



## Financial Aid Guidelines

At River Soccer Club we work hard to make sure that a lack of money isn't a barrier for a child to participate in our programs, funds for Financial Aid are always included in the annual budget. That being said, of course all funds are limited, so it's wise to process those players as soon as you're aware of a need.

We try to keep it simple, basic guidelines and suggestions are listed below, of course we're always open to any and all suggestions. Please contact either Rebecca or Michelle with any questions or comments. Rebecca is 302-462-5662 and Michelle is 302-542-6397; [michelleroenke@gmail.com](mailto:michelleroenke@gmail.com)

- First of all try to be aware and sensitive of any families that may be in need. It's not comfortable for most of us to ask for help, especially financial. Often a family with multiple players will need some financial assistance.
- At the first team meeting its important for the team manager to discuss the season's finances with the parents, making sure that all expenses are clear from the beginning. Let them know after the costs are explained that Financial Aid is available, and that they can speak with you privately. If language is a barrier please ask Rebecca or Michelle and they'll get someone other than the player to translate.
- You must stress that this is not a hand out. It is not to be re-paid by money, but rather by helping out at the Club. RSC is run by volunteers and there are ALWAYS things that need to be done. Again you may need to help them find a "job" and Rebecca is always willing to help. See attached sheet for some suggestions.
- The form "Request for Financial Aid" is located on the RSC website, (under More/Team Manager's Page) and there are usually some forms at the clubhouse. Please fill this out with your family and get it to Michelle. The team manager must then record the time worked. The log sheets are in the red binder located in the clubhouse. Each request will be assigned a number to assure confidentiality, and you will know the number. This will all be self-explanatory when you see the forms. Let Michelle know when the work is completed.
- For ease of bookkeeping Rich only writes the checks once a season, at the end. We're aware that this can be difficult sometimes, also included is a sheet with some suggestions to help with your team finances.

**Thanks for all you do**, anyone involved in youth sports knows that the unsung heroes and the real workhorses are the team managers. Please know that what you do makes a difference, and it is appreciated!

*The mission of the River Soccer Club is to provide instructional and competitive youth soccer opportunities that enhance character, community and love of the game of soccer. We strive to provide EVERY child the opportunity to play soccer. Integrated in this is the building of self-esteem, self-confidence, teamwork, respect for self and others, and all the inherent benefits of physical exercise.*