



North Toronto Soccer

2020 FEE ASSISTANCE POLICY & GUIDELINES

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

- North Toronto Soccer is committed to making soccer accessible to as many youth players as possible from the North Toronto community. **Low or reduced family income** - whether ongoing or on a temporary basis - should not be a barrier to committed players who desire to learn to play soccer and to realize their full potential in the sport.
- The club's **Scholarship Fund** provides fee subsidies of 25% to 90% to eligible players. A portion of all club player fees is allocated to this fund, supplemented by generous donations from North Toronto families, the North Toronto Sports Foundation, and the major portion of revenue from community and corporate sponsors.
- This program is intended to supplement funding that is available from 2 other children's sports programs: **Jumpstart** - <http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en> and **Kidsport** - <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/ontario>. Applicants should also apply to these programs; help for first-time applicants is available at the club office. The total amount of fee assistance from all sources may not exceed the player fee.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FEE ASSISTANCE

- Fee assistance is based on family income and the number of people in the family. The level of assistance available is calculated based on the Low Income Cut Off calculation (LICO) published by Statistics Canada. The amount detailed on the application form. "*Family*" refers to all people who live in the same dwelling and are related to each other by blood, adoption, and marriage or common-law.
- Fee assistance will be considered for youth players who live in the North Toronto community and wish to participate in any of the club's development, recreational or competitive programs. In limited circumstances the program may apply to players from outside the North Toronto area who are selected to the roster of a North Toronto Nitros competitive team playing in an Ontario or regional league.
- Successful applicants for fee assistance must make their best efforts to fulfill their commitments to the program, and to adhere to all other club policies. This will determine continuing participation.

APPLYING FOR FEE ASSISTANCE

1. Applicants must complete the first step of registration by enrolling online for the program. At the registration screen requesting credit card information, simply log off; all information is saved.
2. Complete and sign the confidential **Fee Assistance Application** form.
3. Submit the application form *and* copies of requested documents **directly** to the club (*not* through a team coach or manager): by email to sponsoredplayers@ntsoccer.com

AFTER THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED

1. Applications – complete with supporting documentation - will be reviewed in confidence by club officials.
2. NTSC reserves the right to approve or decline a subsidy and/or adjust funding available at its sole discretion.
3. All applications will be acknowledged by email unless otherwise requested. The club will communicate if a subsidy has been approved (or not approved) and the amount of any subsidy.
4. The applicant will be asked to confirm responsibility for the portion of the fee that is not subsidized, and to make arrangements for payment (which may be divided into 2 or more monthly payments).
5. Registration is not complete - and players may not participate in on-field activities - until all arrangements with respect to fee assistance and payments have been finalized.
6. Each year, or upon request, a new application form and verification of income must be submitted.