

Financial Aid Policy

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Council Bluffs Soccer Club /Western Iowa Surf (also known as the "CLUB") is committed to ensuring any child with the desire, commitment, and ability to play soccer can participate regardless of financial ability. This policy establishes the CLUB's Financial Aid Program. Subject to the availability of funds, the CLUB shall offer financial aid to those members that demonstrate a need or financial hardship. The decision to make any award, the amount thereof, and the beneficiaries shall be made on a defined set of decision factors which are consistently applied. All award decisions are made at the sole discretion of the CLUB's Financial Aid Committee. The application information will be kept confidential within the CLUB's Financial Aid Committee and the CLUB Treasurer.

Applications

- **Surf players in the Foundation, Development, or Competitive Phase**
 - The CLUB may award up to 50% of registration fees annually.
 - Players must register online in PlayMetrics for their respective program(s).
 - Competitive players should select to pay the registration fee and select 9 monthly payments.
 - Players awarded financial assistance agree to participate in CBSC/WI Surf programs for both the fall, (winter if applicable), and spring seasons.
 - Players awarded financial assistance receive credit on their account.
 - Applicants will be notified of the aid decision before the start of the season.
 - The application deadline is published on the website each season.
- **Recreational Program and Little Surfers**
 - The CLUB may award up to 75% of registration fees per season.
 - Players must register online in PlayMetrics for their respective program.
 - Select a payment plan when registering. Applicants are required to make the initial payment to be considered for financial aid.
 - Players awarded financial assistance agree to participate in CBSC programs for the season.
 - Award decisions for players cover one season (fall or spring); applicants must apply each season to verify eligibility.
 - Applicants will be notified of the aid decision before the start of the season.
 - The application deadline is published on the website each season.

Eligibility

- Anyone that wishes to play in a CBSC/WIA Surf Program is eligible to apply for financial aid.
- Qualification is primarily based on verified family income.
- Generally, to be eligible, a family's aggregate household Adjusted Gross Income must not exceed the most recently published Median Household income estimate for Council Bluffs, Iowa, by the State of Iowa Department of Planning Data Center.
- Other factors such as unemployment or other financial hardships may be considered by the Financial Aid Committee.
- Children of the CLUB's Board members or Financial Aid Committee members are not eligible.
- Multiple children in the same household may apply for aid. A separate application must be submitted for each child, including supporting documents, if requested. The Financial Aid Committee may award aid to more than one child in a household if they deem it appropriate and within the committee's assigned aid budget. Families may or may not receive aid for all children applying.

Application Process

1. Read the Financial Aid Policy.
2. Register the player(s) on PlayMetrics. Choose the appropriate payment plan to hold a spot for your child(ren). You are required to make an initial payment to be considered for Aid.
3. Select "Club Programs" from the left menu in PlayMetrics.
4. Choose "Financial Aid" from the top menu bar.
5. If you have read the policy, click on the blue "Request Financial Aid" button, complete the form, and submit.

Award Process

1. All applications are reviewed by the Financial Aid Committee.
2. The Financial Aid Committee notifies the CLUB's Treasurer of all financial aid decisions.
3. Notification of aid awards will be via telephone and/or email to each applicant by the CLUB's Treasurer.
4. Players awarded financial assistance receive credit on their account. No cash payments will be made to any player or their family.

Additional Documents

- If requested, you may be required to provide a signed copy of the most recent Federal tax return on Form 1040 for both parents and/or guardians of the applicant. The applicant must appear as a dependent on the parents' IRS 1040.
- Additional forms (i.e. W-2s, 1099, etc.) may be required by the Financial Aid Committee.
- Applications are not considered complete until all required forms and documents have been submitted; incomplete applications will not be considered by the committee.
- Any supporting documentation requested may be scanned and emailed to: administrative@cbsoccerclub.org. The documents can also be mailed or dropped off at the Iowa West SportsPlex, 3260 Mid America Dr., Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51501.

Questions concerning this policy may be addressed to administrative@cbsoccerclub.org