. Awards are based on available funds, which are limited. Families are encouraged to apply early to increase the likelihood of receiving assistance.

Review Process

1. **Committee Review:**

- Applications are reviewed by a financial aid committee appointed by the Board of Directors.
- The committee allocates funds based on demonstrated need and the availability of resources.

2. **Confidentiality:** All application information is kept strictly confidential and used solely to assess eligibility.

3. **Outcome Notification:** Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision as soon as possible after the review process.

Funding Limitations

- Financial assistance is limited by the availability of funds, which are subsidized by donations and fundraising efforts.
- Assistance is not guaranteed, even if the applicant meets eligibility criteria.
- Financial aid will replace sibling discounts for families with multiple players in the club.

Exclusions

Financial assistance applies only to Club Registration Fees and does not cover additional items such as, uniforms, camps, travel expenses, fees for additional events or tournaments, etc.

Volunteer Requirement

All families receiving financial assistance must volunteer a minimum of three times during the seasonal year. Examples of volunteer activities may include:

- Assisting with club events or fundraisers
- Helping at games or practices
- Supporting administrative tasks

Families who fail to meet this requirement may jeopardize their eligibility for future financial aid.

Responsibilities

- **Families:** Ensure accurate and timely submission of the application and required documentation. Fulfill volunteer commitments as outlined in this policy.
- **Financial Aid Committee:** Conduct fair and thorough reviews of all applications and allocate funds based on demonstrated need and available resources.

Policy Review and Amendments

This policy is subject to periodic review by the Twin County Soccer Association Board of Directors. Amendments may be made as needed to align with the club's mission and financial resources.