



MainlandFootball BACKGROUND

The 2010/11 earthquakes experienced by Cantabrians and the ongoing effect on people's lives have been the catalyst for Mainland Football to initiate a New Zealand wide football fundraising effort. On behalf of Mainland Football, New Zealand Football (NZF) initiated an earthquake appeal which raised over \$67,000, with the bulk of the donations coming from Japan Football Association, Oceania Football Confederation and NZF. Mainland Football is grateful to the other NZ football organisations and individuals who have also made invaluable contributions to the appeal. As a result we are proud to be able to offer the **Scorching Goal Football Fund**. Mainland Football will make an initial contribution of \$50,000 to the fund. Annual fundraising and interest earned will form the basis for support and travel grants.

The **Scorching Goal Football Fund** is being established to assist children and youth aged between 5 years and 16 years who are from financially disadvantaged families or backgrounds, and where finance is a barrier to participation, either at club level, across development programmes or at representative level. This is not a fund established to specifically support talented players but is rather about giving children and youth the opportunity to continue to participate in football.

Each year Mainland Football will endeavour to run a specific fundraiser and will continue to seek other donations to ensure it does not use any of its starting fund equity for funding.

FUND CONTRIBUTION
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Contact Mainland Football on (03) 355 3595
Email: scorchinggoal@mainlandfootball.co.nz



APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete an application form with the assistance of a support person.

All applications will be processed by the Scorching Goal Football Fund assessment panel.
Closing dates: 30 March, 15 June & 31 August each year.

All applications must be signed by the applicant's parent/guardian and a support person before being returned to:
Scorching Goal Football Fund
Mainland Football, PO Box 21122, Chch 8143 or
emailed to scorchinggoal@mainlandfootball.co.nz

Successful applicants will receive a letter and details of their assistance through Mainland Football. Unsuccessful applicants will receive written notification of the outcome.
Notifications will be sent within 3 weeks of closing dates.



MainlandFootball BACKGROUND CONTINUED

We understand:

1. That football talent exists across our Federation and we want to ensure opportunities are provided to players who otherwise may miss out.
2. The need for kids to "fall in love" with football and not to be denied opportunities to do so through no fault of their own
3. The health and well being advantages of having thousands of healthy active football kids.

The opportunities provided through direct funding may assist with the following:

- Club fees
- Representative Tournament Fees incl. Futsal & South Island Tournaments
- Federation Talent Centre or programme fees

Applications for grants can be made at any time and will be considered by our assessment panel three times a year. Applications are due by 30 March, 15 June and 31 August.

OUTCOMES OF FUND ESTABLISHMENT

1. To enable more children and youth to participate in football through reducing financial barriers.
2. To build a sustainable long term football fund that supports thousands of players for many years to come.

WHO CAN APPLY TO SCORCHING GOAL

The criteria for a Scorching Goal Football Fund Grant are:

1. Children & youth aged between 5 & 16 years old at the time of application.
2. The applicant's immediate family/caregiver is unable to support the applicant by meeting necessary related costs to enable participation in football activity.
3. The applicant must attend school and must be registered or intending to register at an affiliated Mainland Football Club.
4. The application is genuinely in aid of assisting participation in football which would not otherwise take place.

WHAT YOU CAN APPLY FOR

Applicants may apply for assistance with Club fees for grades higher than Fun Football and/or Representative Tournaments or Federation Talent programmes. Applications for Club fees will be considered separately from Tournament or Programme applications although you may apply on the same form, at the same time.

Applicants may apply for either Federation Talent Programmes (eg FTC) or Tournament fees, including Futsal Nationals and South Island Tournaments in any one calendar year.

MAXIMUM APPLICATION AMOUNTS

No more than 50% of the total cost will be paid, with the maximum for each category being:

1. \$60 for Club fees.
2. \$200 for Federation Talent Programmes.
3. \$200 for Representative Tournament fees.

Please note that GST does not apply to Scorching Goal Football Fund grants

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be received on a Scorching Goal application form by the due date. Applications must be completed in full and supported by an independent person who can verify the need for financial assistance. Scanned emailed applications are acceptable, email to scorchinggoal@mainlandfootball.co.nz.

WHO CAN SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION

An application must be supported by an independent person who can verify the applicant's need for financial assistance. This person may be: a club committee delegate, a school principal, a church minister, a representative of a government or support agency (such as WINZ) or any other person deemed appropriate by Mainland Football. Coaches of teams will not be accepted as supporters of applications.

CONDITIONS OF ASSISTANCE

1. Grants will be paid directly to the club or provider of the programme by way of direct credit, or credit off the programme fees.
2. Withdrawal from a programme will result in a pro-rate reimbursement of the grant back to the Scorching Goal funding pool. For example if a grant recipient withdraws 75% of the way through a programme, then 25% of the grant will be allocated back to the funding pool.
3. Withdrawal from a tournament will result in a full refund of the grant back to the funding pool.

SPECIAL APPLICATIONS

Special Applications will be considered for special cases that occur outside the usual application timeline and where delaying the application until the next round would cause either undue hardship or the opportunity to be lost. There must be relevant circumstances that prevented the applicant from applying within the normal timelines eg a late call up to tournament team.

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Successful applicants will receive a letter by email or post with details of their assistance within 3 weeks of the closing date. Unsuccessful applicants will receive written notification of the outcome within 3 weeks of the closing date.

Mainland Football will not enter into correspondence where an application has been declined. Mainland Football reserves the right to seek further clarification from the person supporting the application in order to make the decision.