

Berkeley Soccer Association

Policy 07-07

Sunshine Fund

APPLICABILITY: The Berkeley Soccer Association (BSA) policy applies to all administrators, coaches, parents and players that participate within the BSA.

POLICY STATEMENT: Berkeley Soccer Association will consider requests to provide funding for player's registration on a need basis. It is the Association's intent that no child should be turned away due to financial constraints. Specific circumstances and conditions not addressed in this policy will be addressed on a case-by-case basis by the Berkeley Soccer Association Executive Board.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. BSA Executive Board

a. The Executive Board will consider all questions, exceptions and challenges to this policy within 10 business days of receipt of the question or at the next regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting. A quorum of Board members is required to make final judgments.

b. The Board will consider requests for a waiver of fees as brought forward by a coach or other member in good standing on behalf of any player. Use of the Berkeley Soccer Association Sunshine Fund is at the discretion of a majority of the Executive Board.

c. The Board will make every effort to honor valid requests for the Sunshine Fund in a timely manner. This decision may be "voted upon" via email if timing is a critical issue. Electronic "votes" will be sent by each Board Member to the entire Board. The Registrar will keep a record of these decisions and coordinate with the Treasurer.

d. Approvals for use of the Sunshine Fund are valid for one full season.

(1) An individual approved for the Sunshine Fund in the fall season is valid for that fall season as well as the spring season.

(2) An individual approved for the Sunshine Fund in the spring season is valid only for the remainder of that spring season.

d. The Board may approve the use of the Sunshine Fund for the same individual over multiple seasons; however, that should not be assumed and an individual request must be made each new season.

e. The Board will take a liberal view, in consideration of issues causing financial need, when deciding on use of the Sunshine Fund.

2. Coaches, Parents and Guardians

a. May request that a player be considered for the use of the Association's Sunshine Fund. Individuals are not required to submit detailed, personal records; however, the Board must have a general sense of the issue causing the need in order to approve the request.

b. Parents and legal guardians of children approved for the Sunshine Fund are still required to participate fully in the Club's standard for participation. The approval for the Sunshine Fund only covers the cost of registration fees.

This policy will remain in place until modified or eliminated by the Berkeley Soccer Association Executive Board.