



Policy Title: Financial Assistance Policy

Policy Number: 28

1. Purpose

To provide Financial Assistance for players within VSC to ensure that every player has the opportunity to play at their appropriate level.

2. Policy Statement:

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3. Parameters

Player Assistance Eligibility

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- Children must fall between the ages of 4 – 17 years old
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- Must be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident (previously known as a Landed immigrant)
- Must be in good standing with club and must not be under a sanction that prohibits competition as per Ontario Soccer Policies and Procedures
- Player assistance is awarded based on need, using statistics Revenue Canada Low Income Cut-off (LICO) level as guideline as shown in chart and the approved VSC Board income cut-off called (VSCLICO) per chart below.
- The total family household annual income must be below VSC established guideline to be approved for Fee Assistance Program
- Proof of income must be provided by all members of the household that are 18 years of age or older at the time of the application

4. Responsibilities

- Application Form must be submitted according to fee assistance application requirements.
- Applications must include proof of financial need.
 - We will require the “Notice of Assessment” or “Notice of Reassessment” for each family member 18 years and over that lives with you at your residential address. Family refers to all persons living in the same dwelling and related by blood, marriage, legal guardians, common-law relationship or adoption. The total before tax (gross) income is shown on Line 150 of your Revenue Canada Assessment. A tax return summary is not acceptable. The amount shown on line 150 for each family member over age of 18 is added together to determine eligibility.
 - For each applicant who has income such as social security, disability or death benefits, pension, adoption assistance, public assistance, or unemployment a copy of the benefits statement or letter from the provider that states the amount, frequency and duration of the benefit may be required

Club Administrator will review the application form provided by candidates and act as a point of contact for the Vaughan Soccer Club.

Return Application to Sandra Colica at Vaughan Soccer Club:

The Financial Assistance Committee will include the club administrator, treasurer, privacy officer and/or assigned board member.

5. Definitions

Club: Any reference to the Club refers to Vaughan Soccer Club

VSC: Vaughan Soccer Club

6. Cross References

VSC Privacy Policy 14

7. Approval

Approval By Board: May 19, 2020

Effective Date: May 19, 2020

8. Appendix

Schedule A – Vaughan Soccer Fee Assistance Policy

Schedule B - Financial Assistance Request Form

Schedule C - 3rd Party Financial Assistance Program websites

Schedule “A” - Vaughan Soccer Fee Assistance Policy

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Financial Assessment - The following table, provides the Stats Canada Low Income Cut-off (LICO) Tables as at 2019, as a comparison verse the approved VSC Gross Annual Income Cut-off (VSCLICO) guide for assessing financial need:

Family Size	2	3	4	5	6	7+
Gross Annual Income (LICO)	Makes less than \$30,285	Makes less than \$37,235	Makes less than \$45,206	Makes less than \$51,273	Makes less than \$57,826	Makes less than \$64,381
VSC Gross Annual Income (VSCLICO)	Makes less than \$40,000	Makes less than \$47,000	Makes less than \$55,000	Makes less than \$60,000	Makes less than \$70,000	Makes less than \$75,000

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- o For each applicant who has income such as social security, disability or death benefits, pension, adoption assistance, public assistance, or unemployment a copy of the benefits statement or letter from the provider that states the amount, frequency and duration of the benefit may be required
- o For each applicant who is relying on alimony or child support as income a copy of the divorce or other court document; separation agreement or other written agreement filed with the court that states the amount and period of time over which it will be received.

The following sections to be included and considered is for competitive players only:

Technical Assessment (Competitive Programs Only)- A Technical Assessment must be completed by the Club TD, highlighting key attributes of the player in the 4 corners that make him/her a talented player.

Player Commitment - A brief summary, outlining the commitment exhibited by the player and family to soccer within the Club. Summary shall be limited to 150 words.

Community Leadership - Applicants with demonstrable commitment to community service and volunteerism.

Application Information - Club Administrator will review the application form provided by candidates and act as a point of contact for the Vaughan Soccer Club.

Return Application to Sandra Colica at Vaughan Soccer Club:

Email address: sandra.colica@vaughansoccer.com

Program Deadlines:

Recreational / House League Programs	Competitive / Grassroots Programs
Indoor Recreational – October 1	OPDL – January 1
Outdoor Recreational – April 1	Outdoor Competitive/Grassroots – March 31

Confidentiality

All information included on this form is collected in accordance with VSC Club Privacy Policy. Confidentiality will be maintained to protect the privacy of the applicant. Any information collected will only be shared with the VSC Financial Assistance Committee solely for the purpose of determining eligibility of VSC financial assistance.

Schedule "B" - Financial Assistance Request Form

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Are you: Single / Married / Legally Separated / Divorced / Widowed / Other - _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address

Street City Postal Code

Email Address: _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell (Business) # _____

Name of Participant	Date of Birth	Program	Cost of Program

Number of Persons in Household: _____

Number of Person in your Household over 18 Years old: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – please ensure supporting documents are attached.

Family Gross Annual Household Income (previous year supporting documents)

Number of people in household _____

Most recent Notice of Assessment Year _____

**If applying as single parent please attach Notice of Assessment and Benefit Return

Undertaking:

I certify that all of the information provided on this application form and supporting documents are true, accurate and complete. By submitting this application I agree to be bound by all of the rules.

I authorize the release of any information to the Financial Assistance Committee which include the club administrator, treasurer, privacy office and or assigned board member.

Parents Signature

Date

OFFICE USE:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT VSC LICENSE HOLDER OFFICIAL

Prepared by Sandra Colica (Privacy Officer) _____

Date: _____

Reviewed by:

_____ Date _____

Vaughan Soccer Official

Approved Date: _____ **Signature:** _____