Financial Assistance Policy

Purpose

North Somerset Sports Foundation (NSSF) is committed to ensuring that no child misses out on
participating in our programmes solely because of financial hardship.

Financial assistance is discretionary and subject to the availability of funds.

Principles

The principles of this policy are to

- Treat every application confidentially.
- Assess all applications fairly and consistently.
- Base decisions on financial need.
- Ensure financial assistance has no impact on selection or playing opportunities.
- Manage charitable funds responsibly.

Eligibility

Applications may be considered based on:

- Household income
- Means-tested benefits
- Number of dependent children
- Number of children participating in NSSF
- Disability or caring responsibilities affecting finances
- Exceptional circumstances (illness, redundancy, bereavement, family breakdown)

Evidence

Applicants may be asked to provide:

- Universal Credit statement
- Free School Meals confirmation
- Council Tax Reduction notice
- Payslips
- Self-employed income information
- Supporting professional letter

Support Available

Support may be provided in

- Full assistance
- Partial assistance
- Payment plans
- Deferred payments

Assessment

Applications will be reviewed confidentially by Lucy Chappell and Becky Lowe.

Confidentiality

Information will only be accessed by those directly involved in the assessment.

Appeals

Applicants may request one review if circumstances change or additional evidence becomes available..

The policy will be reviewed annually by NSSF.

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