Family Assistance Policy and Process

Purpose

The Family Assistance Policy is designed to ensure that all youth players have the opportunity to participate in our soccer programs, regardless of their financial situation. This policy outlines the eligibility criteria, application process, and support available for families experiencing financial hardship.

Policy Statement

FC Viktoria is committed to inclusivity and believes that all children should have access to soccer programs. We strive to provide financial assistance to families who demonstrate a genuine need. Installment payments will be granted to all families regardless of the financial situation.

Eligibility Criteria

Families may qualify for financial assistance if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. **Public Assistance**: Families can demonstrate they have applied for government/organizational assistance (e.g. Kidsport, Jumpstart) and were either partially successful or unsuccessful.
2. **Unemployment**: Families experiencing temporary unemployment or underemployment.
3. **Unexpected Financial Hardship**: Situations such as medical emergencies, natural disasters, or other unforeseen events that have created financial strain.

Application Process

1. **Application**: Families seeking assistance apply first government/organizational assistance (e.g. Kidsport, Jumpstart). Proof of application must be sent to youthadmin@fcviktoria.org
2. **Documentation**: Applicants are required to submit documentation supporting their request. This may include:
    - Documentation of public assistance
    - A letter explaining the current financial situation
    - Any other relevant documents (e.g., medical bills, unemployment notices)

3. **Submission Deadline**: Applications must be submitted no later than two weeks after tryouts have been completed for the upcoming season. Late applications may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
4. **Review Process**:
    - FC Viktoria Soccer Committee will review applications.
    - Applications will be evaluated based on need, available resources, and the documentation provided.
    - All information will be kept confidential.
5. **Notification**: Applicants will be notified of the decision within a week after the submission deadline. If assistance is granted, families will receive details about the support provided.

Types of Assistance

Financial assistance may include:

- Waived or reduced registration fees
- Assistance with uniform costs
- Coverage for equipment and training costs

Confidentiality

All information provided during the application process will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Only authorized personnel will have access to this information, and it will be used solely for the purpose of evaluating the application for assistance.

Conclusion

FC Viktoria is dedicated to ensuring that all children have the opportunity to participate in our programs, fostering a love for the game and personal development. We encourage families in need to apply and assure them that their privacy and dignity will be respected throughout the process.