

## Background and Purpose:

The North Puget Sound League (NPSL) budgets development funds on an annual basis to promote coaching education and development to improve coaching performance which should ultimately improve player development and the level of play within the NPSL. It is the intention of the NPSL that these funds are primarily for attendance at sanctioned courses recognized by Washington Youth Soccer, US Youth Soccer and/or the US Soccer Federation with certified instructors. Ad hoc or special events may also be considered especially when the instructors are nationally recognized speakers; however as a 501(c) (3), the NPSL will scrutinize these events carefully and may decline to awarding funding. Grants to coaches are limited to \$250 per event. Club and Association requests can be for larger amounts and will be considered on a case by case basis. The purpose of this document is to provide parameters for distribution of these funds.

## Procedure:

NPSL development funds can be requested by Coaches, Clubs or Associations to help fund activities to promote coach and player developments. Examples of such activities include but are not limited to coach licensing clinics and coaching clinics with development focus. NPSL coaches attending state and national coaching clinics can request reimbursement of registration fees from NPSL. Clubs or Associations sponsoring coaching development clinics can request reimbursement or sponsorship for such activities from the NPSL board. Such activities should be made open and advertised to coaches across the League. NPSL can help facilitate such advertisement.

All requests for sponsorship or reimbursement will be discussed and reviewed by the NPSL Board. Requests will be approved or denied funding based on the above parameters and available funds. If the activity is approved, the amount of reimbursement will also be determined by the NPSL Board. Clubs, Associations or coaches will then be reimbursed from NPSL. Funds may be requested before or after completion of an activity, but must have met all the criteria outlined above. Coaches must submit valid receipts for courses showing payment. Proof of participation may also be requested.