

# Valley Soccer Association

## Ways and Means Policy



### **Overview:**

The Valley Soccer Association (VSA) recognizes the importance of all players having an equal opportunity to access soccer programs. To help make this possible, the VSA has created a Ways and Means fund that will assist with some costs not covered by 3<sup>rd</sup> party funding (i.e. KidSport, Jumpstart, etc.). This program will exist to help alleviate the financial burden that playing soccer within the VSA can have on a family. Any funds distributed will be done so in confidence.

### **Goals:**

1. Reduce barriers that some families may have to being able to play soccer.
2. Give more kids the opportunity to play the game we love.

### **Specifications:**

The Ways and Means Committee is responsible to review situations that arise with regard to financial barriers of players and/or families. The committee members will review each application individually. Information forwarded to the VSA Board of Directors will include the number of situations reviewed, and the outcome; no personal information will be released outside of the committee.

Each season (indoor and outdoor) a maximum of 5 applications will be selected to have their soccer registration fees paid for by the program. A maximum of \$300 per applicant up to a maximum of \$1500/season will be distributed. Applications must be submitted to the committee according to the **Ways and Means Application Process** by the deadlines (April 1<sup>st</sup> each year for Outdoor, and September 1<sup>st</sup> each year for Indoor). Successful applicants will be informed within 15 days from each deadline.

### **Requirements:**

The following requirements must be met in order to have an application be successful.

1. A KidSport application must be completed with a response received. KidSport's response must be provided in the Ways and Means Application.
2. A Jumpstart application must be completed with a response received. Jumpstart's response must be provided in the Ways and Means application.
3. A Ways and Means application must be submitted prior to the season deadline, which includes the above information.

### **To Nominate Someone Anonymously:**

Any VSA Member in good standing can nominate a VSA family/player that they feel may need this program. To do so, they can submit the application form and provide the details of the family and reasons why they feel they are deserving of this assistance.