



Barriers to Participation Reduction Policy

1. Purpose

Lincoln Storm Soccer Club is committed to ensuring that all community members—regardless of financial status, ability, background, or personal circumstances—have equal access to soccer participation.

2. Financial Accessibility Programs

- Fee Assistance Program for families experiencing financial hardship.
- Partnerships with Jumpstart, KidSport, and community grant organizations.
- Support for completing funding applications.

3. Equipment Accessibility

- Equipment Loan Closet with cleats, shin guards, balls, and more.
- Donation drives in partnership with local schools and community groups.

4. Inclusive Programming & Flexibility

- Adaptive soccer programming for players of all abilities.
- Multiple weekly training options to accommodate schedules.

5. Transportation Support

- Encouragement of team carpool networks.

- Collaboration with local recreation services for facility access.

6. Community Partnerships

- Partnerships with schools, youth centres, and cultural organizations.
- Increased outreach to underrepresented populations.

7. Communication & Outreach

- Clear financial assistance information during registration.
- Website postings and email communication of available supports.

8. Continuous Improvement

Lincoln Storm will annually review participation data, identify accessibility gaps, strengthen partnerships, and expand barrier-reducing supports.