



CTFC – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION/OPTIONS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for use by Cashmere Technical FC (CTFC) administrators, to assist members or families experiencing financial hardship which may present barriers to taking part in football activities. In doing so the CTFC board and management hope to minimise exclusion from activities that may result because of financial hardship.

BACKGROUND

CTFC is a not-for-profit sporting organisation committed to providing quality football facilities and services to its members. This policy has been developed to demonstrate to the football community what financial aid services are available and how they are administered. CTFC understands that within our community, families, households and individuals may suffer financial difficulty from time to time. Financial hardship can present challenges and create barriers to meeting primary needs much less discretionary activities such as sport. CTFC works hard to manage the expenses of the organisation to deliver quality programs at reasonable costs as well as being able to deliver administrative services to our football community. Our programs, services and activities are generally funded by fees paid by the users. CTFC will consider various forms of payment arrangements to ensure that members undergoing financial hardship have an opportunity to apply for financial aid to participate in football activities. The funding is designed to support our junior and youth members but in some very limited cases, funding may also be extended to adult members.

TYPES OF FUNDING AVAILABLE

1. CTFC annual subscription fees may be applied for as set out in this document.
2. Funding can be applied for and awarded against Tournament costs.
3. Funding can be applied for and awarded against Academy and other training fees.
4. Funding can be awarded for equipment (e.g. boots/shin pads), clothing and or appropriate apparel.
5. Funding can be awarded to parents/caregivers who have multiple registered players at CTFC.

FUNDING PROVIDERS

CTFC has access to fund from the following providers:

- Mainland Football – Scorching Goal
- Football For All
- Centre Circle/ A helping hand
- CTFC financial assistance (via club member donations)

Typically, the first step would be for CTFC in conjunction with families, to apply to Mainland Football to request assistance via the Scorching Goal/ Centre Circle (A Helping Hand) funds, prior to applying directly to the CTFC Financial assistance fund.

MAINLAND FOOTBALL SCORCHING GOAL FUND

(Mainland Football) – For all junior and youth members facing financial hardships regarding winter season fees, equipment or tournament fees (Partial funding)

What is the Fund for?

The Scorching Goal Football Fund was established to build a sustainable long-term football fund that supports thousands of Federation players for many years to come and to enable more children and youth to participate in football through reducing financial barriers.

Who can apply?

Anyone can apply on behalf of a child aged between 5 and 18 years old at the time of applying who meets the criteria as set out on the application.

When can we apply?

The application due dates for 2026 are:

1 March 2026
1 April 2026
1 June 2026
1 August 2026
1 November 2026

What can we apply for?

Club fees, club uniforms and gear, Tournament/Festival Fees OR Federation/National Programmes for football or futsal.

If accepted how much will we receive?

The maximum amount that can be applied for is no more than 50% of the total cost, with the maximum amount for each category being:

\$100 for Club Fees
\$80 for Club Uniforms and Gear
\$250 for Tournament/Festival Fees OR Federation/National programmes for football or futsal

How to apply

Download a Scorching Goal Application Form [CLICK HERE](#)

Forms can be posted to:
Scorching Goal Football Fund
C/-Mainland Football
PO Box 21122
Christchurch 8140
or scanned and emailed to admin@mff.nz

Before applying, please contact gm@ctfc.nz so we can support you with your application and the requirements/ supporting documentation.

FOOTBALL FOR ALL

Football For All (Mainland Football) – For junior and youth members from refugee background, Māori or ethnic minorities or where costs are a barrier to playing. (Full funding)

The Football For All programme, delivered in partnership between Capital Football and the Wellington Phoenix, has the primary aim of fostering inclusion, participation and Hauora by using football as a vehicle.

The programme places Tamariki and Rangatahi from ages 6 to 17 into football clubs, futsal teams and school teams by removing potential barriers to active play and recreation.

Football For All focuses on the following barriers:

- Registration costs
- Equipment needs
- Transportation assistance
- Communication difficulties

SUPPORT STRUCTURES:

The Football For All programme provides different support structures across its activities to help reach a wider range of participants. Below are the options that can be selected when registering.

Kakariki

Kākāriki provides full participation support for Football For All activities:

- **Registration fees fully covered.**
 - The Football For All programme covers all fees associated with registering for your selected team
- **Football equipment provided**

- Participants receive new boots, and all kit required for their team uniform.
- **Transportation assistance.**
 - Participants who select Kākāriki, will have transportation assistance throughout the year.
What this looks like depends on each participants specific needs, however one option frequently used is petrol vouchers.
- **Access to a Community Coordinator.**
 - Coordinators play a pivotal role as facilitators between participants, whānau & clubs. They are there to help communicate training and game times, but also help participants settle into clubs and teams by providing information and assistance where needed.
Every Football For All participant has access to a Coordinator throughout the season

Kowhai

Kōwhai provides partial support for Football For All activities:

- Registration fees fully covered.
- Football equipment provided.
- Access to a Community Coordinator.

Kikorangi

Kikorangi provides registration support for Football For All activities:

- Registration fees fully covered.
- Access to a Community Coordinator.

For more information visit <https://www.mff.nz/community-1/football-for-all> for information on how to apply

Before applying, please contact gm@ctfc.nz so we can work with Football For All and support where needed.

CENTRE CIRCLE/ A HELPING HAND

Helping Hand (Centre Circle) – For players where costs are a barrier or where funding is needed to support a club initiative (winter season and tournaments including aspirational player costs)

The Centre Circle (CC) was founded in 1999 by a group of football people wanting to give back to the “beautiful game” that gave them so much. The organisation is focused on raising funds through social events and grants and utilising those funds to assist those in the Canterbury football community.

The CC fund is called “A Helping Hand”. There is a digital application form for clubs to apply for assistance. Centre Circle’s board puts aside an annual budget for this purpose and considers applications carefully. Other funding opportunities that fit within our principles are

also considered. Please contact gm@ctfc.nz if assistance is required and what scope the club has to apply for individual players.

CTFC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (via club donations)

For all CTFC players 4+

What is the Fund for?

To support players in need of assistance with registration, programme, tournament fees and equipment costs, if an application to the above funding options is not possible or unsuccessful.

Who can apply?

Anyone can apply on behalf of a player aged between 4 years old at the time of applying who meets the criteria as set out on the application. The player must be registered to CTFC.

When can we apply?

The application due dates for 2026 are:

1 February 2026
1 March 2026
1 April 2026
1 May 2026
1 July 2026
1 September 2026

What can we apply for?

Team registration fees, programme fees (e.g Academy, Skills Centre), tournament fees and equipment costs.

If accepted, how much will we receive?

The amount is on a case-by-case basis, to be determined by the CTFC fund panel.

Applications are reviewed by the club's General Manager, Director of Football and Treasurer.

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