



North Toronto Soccer

2025 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 family income 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 85% to eligible players. A portion of all club player fees is allocated to this fund, supplemented by generous donations from North Toronto families and the North Toronto Sports Foundation, and a portion of team sponsor fees.
- This program is intended to supplement funding that is available from 2 other children's sports programs: **Jumpstart** - <https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/> and **Kidsport** - <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/ontario>. Applicants should also apply to these programs. The total amount of fee assistance from all sources may not exceed the player fee.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FEE ASSISTANCE

- Fee assistance is based on each parent and/or legal guardian and, if applicable, dependents (19 – 22 years) combined annual income and the household makeup. 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. "*Household makeup*" refers to all parents/guardians and dependents (22 and under) 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.
- Academy and summer camp programs are excluded from fee assistance.

VOLUNTEER TIME FOR SPONSORED PLAYERS

- Sponsored players 13 and older are required to volunteer 20 hours/year with the Club or NT Sports Foundation.
- Players must be proactive in pursuing volunteer opportunities as they arise. E.g. Summer Camp, Academy, Special Olympics among other options.

APPLYING FOR FEE ASSISTANCE

1. Complete and sign the confidential **Fee Assistance Application** form.
2. 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 or by mail 1041 Avenue Road, Suite 5 Toronto, ON M5N 2C5.

AFTER THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED

1. Applications – complete with supporting documentation – will be reviewed in confidence by club officials.
2. NTS 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. Steps for registration will be provided at this point.
4. The applicant will be asked to confirm responsibility for the portion of the fee that is not subsidized, and make arrangements for payment.
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.