



# PETERBOROUGH CITY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## PLAYER SUBSIDY POLICY

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1. The Peterborough City Soccer Association understands the financial demands of families in our community and strives to provide guidance to those families and assist with finding subsidies for registration fees.
  
2. The following local resources can help with soccer registrations fees:
  - (a) *The City of Peterborough Recreational Fee Subsidy Program*: The City of Peterborough offers a subsidy program for qualifying families residing in the City of Peterborough for children under the age of 19 years old.. For more information, please visit:  
[http://www.peterborough.ca/Living/Recreation/Subsidy\\_Program.htm](http://www.peterborough.ca/Living/Recreation/Subsidy_Program.htm)
  - (b) *Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities*: This charity gets kids 'in the game' by assisting with the costs associated with registration for sports and physical activity programming. For more information:  
<http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en/canadian-tire-jumpstart-charities>
  - (c) *KidSport*: KidSport is a national not-for-profit organization that provides financial assistance for registration fees and equipment to kids aged 18 and under. Through a confidential application process they provide grants so children can play a season of sport. Nationally, KidSport is comprised of a network of 11 provincial/territorial KidSport chapters and 178 community KidSport chapters. Since its creation in 1993, over 450,000 kids across the country have been given the chance to play sport through KidSport grants and sport introduction programming. For more information: <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/ontario/>
  - (d) *Their Opportunity Minor Sports Corporation*: This charity provides funding for children from low-income families, less than \$45,000 annually, into organized sports and recreation activities. What makes Their Opportunity stand-out, is that funded children enter a "give-back" program, which is where each child that is enrolled 'pay it forward' through community service and outreach, within 3 months of being funded. For more information: <http://www.theiropportunity.com>
  
3. Families are responsible for submitting their own applications to the organizations listed in paragraph 2 above. The Club will not submit applications on behalf of any player or family. PCSA is not affiliated with any of the above-listed organizations and has no input or control over the subsidy amount a player can receive or how long the funding is available. PCSA works with community groups to guide families in finding subsidies but is not a member, partner or affiliate with any of the organizations providing funding.

4. All subsidy applications should be submitted by the player/player's family as soon as possible in order to meet Club deadline dates for payment of registration fees. Proof of the application being submitted to one of the organizations listed in paragraph 2 must be provided to the Club. Registration fees are payable in two payments by November 15<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>. If subsidy funds are not available to meet these time requirements, the PCSA Registrar must be notified immediately so the matter can be brought to the Board's attention.
  
5. Providing that a player obtains financial assistance through one of the funding organizations listed above, the PCSA may provide additional assistance when a player/family identifies difficulty paying the balance of the registration fee. The maximum amount available per player will be determined annually by the PCSA Board. Application shall be made in writing to the PCSA Registrar, along with proof of funding from the external funding organization. The Registrar will submit valid applications to the Board but will hold the names in confidence. The Board may set an annual limit on the total amount available for fee assistance.
  
6. Teams may make arrangements to assist players with other costs. Suggested methods include minimum monthly payments, partial payments and volunteer work.