

## 2.0 Tournament Trust Fund (Youth)

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### Dartmouth United Soccer Club – Youth Team Tournament Travel Funding

**Background:** Dartmouth United Soccer Club will plan to host a Tier 2 tournament each year. This event provides an opportunity for Dartmouth United teams to participate in tournament play without the associated travel costs and allows the club to showcase soccer in the local community. It is the intention that these tournaments operate on a cost recovery basis and when a profit is realized it will be designated to support youth division travel to Provincial and National championships and International<sup>1</sup> tournaments, according to the following guidelines.

Effective the 2001 summer season, the youth registration fee was set to include an amount sufficient to support tournament registration costs. This eliminates the need for teams to collect additional funds to register for the DU tournament. This practice will be reviewed each year during the process to establish the annual registration fee. It is expected that all DU teams will support the tournament both as participants and volunteers (e.g. teams will be assigned field marshalling responsibilities).

**Fund Guidelines:** Note: Awarding of any funds is contingent on the number of teams applying and the amount of funding available in a given year.

1. Any profit from the tournament will be placed in a special Dartmouth United Club fund, to be carried forward from year to year.
2. If the tournament has expenses in excess of revenue the balance will be covered by any unallocated funds remaining in the Tournament Trust Fund.
3. A minimum of \$1,000 must be set aside each year as seed money for the next season's tournaments.
4. Proceeds from this special fund can also be used to support travel requirements for the youth teams as follows:
  - Attendance at Provincials: If a team is successful in meeting the requirements for this event they may apply for a grant to support attendance. The grant shall be a maximum of 25% of the team's travel / accommodation budget or \$500, whichever is less.
  - Attendance at Nationals: If a team is successful in meeting the requirements for this event they may apply for a grant to support attendance. The grant will be a recommended minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of 25% of the overall travel / accommodation budget or \$5,000 whichever is less.
  - Attendance at International Tournaments: A team may apply for a grant to support attendance. The grant will be a recommended minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of 25% of the overall travel / accommodation budget or \$5,000 whichever is less.
  - If the head coach does not have a relative on the team, the team is eligible for an additional grant to cover the coach's travel/accommodation costs. The grant shall be a maximum of 50% of the coach's travel / accommodation cost or \$100, whichever is less.
  - In calculating travel, a rate of \$0.34 per km per vehicle shall apply.
  - All payments to teams from the Tournament Trust Fund are contingent upon available funds and approval by the Board of Directors.

**Tournament Trust Fund Allocations:** All requests must be submitted in writing to the VP of the division the team participates in and must precede any travel. A copy of the request must be sent to the Club Administrator.

A proposed travel budget and a current statement of the team budget must be submitted with the request. A final expense statement/receipts must be returned to the VP within 30 days of the travel.

Date of Original Guidelines: 1996

Date of Revised Guidelines: September 8, 2002 (approved)

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<sup>1</sup> Defined as outside North America.

Date of Revised Guidelines: Fall 2004

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Date of newest Revision: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008 (approved by the Board of Directors) – Contextual definition of “International”.