**Updated information Sparta Policy Player Development**

1. **Maximum roster size**

Boys and girls Under 13-15 will have a maximum roster size of 18 players, boys and girls Under 16-19 will have a maximum roster size of 18 players.

1. **Financial Assistance policy**

To be eligible for financial assistance request, a team must have 15 full paying players on the roster, and Sparta will not make any exceptions regarding this requirement.

The Financial Assistance request must be sent to the board for review:

* Completed Sparta United Financial Assistance Agreement
* Tax returns for the past two years
* Letter explaining why they need a scholarship
* Players need to help out during Sparta Cup for a designated number of hours assigned by tournament committee.
* Parents must follow the payment plan with no delays in payments over the timeframe

**The maximum Financial Assistance (FA) available for a player is ¾ of the Sparta Club Fee, no full FA will be given. The player must pay at least ¼ to get used to the idea that the player cannot play completely for free. To pay fees, parents can help with fundraising or the player may need to find a job in order to play.**

1. **High School soccer**

From U16-19, Sparta United Soccer Club supports playing High School as long as there is no alternative league to replace the High School Soccer season. Parents/players will make their own decision whether or not to participate in High School Soccer. Sparta coaches are forbidden to put any pressure to not participate in High School Soccer.

These updated policies are approved by the board and technical director and will be implemented in the season 2017/2018

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