



Fishers Soccer Club Policy and Procedure



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 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 15% of the club’s prior year profits from the Halloween Classic Tournament.

Financial assistance shall be in the form of up to one-half of base registration fees only, and shall be awarded based upon demonstration of need. The base fee is defined to be the registration fee amount excluding additional training costs for teams with full trainer coverage. 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.

FSC will apply to the respective boys and girls leagues on behalf of the applicant for the remaining balance of the base 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.

3.1 Financial Assistance Request Requirements.

The FSC financial assistance application must be submitted by no later than 7 days following the close of tryouts (i.e. 7 days following the scheduled FSC tryout rainout date). The club shall consider the official submission date to be either the postmark date or the date on which the



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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 information necessary for consideration for a scholarship from the applicable league. 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.

3.2 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.

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

3.4 Payment and Registration Requirements for Financial Assistance Applicants.

All financial assistance awards will be adjusted off of the base 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, half of the award will be adjusted off of the payment at registration and the remaining half will be adjusted off of the remaining balance due on September 1st. Any ancillary fees, such as additional trainer fees and 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 base registration fee or the first installment under the payment plan. Final payment of the base registration fee, if any, shall be due by no later than September 1st. Any additional ancillary fees, such as additional trainer fees or uniform fees, shall be the complete responsibility of the individual family and must be paid by the requisite due dates.

3.4.1 Late Payments.



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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.

3.5 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, Uniform Coordinator, and Travel Director(s) to inform them 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). These individuals can be contacted at the following email addresses: registrar@fisherssc.org, uniformcoordinator@fisherssc.org, traveldirector@fisherssc.org.

3.5.1 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.

3.5.2 Uniform Ordering.

The uniform ordering deadline shall be extended for those players who apply for financial assistance and are unable to make a commitment to play through the Travel program until after receiving notification regarding the decision on their application. Players who are awaiting such notification must contact the uniform coordinator at uniformcoordinator@fisherssc.org by the application deadline (i.e. 7 days following the close of tryouts) to discuss their situation. All such orders must be finalized, and payment must be received, by no later than 1 day following the notification deadline (i.e. 15 days after the close of tryouts). Players who have uniform needs and are awaiting notification of the decision on their application should attend the uniform ordering session to make preliminary uniform ordering decisions.

3.6 Volunteering In Lieu of Payment.

Volunteering in lieu of payment of base registration fees, additional trainer 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. However, as a contingency of financial assistance, the applicant may also be required to volunteer for an additional amount over the standard requirement. 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 applications must be submitted by no later than 7 days following the final night of scheduled tryouts (i.e. 7 days following the scheduled FSC tryout rainout date). 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 prior year's federal tax return. Applicants must also submit a copy of a current earnings statement, if applicable.

All players who participate on a girls team are required to complete the GIRLS scholarship application in its entirety and submit it to FSC along with the FSC financial assistance application. All players who participate on a boys team are required to submit information for CIYSL explaining the basis of the financial assistance request and submit this information to FSC along with the FSC financial assistance application.

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

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

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

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

If current FSC Travel player, Team Manager's Name: _____
Team Manager's Email: _____
Team Manager's Phone: _____

Player Name: _____

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

Applicant Address: _____

Applicant E-mail: _____

Applicant Phone Number: _____

Employed Full-time/Part-time _____

Receive Unemployment? Yes/No

Do you own or rent your home? _____

Number of persons living in household _____

Number of wage earners in household _____

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

Signature: _____

Signature acknowledges acceptance of financial assistance requirements
if approved by FSC Financial Assistance Committee.

Return this completed form, by no later than 7 days following the final night of scheduled tryouts (i.e. 7 days following the scheduled FSC tryout rainout date). 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. Applications received after the requisite date will not be considered.

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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 base registration fees. _____(initial)

I understand that if my request is approved, I shall be required to pay at least one half of the adjusted base registration fees at the time of registration. I also understand that my remaining balance, if any, shall be payable by no later than September 1st. _____(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 no later than September 1st. _____(initial).

I understand that additional trainer fees, if any, will be billed separately and shall be payable by no later than September 1st. _____(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 if approved for financial assistance, I may be required to volunteer time and/or services to FSC that are in addition to the normal parent/guardian volunteering requirements. I also 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. _____(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 in 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

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