



# Oaks Rugby Football Club

## Financial Aid Policy

The Oaks Rugby Football Club (Oaks RFC) is committed to growing the sport of rugby and ensuring that every young person who wants to play has the opportunity to do so. We offer financial aid to reduce registration fees and support players who might otherwise be unable to participate due to financial hardship or other circumstances. To qualify, families must complete the Financial Aid Application. All information provided is confidential and reviewed only by the Board's Financial Aid Committee.

### How to Apply for Financial Aid

#### Minimum Requirements:

- The player must have and maintain a minimum 'C' (2.0) average in school.
- Applicants must submit a completed Financial Aid application form by the published deadline date.
- Late applications may be considered at the Board's discretion based on prior commitment to the club (e.g., volunteer history, past participation).

#### Application Process

1. The applicant completes the Financial Aid application form by the stated deadline.
2. The application form is reviewed by the Financial Aid Chair.
3. The Financial Aid Chair reviews the application and may contact the applicant for follow-up information.
4. The Board's Financial Aid Committee reviews and votes on the application, considering:
  - Financial need,
  - Volunteer hours completed in the prior year for Oaks RFC.
  - Special circumstances presented by the applicant.
5. The Financial Aid Chair communicates the decision to the applicant.
6. Approved applicants receive a coupon code for the financial aid amount, to be applied at registration.

#### Fee Coverage

Financial aid does not cover all fees. Applicants must pay the minimum amount set each season as well as applicable USA Rugby, Rugby NorCal, and Town of Danville Sports Alliance fees. The fee schedule for each season is posted on [www.danvillerugby.com](http://www.danvillerugby.com).

- Volunteer deposit fee requirements are waived for approved applicants.
- Uniform (kit) costs are not automatically covered; the Board may consider requests on a case-by-case basis. Such considerations are usually in relation to volunteer hours required.

#### Volunteer Requirements

- Financial aid recipients are required to fulfill Oaks RFC Volunteer Requirements..
- Preference for financial aid will be given to families who complete all volunteer hour requirements in the prior year.
- Families who substantially exceed required volunteer hours (e.g., double the required amount) may be considered for additional aid or full fee waivers at the Board's discretion.

- Families failing to meet volunteer commitments will be ineligible for aid in future seasons unless approved by the Board based on special circumstances.

**Timeline**

Financial Aid application deadlines will be published each season. Late applications may be considered by the Board if exceptional circumstances warrant review.

**Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Financial Aid Chair and Financial Aid Committee to ensure it aligns with club goals and financial capacity.