



Section IV. Indy Premier SC Financial Assistance Policy

1.0 Financial Assistance.

Indy Premier Soccer Club (“Indy Premier”) believes in providing a quality soccer experience at all age levels and capabilities for a reasonable cost. While Indy Premier considers our fee structure to be competitive, the club also recognizes that for some, this fee may be prohibitive. Therefore, Indy Premier has adopted a financial assistance policy that is designed to be fair and appropriate. Although Indy Premier 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 Indy Premier President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, a Board Member At Large, and the Registrar.

1.2 Scholarship Funding.

Annually the Indy Premier Board of Directors shall establish guidelines and maximum amounts of Financial Assistance per Player to direct the Financial Assistance Committee on how to implement the program. Said funding is to be drawn from Tournament Profits, Contributions, and other specific activities that are intended to provide funding for scholarships.

Indy Premier will maintain an internal guidance document containing historical data including the amounts allocated to scholarships and justification the Board used to define those amounts.

2.0 Recreational Plus Academy Division Financial Assistance.

Financial assistance shall be made available to participants in the Recreational Plus Academy (RPA) division. 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.

RPA division financial assistance is administered by the Indy Premier Registrar and the Financial Assistance Committee. RPA players requesting financial assistance should complete the Indy Premier RPA Financial Assistance Application form and submit it along with any required documents to the address or email listed on the application.



3.0 Travel Division Financial Assistance.

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.

If scholarships are available from any of the leagues in which Indy Premier enters teams, Indy Premier 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 Indy Premier and/or the applicable league that financial assistance will be awarded by the league.

4.0 Financial Assistance Request Requirements.

The Indy Premier 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 Indy Premier Registrar or to another member of the Indy Premier Financial Assistance Committee.

To be considered, the applicant must complete the Indy Premier application in its entirety and must also submit all a copy of a free/reduced lunch approval dated within the previous 12 months.

5.0 Determination of Need.

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

6.0 Hardship Cases.

Indy Premier recognizes that not all applicants will meet the specific requirements spelled out in the Financial Assistance Policy. Therefore, families that are not granted scholarships under the criteria in the Financial Assistance Policy may appeal to the Indy Premier Board of Directors for consideration of their circumstances. The Financial Assistance Committee may also make recommendations to the Indy Premier Board of Directors for waivers of the policy in light of certain circumstances. It will be the responsibility of the full Board of Directors to act on any appeals.



7.0 Notice regarding Financial Assistance Determination.

Indy Premier 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.

8.0 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.

8.1 Late Payments.

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

9.0 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).



9.1 Opting to Switch from Travel Program Over to the Rec Plus Academy.

The RPA registration deadline shall be extended for Indy Premier Travel financial assistance applicants who opt to switch over to the RPA following the decision on their financial assistance application. The families of these players must contact the Registrar 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 player will be placed appropriately within the RPA.

10.0 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.



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 Indy Premier Registrar or to another member of the Indy Premier 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 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? (Circle one) Yes No

Does applicant currently play for Indy Premier? (Circle one) Travel Rec Plus No

If current Indy Premier 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? (Circle one) Yes No

I, (*print parent/guardian name*) _____, the parent of (*print player name*) _____ give permission to a representative from Indy Premier to review the information submitted and verify it, if necessary, with the appropriate school district officials. 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 Indy Premier Financial Assistance Policy and Procedure apply to this document. I understand that it is optional that I submit this document and the supporting documents to Indy Premier 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 or the equivalent person within your school district.

Mail to:
Indy Premier Soccer Club
ATTN: Registrar
9900 Westpoint Dr, Suite124
Indianapolis, IN 46256

OR

Email to:
registrar@indypremiersc.org



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 Indy Premier may request additional clarifying information during the application evaluation process. _____(Initial)

I understand that I must complete the Indy Premier application in its entirety and also submit along with the Indy Premier application all information necessary for consideration. _____ (Initial)

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

In accordance with Indy Premier policy, I understand that, if approved, Indy Premier will provide financial assistance for no more than 50% of the registration fees. _____(Initial)

I understand that if my request is approved, I shall be required to pay at least the deposit for travel 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 Indy Premier 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 Indy Premier program and revocation of the player's Indiana Soccer 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 Indy Premier 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.



REC PLUS ACADEMY 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 Indy Premier to review the information submitted and verify it, if necessary, with the appropriate school district officials. 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 Indy Premier Financial Assistance Policy and Procedure apply to this document. I understand that it is optional that I submit this document and the supporting documents to Indy Premier and that in no way will it affect my player’s eligibility to play.

Parent Signature: _____
Date: _____

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OR

Email to:
registrar@indypremiersc.org