

Lakewood Soccer Association, Inc. Ways & Means Policy and Application

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Lakewood believes in providing a positive sport experience for all players. Ways & Means is in place to ensure everyone has equal access to programming and opportunity to participate regardless of financial barriers. We understand that all families may not have the ability to finance their children's extracurricular activities. This program looks to recognize special cases where assistance may be necessary, especially in cases where third party funding is not available (ex. KidSport, JumpStart). All application details will be kept in confidence.

The Ways & Means Committee will review all applications. The Committee is comprised of three Board members including the Registration Coordinator. Applications will be assessed on an individual basis, and a decision will be made on whether the player qualifies for any assistance. Requests can be made for registration and/or team fees, and the amount covered may be all or a portion of the full fee. Reports will be made to the Board including how many applications have been reviewed and the full amount of funds being approved. No personal information will be included in the report, but a record will be kept by the committee.

Applicants who are approved must be available to volunteer their time at the tournament (in addition to their required minimum of 2 hours per player per season) and/or be willing to participate in other Lakewood activities where assistance is needed. At the discretion of the Committee.

All applications must be submitted in a timely manner. Lakewood cannot approve funding for past seasons through Ways & Means.

Please find the Application Form <u>here</u> *Providing false information will result in a denial of application*

Procedure of the Ways & Means Committee:

- 1. Acknowledge receipt of request
- 2. Discuss the request and make a decision within 10 days of acknowledgement
- 3. Notify the family of the decision
- 4. Make the appropriate note on the family's fee payment (registration fees), or submit cheque request to be made out to team manager.
- 5. Report back to the Board on the total amount of Ways & Means funds allocated.

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