

Soccer fees are calculated each year and are an estimate for the current season. North United works very hard to keep fees to a minimum. The total fee is a combination of **club registration fees** (costs to have a team play in a league) and **team fees** (costs for teams to play tournaments/have a paid coach). Once determined, club registration fees do not change for the year; team fees are an estimate based on what tournaments the team chooses. If a team plays more than the expected number of tournaments, more expensive tournaments or winter leagues, players will be asked to pay an additional fee via invoice. If a team does not use all of the collected fees, the team can choose to spend the money on a team event/coach gift, receive a refund or donate it to Feed My Starving Children.

Uniform cost is separate and no forms of aid can be used to cover that cost.

North United has several options for assistance with soccer fees.

1. There is a 25% rebate on club registration if the player receives additional district/program benefits (formerly reduced/free lunch program) at school. You must upload the letter from the district confirming your participation in the program (you can use last year's letter until the new one arrives). The application is not sufficient and the letter must include the player or parent's name. This will be applied once the letter is validated. **This can only be used for club registration and may not be added to another discount.**

2. Apply for the Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association (ARAA) grant-in-aid (GIA) program. To get further information please contact Chere Thompson at doo@northernlightsoccer.org. GIA recipients are required to complete additional volunteer hours. **This can only be used for club registration and may not be added to another discount.** Awards average about \$350.

3. Join the board or a committee, depending on the position, you would receive credit for your volunteer hours and discounted registration fee (after 1 year of service). See the "Get Involved" page crsoccer.org as elections are coming up in the fall. If you are interested in a board position, please let us know by emailing Kate Gambino at secretary@crsoccer.org. **This can only be used for club registration and may not be added to another discount.**

4. There are several groups that offer funds to help pay for sports, dance and other activities for kids. These groups allow individuals to volunteer at various venues around the Twin Cities to earn a donation to a qualifying organization. Many shifts are over \$200 as the donation. Each group has different requirements for volunteers. **This is the only form of aid that can be applied to team fees as well as club registration fees. These funds can be used in addition to one of the above discounts. We cannot reimburse families for funds that arrive after the payment of all fees so you must plan ahead.**

These are some of the groups:

1. Minnesota Fundraising Initiative - <https://mnfundraisinginitiative.org/> There is a required uniform purchase.

2. Hands of the Kingdom - no web page, managed by signing up for notices and using signup genius. Contact hokfundraisingcoordinator@gmail.com to be added to the notification list.
3. Achieving Dreams - <https://achievingdreamsmn.org/>
4. Twin Cities Fundraising Association - <https://www.tcfundraisingassociation.org/>

These groups are independent of North United and we do not have influence about participation. **Funds from these groups cannot be used for fees already paid so you must plan ahead.** Before requesting a disbursement from one of the above organizations, please reach out to treasurer@northernlightsoccer.org or treasurer@crsoccer.org to be sure the check is properly labeled.

Please contact Jill Robinson at registar@crsoccer.org or Chere Thompson at doo@northernlightsoccer.org with any questions about financial assistance.