

Washington Premier FC

2023/24 Dues Assistance Application Form

Introduction:

This document outlines the application parameters for the Washington Premier Football Club's (WPFC) Dues Assistance Program for the 2023/24 season.

WPFC strives to provide players of all economic backgrounds an opportunity to play soccer at the highest level. There is, however, a limited pool of funds from which to grant dues assistance. The amount of assistance depends on the number of qualifying applicants. Every qualifying applicant will receive some assistance. **Assistance will vary, but typically will not exceed 50% of player club fees.**

Once awards amounts have been determined (approximately one month following completion of tryouts) the award amount will be divided by the number of months left on the player's financial agreement to determine a monthly assistance amount. The amount of the assistance will be applied monthly to the player's account to lower the player's monthly financial obligation.

Players receiving dues assistance must be signed up for the auto payment plan in Sports Connect using a valid credit/debit card or they can use their financial institute's on-line bill pay system. Payment must be made monthly to avoid the late fee and to be considered in good standing. Any account that falls behind may forfeit additional dues assistance.

Players will be notified of the amount of their monthly assistance and what the monthly financial obligation will be. Dues assistance does not cover the uniform or team fees. Uniform and team fees are the responsibility of each family. For those applying for dues assistance, the committee requires an initial payment of 10% of the total club fee due upon accepting a roster spot; for U9 and U10 players the amount is \$185, for U11 and above players the amount is \$265.

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for dues assistance, the player must meet the following criteria:

1. Must make the initial payment due (see above)
2. Must qualify for the Federal School Lunch program
3. Must be in good standing with WPFC - no past dues owed to the club

How to Apply for Dues Assistance:

The 'WPFC Dues Assistance Application' serves as the only official application for WPFC Dues Assistance. To be considered for aid:

1. Complete the WPFC Dues Assistance Application - if there is more than one player in a family applying for dues assistance please fill out applications for each player.
2. Prepare all supporting documentation:
 - a) Copy of Federal School Lunch acceptance notice
 - b) Signed copies of parent's or guardian's 2022 Federal Tax Return
 - c) If the 2022 Federal Tax Return not yet completed, then 2022 W2s are required
3. Preferred submission method is to scan all documents into a single file and email to Kristine Spidahl at Kristinespidahl@gmail.com. If you don't have access to a scanner, applications can be mailed to the WPFC office (address below) and must be postmarked no later than 10 days following tryouts.
4. Applications must be complete at the time of submittal for consideration. Out of fairness to all applicants, applications submitted without the requisite supporting documents or that are unsigned will not be considered.
5. Applications will not be considered unless the initial registration payment due is paid in full. Please mail completed application & document(s) to:

Washington Premier FC,
Dues Assistance
PO Box 111643
Tacoma, WA 98411

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The Washington Premier FC Dues Assistance fund was established to help players and their families who need assistance meeting the financial commitment to play soccer at Washington Premier FC.

All information provided to Washington Premier FC is kept in strict confidence. The committee requires each applicant to complete the WPFC Dues Assistance Application Form, and provide a copy of the following:

- Any document from the school district that verifies that you qualify for free or reduced lunch.
- Signed copies of your 2022 Federal Tax Return. If you have not yet completed your 2022 return, copies of all W2s are required.
- If necessary, any additional documentation or letter of explanation of any unusual circumstances that you want the committee to consider.

1. Player's Name: _____
2. Team: _____
3. Father's Name: _____
4. Mother's Name: _____
5. Applicant's Address: _____
6. Total number in household including adults: _____
7. Does player qualify for Federal School Lunch program? Yes or No
8. Has applicant, or family member ever received dues assistance from WPFC? Yes or No
9. Are there other members of the family in our Club? Yes or No
10. If yes, please provide Name(s) & Team(s): _____
11. Phone number: _____
12. Email address: _____

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To the best of my knowledge, I declare the information contained in this document to be true. If awarded WPFC Dues Assistance, I agree to participate in all club fundraising events, and work with the club volunteer coordinator or designated individual to complete the 6 additional hours of service to the club for my family receiving assistance. I understand this is in addition to the 6 hours of service per family, required of all WPFC members. I understand that if I do not complete the required volunteer hours, I may be ineligible for Dues Assistance in the subsequent season.

I understand if I do not meet the terms and conditions of the WPFC Dues Assistance Program, and/or not making the scheduled payments may result in the revocation of my player's "Player Card." In addition, I understand that the player may only be allowed to train and play when the player's commitments are met, and/or the player account is considered in good standing.

I understand that the Dues Assistance Committee reserves the right to make awards based on special circumstances outside of the parameters outlined of the Dues Assistance application.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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Date

Have you attached the following documents to your application?

- Any document from the school district that can verify that you qualify for free or reduced lunch program
- Signed copy of your 2022 Federal Tax Return. If you have not yet completed your 2022 return, copies of all W2s are acceptable.
- Any additional document or letter of explanation if you feel there are unusual circumstances that should be considered by the committee.
- Please scan all documents into a single file and attach to an email and send to Kristine Spidahl at kristinespidahl@gmail.com. If you don't have access to a scanner, you can mail your application to the below address:

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Notification

1. All applications will be reviewed by the "Dues Assistance" sub-committee of the WPFC Board of Directors.
2. Notification of awards will be made via e-mail supplied on the application.
3. Please keep a copy of your aid form for your records.
4. The WPFC Dues Assistance Application and personal information provided will remain confidential and reviewed only by members of the sub-committee.

Please remove Social Security Number(s) from your personal information