



Dear SOYSA Members:

In the Fall and Winter of 2002, the Community of the South Okanagan was deeply saddened by the tragic loss of three of our members, Marc Evans, a young player and referee from Summerland, Courtney Loadwick, a young player from Penticton, and Frank Supernak, a Coach and an active Community volunteer from Osoyoos. In memory of Marc, Courtney, and Frank, and because of the considerable influence they had in many of our lives, SOYSA has established a fund, called the "SOYSA Memorial Fund". The fund is designed to provide grants to children and youth residing in the South Okanagan, who cannot afford registration fees, so that more players have access to the wonderful sport of soccer.

The success of the SOYSA Memorial Fund depends on the support and goodwill of individual community members and corporate sponsors. Anyone who would like to make a contribution to the fund can do so by sending a cheque, payable to "SOYSA Memorial Fund", to the above-noted address, or by donating in person at any Valley First Credit Union (deposit to account #390112, Branch 1 – the Main Branch).

The criteria developed by the SOYSA Executive for the support of Memorial Fund grant applications are:

- Grants to individual athletes are designed to support children whose opportunities are restricted by limited family income or short-term financial hardships.
- Grants are available only to participants who reside within the South Okanagan Youth Soccer Association's boundaries.
- Under normal circumstances, the grants will apply to:
 - ❖ Registration for regular season Mini Soccer
 - ❖ Registration for regular season Youth Soccer
 - ❖ Registration for regular season District Select Soccer
- Only one application per calendar year
- Children and youth from ages 5 to 18 years are eligible for the grant
- Camps or other developmental programmes are not eligible expenses
- The parent or guardian must initiate the application on behalf of the child by contacting the Administrator

Thanking you in advance for your kind sponsorship,
Sincerely,

Dale Anderson
Chairperson