



Financial Assistance Program Policy U15 – U18 Age Groups

The Santa Rosa United Soccer Club (United) shall provide for a player Financial Assistance (FA) program. This program shall provide financial support to players who may need such assistance to play for United. Financial Assistance is available to players in the U15 – U18 age groups.

Funding

The FA program shall be financed through various fundraising events specifically designated as supporting FA. United shall maintain a Fundraising Committee to coordinate these efforts. If these sources are not sufficient to meet 100% of the FA needs of United, then the necessary additional funds shall be allocated through general funds.

Financial Assistance Program Committee

United shall maintain a FA Committee to administer the financial assistance program. The FA Committee will convene annually, and shall include the current Treasurer of United, the SRU Administrator, one Coach, and one Parent who shall be approved by the Board of directors. The FA Committee shall complete its decision-making process no later than 30 day after the registration deadline for each age group. *All actions of the FA Committee are confidential. Any breach of confidentiality shall result in termination of committee members' participation in any confidential matter, such as any matter that involves personnel assessment, compensation, or financial assistance of any kind. A breach of confidentiality will be considered to occur if specific details of any financial assistance requestor award, such as name or amount of award, are determined to have been communicated by any party other than United employees*

Accounting

United shall maintain separate line-item accounting entries in its financial statements for FA fund disbursements and receipts. Such accounting shall be reviewed by the Treasurer of United as part of the financial report.

FA Criteria

FA will be awarded based on objective qualification criteria set annually by the FA Committee. Qualification criteria will generally track published Federal poverty guidelines based on gross monthly income and family size. It may include other criteria as determined by the Committee. Qualification will be based on a sliding scale set by the FA Committee using the qualification criteria. FA awards will be determined by the applicant's level of qualification and the completion of mandatory volunteer hours.



Santa Rosa United



P.O. Box 12154 • Santa Rosa, CA 95406 • (707) 541-7627 • www.srunited.com
Office: 3539 Sweetgum St., Santa Rosa, CA 95403 • email: administrator@srunited.com

FA Awards

FA awards will be applied towards essential club dues. Awards will cover a portion of the Club Annual Dues. The FA recipient's family will be required to pay at minimum 50% of the Club Annual Dues (FA Player Co-payment). The FA Player Co-payment will be divided into monthly payments due on the 1st of each month. Any player delinquent in dues by 30 days or more will be notified by the club and suspended from participating in any club/team activities; a late fee will also be assessed.

Application Process

FA application forms will be available on the United website and upon request from the United Treasurer or Club Administrator. FA applications, along with all supporting documentation, should be submitted in a sealed envelope to the team manager with the applicant's registration paper work or mailed to the SRU office. The application will be forwarded by the manager to the SRU Club Administrator. An application must be submitted with the \$250 Club fee. If the FA application is denied, the full amount of the 1st Club fee payment must be paid in its entirety immediately. The FA Committee's response will be communicated in writing to the applicant. All FA applicants that are approved are required to attend the FA meeting to sign the necessary forms, this meeting is not optional.

Eligibility

To be eligible for Financial Assistance, all applicants and their parents/guardians must sign the United FA agreement and adhere to all guidelines set forth by the Santa Rosa United Board of Directors and the Financial Aid Committee. In addition to demonstrating dedication through consistent attendance at team practices, games and team events, all FA recipients are required to complete mandatory volunteer hours administrated by United. Each player U15 -U18 receiving aid is required to attend and pass the referee licensing or refresher class hosted by Santa Rosa United; these players will be added to United's referring pool. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in the forfeiture of the financial aid award.

Volunteer Hour Outline:

In order to receive Financial Aid as outlined in this policy all players are required to complete the following volunteer commitment:

- Pay \$250.00 club registration payment
- Ref games at the Santa Rosa United Club (Wine Country Cup and Academy Cup, Norcal Games)
- Volunteer Hours at qualified SRU events
- Ref games for Non SRU events and Club/ payment sent into SRU to apply towards your account requirements.



Santa Rosa United



P.O. Box 12154 • Santa Rosa, CA 95406 • (707) 541-7627 • www.srunited.com
Office: 3539 Sweetgum St., Santa Rosa, CA 95403 • email: administrator@srunited.com

It is the player's responsibility to schedule your volunteer commitment with the SRU office. This can be done by emailing administrator@srunited.com or by calling the office (707) 541-7627.

Delinquent Payments:

FA players whose payments are late more than three times during the season will lose their FA award and will be required to pay the regular Annual Club Fees (Please see regular scheduled payment dates listed on financial agreement). These delinquent players will be placed on probation and may not be eligible for FA the following season. Past delinquent players placed on probation will be notified by the club of their status, these players will receive a one time grace period for late dues. If probationary players are late more than once during the season they will be dropped from the club.