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Section IV. FSC Financial Assistance Policy

1.0 Financial Assistance.

Fishers Soccer Club (FSC) believes in providing a quality soccer experience at all age levels and capabilities for a reasonable cost. While FSC considers our fee structure to be competitive, the club also recognizes that for some, this fee may be prohibitive. Therefore, FSC has adopted a financial assistance policy that is designed to be fair and appropriate. Although FSC does not wish to see any interested, qualified child refused an opportunity to participate because of cost, the club also realizes that not all applications can be approved, and discretion must be used when analyzing financial assistance requests.

1.1 Financial Assistance Committee Defined.

For the purpose of this policy, “Financial Assistance Committee” shall be defined as a committee composed of the FSC President, Treasurer and Registrar.

2.0 Recreational Division Financial Assistance.

Financial assistance shall be made available to participants in the Recreational (Rec) division. Such assistance shall be in the form of single season or full-year, based on the registered status of the player. Rec division financial assistance is administered by the Southeastern Program of Recreational Team Sports (SPORTS). Rec players requesting financial assistance should contact the SPORTS office.

3.0 Recreational Plus Division Financial Assistance.

Financial assistance shall be made available to participants in the Recreational Plus (Rec Plus) division. Such assistance shall be in the form of single season or full-year, based on the registered status of the player. All scholarships are based on the guidelines as set forth by the Southeastern Program of Recreational Team Sports (SPORTS). Rec Plus division financial assistance is administered by the Fishers SC Registrar and the funding is provided by the Southeastern Program of Recreational Team Sports (SPORTS) Scholarship Funds. Rec Plus players requesting financial assistance should complete the Fishers Soccer Club Financial Assistance Application-Rec Plus form and submit along with any required documents to the address or fax number listed on the application. Please note that Rec Plus financial assistance only covers the registration fee and does not cover the required uniform fee.

4.0 Travel Division Financial Assistance.

Financial assistance shall be made available to participants in the Travel division. The maximum dollar amount awarded annually for financial assistance for the Travel division shall be based on FSC’s prior year profits from the Halloween Classic Tournament and approved by a majority of board members prior to tryouts. FSC will maintain an internal guidance document containing historical data including the amounts allocated to scholarships and justification the Board used to define those amounts.



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Financial assistance shall be in the form of up to one-half of registration fees only, and shall be awarded based upon the player's family qualification for free/reduced lunch through the school system. Uniform fees, and other ancillary costs such as indoor league registration fees, shall not be included in financial assistance awards. These costs shall be the responsibility of the participants.

Additional Funds are available to travel players in the amount of the full year participation fee for rec soccer. This is administered through the registrar and the funding is provided by Southeastern Program of Recreational Team Sports (SPORTS) through their scholarship funds.

The combination of funding from FSC and SPORTS will not exceed more than 50% of the registration fees.

FSC will apply to the respective boys and girls leagues on behalf of the applicant for the remaining balance of the registration fees. This shall not be construed as a guarantee, by either FSC and/or the applicable league, that financial assistance will be awarded by the league.

4.1 Financial Assistance Request Requirements.

The FSC financial assistance application must be submitted by no later than 7 days following the close of tryouts. The club shall consider the official submission date to be either the postmark date or the date on which the document was hand-delivered to either the FSC Registrar or to another member of the FSC Financial Assistance Committee.

To be considered, the applicant must complete the FSC application in its entirety and must also submit all a copy of a free/reduced lunch approval dated within the previous 12 months. As such, a player who participates on a girls team is required to complete the GIRLS scholarship application in its entirety and submit it to FSC along with the FSC financial assistance application. A player who participates on a boys team is required to submit written information for CIYSL explaining the basis of the financial assistance request, and submit this written information to FSC along with the FSC financial assistance application.

4.2 Determination of Need.

All applications submitted by the deadline date shall be reviewed, and will be either approved or disapproved, by the FSC Financial Assistance Committee. The financial needs of an applicant do not guarantee the award of assistance. The FSC Financial Assistance Committee shall have final authority regarding this matter. Decisions are final and no appeal will be accepted.

4.3 Notice regarding Financial Assistance Determination.

FSC will provide applicants with notice regarding whether their applications were approved or denied. Families that submit their applications by the deadline date shall be notified about the decision, and the amount of the award, if any, by no later than 7 days following the application deadline (i.e. 14 days after the close of tryouts). Families that submit their application after the



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deadline date shall receive notification by no later than 7 days after the submission of their application.

4.4 Payment and Registration Requirements for Financial Assistance Applicants.

All financial assistance awards will be adjusted off of the registration fee amount. As such, financial assistance applicants should not register their children following tryouts until after receiving notification regarding the decision on their applications. For recipients who utilize the installment plan, the award will be adjusted off of the payment after registration is complete and the remaining amount due will be adjusted to reflect the payment plan chosen during the registration process. The adjusted amounts and dates will be emailed to the recipient once registration is completed. Any ancillary fees, such as uniform fees, shall be the complete responsibility of the individual family and must be paid by the requisite due dates.

If an application is not approved, the applicant must pay, at the time of registration, either the full registration fee or the first installment under the payment plan chosen. Final payment of the registration fee, if any, shall be due by no later than the dates agreed upon during the registration process.. Any additional ancillary fees, such as uniform fees, shall be the complete responsibility of the individual family and must be paid by the requisite due dates.

4.4.1 Late Payments.

Late payments shall be cause for the player suspension from the FSC Travel program and revocation of the player's IYS player pass until such time that all fee obligations have been satisfied. *Please note that reinstatement may take up to one week to process.*

4.5 Special Instructions for Applicants who cannot Commit to the Travel Program until after Notification of the Financial Assistance Determination.

Applicants whose decision about registering for the Travel program is largely dependent upon receiving financial assistance must contact the Registrar to inform him/her of the situation. Such contacts should be made as soon as possible, and must be made by no later than the application deadline (i.e. 7 days following the close of tryouts).

4.5.1 Opting to Switch Over to the Rec Program.

The Rec Registration deadline shall be extended for FSC Travel financial assistance applicants who opt to switch over to the Rec program following the decision on their financial assistance application. The families of these players must complete the Rec registration form and deliver it in person to either the Rec Director(s) or the SPORTS office with full payment by no later than the first business day after the notification deadline (i.e. the first business day after 14 days following the close of tryouts). The late fee will be waived for these players and placement on a team will be guaranteed.



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4.6 Volunteering In Lieu of Payment.

Volunteering in lieu of payment of base registration fees, uniform fees or other ancillary costs shall not be permitted. All financial assistance applicants are required to participate in the standard Travel division volunteering and fundraising mandates. Failure to complete the agreed upon volunteer and fundraising requirements may be cause for the player to be removed from the team and not allowed to participate until the requirements have been met.



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TRAVEL Player Financial Assistance Application

Travel financial assistance applications must be submitted by no later than 7 days following the final night of scheduled tryouts. The official submission date is defined as either the postmark date or the date on which the document was hand-delivered to either the FSC Registrar or to another member of the FSC Financial Assistance Committee.

All applications must be submitted with a copy of the free/reduced lunch approval, dated within the past 12 months. Any applications submitted without this, will not be considered.

All players who submit this application must complete the GIRLS scholarship application or financial aid request form for CIYSL.

All fields must be filled out. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Date of Application: _____ Age Group of Player: _____ Boys/Girls

Has applicant applied for financial assistance in the past? Yes/No

Does applicant currently play for Fishers SC? (Circle one) Travel Rec

If current FSC Travel player, Team Name: _____

Player Name: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____

Applicant Address: _____

Applicant E-mail: _____

Applicant Phone Number: _____

Do you qualify for free or reduced lunch program? Yes/No

I, (*print parent/guardian name*) _____, the parent of (*print player name*) _____ give permission to a representative from Fishers Soccer Club to submit a copy of the Free/Reduced Lunch approval to S.P.O.R.T.S. for the purpose of possibly being awarded a scholarship up to the amount of the full year recreational soccer fee for my player's age group. If a scholarship is awarded, it will be forwarded to Fishers Soccer Club and my players account will be credited the amount. An email notifying me of the award and the application to the player's account will be sent. Additionally, by signing below, I am agreeing that all confidentiality agreements that apply to the Fishers Soccer Club Financial Assistance Policy and Procedure apply to this document and all additional documents supplied to support the submission for the S.P.O.R.T.S. scholarship. I understand that it is optional that I submit this document and the supporting documents to Fishers Soccer Club and that in no way will it affect my player's eligibility to play.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please mail this document **and the Free/Reduced Lunch approval letter that has been received in the past 12 months.** If you are unable to locate your copy, please contact Faye Waugh at the HSE Administration Building at 317-594-4100.

Mail to:
Fishers Soccer Club
ATTN: Registrar
PO Box 129
Fishers, IN 46038

Fax to:
317-245-2212



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Financial Assistance Acknowledgement of Policy

I certify that all information provided by me in this request for financial assistance is true and accurate, and that FSC may request additional clarifying information during the application evaluation process. _____(initial)

I understand that I must complete the FSC application in its entirety and also submit along with the FSC application all information necessary for consideration for a scholarship from the applicable league (i.e Players on girls teams must also complete the GIRLS application in its entirety and submit it along with the FSC application and players on boys teams must submit information for CIYSL explaining the basis for the financial assistance request and submit this along with the FSC application). _____(initial)

I understand that applying for financial assistance is not a guarantee of approval. _____(initial)

In accordance with Fishers Soccer Club policy, I understand that, if approved, FSC will provide financial assistance for no more that 50% of the registration fees. _____(initial)

I understand that if my request is approved, I shall be required to pay at least one quarter of the travel registration fees at the time of registration. I also understand that my remaining balance, if any, shall be payable in accordance with the payment chosen during the registration process. _____(initial)

I understand that if my application for financial assistance is not approved, and I still choose to participate in the program, I shall be responsible for the full fee. I understand that I must pay, at the minimum, the first installment payment at the time of registration. I understand that I shall be responsible for paying any remaining balance under the installment plan by the due dates agreed upon during the registration process. _____(initial).

I understand that uniform fees and ancillary costs are my responsibility and must be paid by the requisite due dates in accordance with FSC policies. _____(initial)

I understand that failure to complete the agreed upon volunteer and fundraising requirements may be cause for the player to be removed from the team and not allowed to participate until the requirements have been met. _____(initial)

I understand that late payments shall be cause for player suspension from the FSC Travel program and revocation of the player's IYS player pass until such time that all fee obligations have been satisfied and the reinstatement has been processed. _____(initial)

I understand that I must reapply each year for financial assistance. I also understand that an award one year does not entitle me to financial assistance the following year, even if my circumstances are unchanged. _____(initial)

Confidentiality

Information contained in this request for financial assistance is for the sole purpose of assisting the FSC Financial Assistance Committee, and the applicable league, in making fair and accurate decisions regarding financial assistance. Requests are strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone that is not directly involved with the financial assistance request/review/approval process. I understand that FSC will apply to the applicable league for financial assistance on my behalf. As such, I give FSC permission to forward my application to the league in order to be considered for financial assistance.



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Description of Financial Aid Request for CIYSL (boys only)

(Describe in as much detail as possible the reason for financial aid request)



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REC PLUS Player Financial Assistance Application

All fields must be filled out. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Player Name: _____
 Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____
 Applicant Address: _____

 Applicant E-mail: _____
 Applicant Phone Number: _____

Do you qualify for free or reduced lunch program? Yes/No

I, (*print parent/guardian name*) _____, the parent of (*print player name*) _____ give permission to a representative from Fishers Soccer Club to submit a copy of the Free/Reduced Lunch approval to S.P.O.R.T.S. for the purpose of possibly being awarded a scholarship up to the amount of the full year recreational soccer fee for my player's age group. If a scholarship is awarded, it will be forwarded to Fishers Soccer Club and my players account will be credited the amount. An email notifying me of the award and the application to the player's account will be sent. Additionally, by signing below, I am agreeing that all confidentiality agreements that apply to the Fishers Soccer Club Financial Assistance Policy and Procedure apply to this document and all additional documents supplied to support the submission for the S.P.O.R.T.S. scholarship. I understand that it is optional that I submit this document and the supporting documents to Fishers Soccer Club and that in no way will it affect my player's eligibility to play.

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