

# Kiel Soccer Club

## Financial Aid Guidelines

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Created as a non-profit (501-c3) for the purpose of providing youth soccer experiences to every eligible player who wishes to participate, the Kiel Soccer Club provides a limited amount of financial aid to children whose families are unable to pay the full cost of registration and/or club fees. As a non-profit organization, the Kiel Soccer Club is required by IRS to qualify financial aid based on fairly applied guidelines. Kiel Soccer Club grants financial aid on the basis of financial need (NOT player ability) and requires information to determine the need for financial assistance.

**All players seeking financial assistance are *required* to complete the Financial Aid Application.** The Executive Committee of the Kiel Soccer Club will review your request once we receive ALL required documentation and the application completed. You will be notified on the decision of your request within 30 days of your request. **All information on this form will remain confidential.** Please note that a financial aid request form must be completed for each seasonal year and any previous monies owed for the applicant or any family member must be paid in full prior to any aid being considered.

### **Base Awards:**

Base awards are for registration cost only for the league in which the player is registering for. Awards are granted for the cost of one fall / spring season.

### **Evaluation process will review:**

- 1) Household verified income
- 2) Extreme family events – recent divorce, death, job loss
- 3) Number of siblings playing in club
- 4) Applicants will be ranked using the Federal Low Income Guidelines listed below and will be awarded funds on a most needed basis.

### **Income Eligibility Guidelines**

Kiel Soccer Club utilizes the Federal Low Income Guidelines to determine minimum eligibility.

### **Besides financial need, other criteria the Committee will consider:**

- 1) Additional fundraising efforts on the player's behalf.
- 2) Level of involvement of applicant in youth soccer, as a player, helping other players, referee, or coach.
- 3) Level of involvement of applicant's family (parents, siblings) in youth soccer.
- 4) Has the parent/player made a genuine effort to help fulfill their financial commitments?

### **Other considerations will be based on input from the coach regarding the following:**

- 1) Is the player regularly at practices and games on time?
- 2) Does the player consistently meet Player Expectations?
- 3) Do the parents comply with the Parent Expectations?
- 4) Does the player/parent(s) willingly volunteer for team and club commitments (i.e., fundraisers)?

*\*\* Note: All applicants will be treated similarly regardless of sex, race, color, creed or religious beliefs*

If a player is approved for financial assistance, the club will subsidize the cost of either registration and/or club fees ONLY. Based on funds availability and a player's financial need, FULL or PARTIAL financial aid may be awarded. There will NOT be a check sent to the players or teams. In addition, this financial assistance is NOT intended for player equipment, travel, uniforms or other player/team expenses.

### **Other expectations of the Parent/Player Applying for Financial Aid:**

**All Player Recipients of financial aid are required to provide a minimum of 5 volunteer hours each season**

Questions about financial aid awards for travel players may be directed to the Kiel Soccer Club Administrator at [secretary@kielsoccer.com](mailto:secretary@kielsoccer.com).