
Policy Title: Georgetown Soccer Club Financial Assistance Policy**1. Purpose**

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

2. Policy Statement:

The purpose of the Georgetown Soccer Club (GSC) Financial Assistance Program is to provide the player and family with low income the equal opportunity to participate in GSC Recreational (House League), Grassroots and Competitive soccer programs. To make this possible, GSC will provide financial assistance to qualified applicants for most soccer programs ranging from \$150.00 up to a maximum of \$1,500.00 per player based on available funds allocated to support this policy. The Finance Committee will determine the amount needed for each subsequent year based on the amount of funds disbursed in the previous fiscal year.

3. Parameters**Player Assistance Eligibility**

To be eligible for funding the player must meet the following requirements:

- Children must fall between the ages of 4 – 17 years old
- Town of Halton Hills resident or registered with club for at least 2 years
- Full time GSC players exclusively enrolled in either our recreational, development or competitive programs
- Must be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident
- 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 Stats Canada Low Income Cut- off (LICO) level as guideline as shown in chart and the approved GSC Board income cut-off called (GSCLICO) per chart below.
- The total family household annual income must be below GSC established guideline to be approved for Financial 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
- Proof of application to a 3rd party Financial Assistance Organizations (refer to Schedule "C")

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 Georgetown Soccer Club.

Return Application to Club Administrator at Georgetown Soccer Club:

The Financial Assistance Committee will include the treasurer, privacy officer, VP of Rep, VP of House League and assigned board member. Committee will not exceed 5 members.

5. Definitions

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

GSC: Georgetown Soccer Club

6. Cross References

Privacy of Information Policy (Policy 2015-M12)

7. Approval

Approval By Board: August 20, 2023

Effective Date: August 20, 2023

8. Appendix

Schedule A – Georgetown Soccer Fee Assistance Policy Schedule B

- Financial Assistance Request Form

Schedule “A” - Georgetown Soccer Club Financial Assistance Policy

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Financial Assessment - The following table, provides the Stats Canada Low Income Cut-off (LICO) Tables as at 2023, as a comparison verse the approved GSC Gross Annual Income Cut-off (GSCLICO) guide for assessing financial need. Please note that the most current Stats Canada Low Income Cut-off (LICO) Table will be used for assessment purposes and aligning GSC Gross Annual Income Cut-off (GSCLICO). GSCLICO shall be set \$10 000 above the Stats Canada Low Income Cut- off (LICO) Tables.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
Gross Annual Income (LICO)	Makes less than \$27,514	Makes less than \$34,254	Makes less than \$42,110	Makes less than \$51,128	Makes less than \$57,988	Makes less than \$65,400	Makes less than \$72,814

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- Must be in good financial standing with club
- Applications must include proof of financial need.
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 - 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.
 - 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 Head Coach (CHC), highlighting key attributes of the player 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 (if applicable based on age).

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

Return Application to Club Administrator at Georgetown Soccer Club:

Email address: info@georgetownoccerclub.com

Confidentiality

All information included on this form is collected in accordance with GSC Privacy of Information Policy (Policy 2015-M12). Confidentiality will be maintained to protect the privacy of the applicant. Any information collected will only be shared with the GSC Financial Assistance Committee solely for the purpose of determining eligibility of GSC 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 understand that the decision of the committee will be final.

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

Parents Signature

Date

OFFICE USE:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT GSC LICENSE HOLDER OFFICIAL

Prepared by Club Administrator _____

Date: _____

Reviewed by:

GSC Treasurer or Privacy Officer

Date

Georgetown Soccer Club Official

Approved Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

Schedule “C” – 3rd Party Financial Assistance Program websites

In addition to GSC Financial Assistance Program the following websites listed below are provided to help families in need a financial support in order for kids to participate in GSC programs.

Canadian Tire Jumpstart

<https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grants>

Kidsport Financial Assistance

<https://kidsportcanada.ca/ontario/halton/apply-for-a-grant/>