



Oak Park River Forest Strikers Soccer Club

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

The Strikers club wants every player who earns a place on a Striker team to be able to play, regardless of financial means. Accordingly, the club will provide financial assistance to qualifying players, under the guidelines set forth below. Financial aid awards are known as “Chuck Race Awards” for boys and “Daniel Corcos Awards” for girls, in honor of two long-time Strikers volunteers.

1. Criteria: Generally, the club will strive to award financial assistance where it would be difficult or impossible for the player’s family to pay the Striker fees. Financial assistance is based on financial need, not ability. Financial aid requests have no effect on tryout decisions.
2. Procedures for making a request:
 - Financial assistance must be requested in writing on the OP-RF Strikers Financial Assistance Request Form and, for eligible families, also on the Youth Services of Oak Park and River Forest Townships (YS) form. Players from other communities are asked to find out if similar funds are available where they live.
 - Financial assistance generally is awarded for a single Striker year (fall through spring) at a time. Requests are reviewed fresh each year and awarded based on current showing of need and availability of funds.
 - Applicants must contact the Strikers administrator (708/771-5269 or office@oprfstrikers.com), on a confidential basis, to obtain and submit all required forms **in advance of** annual registration in June (U8-U14 boys and girls and high school girls’ teams) or late fall for boys’ high school age teams. For current U8 through U14 players trying out for next year’s 2009-10 Strikers teams on May 29-30, parents must apply for financial aid by May 15, 2009. For current U14 through U18 girls players trying out on May 17 for next year’s girls U15-U19 teams, parents must apply for financial aid by May 5, 2009. Requests made after that date cannot be considered.
3. Amount of request: Requests for 25 percent awards and other awards will be considered. Some contribution generally will be expected from all players requesting financial aid.
4. Confidentiality: Requests for financial assistance will be treated confidentially by the Treasurer (and any other Striker officials, limited to a need-to-know basis).
5. Availability of funds: Financial assistance may be constrained by the amount of funds raised and available specifically for that purpose, which the Striker Board will assess from time to time.
6. Pay Plan Requests: Requests for a 2-part or a 3-part pay plan should be made by email to treasurer@oprfstrikers.com on or before May 15, 2009 for current players.

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