



VIPL Storm fees – What they provide

The Storm is a not-for-profit program organized and operated by the Upper Island Soccer Association, and supported by a steering committee and member clubs (AVYSA, GYSA, HCFC, MIYSA and OYSS). Storm provides a positive character-building sporting experience through a highest caliber soccer program. As a member of the Storm program you are supported directly by dedicated volunteers and professional staff. Registering with your home club and the Storm offers access to play in the VIPL at the second highest caliber in the BC Soccer league play pathway, on teams with highly motivated team officials.

Registration with your home club accesses their resources, volunteers and infrastructure. Clubs fund and schedule both officials and game fields. Club fees also include registration with BC Soccer to access insurance, Provincial competitions, funding towards tournament play and coaching courses. Most importantly, registration with our clubs helps ensure their continued financial success - success that builds the infrastructure, turf fields and club houses that we rely on.

The Storm program is operated by volunteers with support from the UISA office staff and the Storm Technical Director. Our volunteers, coaches, team managers and steering committee members have no expense allowances or honorariums. All fees paid by players contribute to the program and the operation of the League: no profit is sought and all revenue is spent on the Storm.

Together, UISA and the Storm or Riptide Steering Committees set the basic core fee structure for VIPL players in the Upper Island. The Storm Steering Committee, along with coaches and the Technical Director, determine how revenue in excess of core funding is spent. Storm have established goals and guiding principles to shape our spending. Coach's Professional Development, high quality equipment for teams, and access to training space are the current goals we have set for the program.

The Storm Registration fee per player of \$475 is broken down as follows:

\$25 Hardship Fund

\$30 year-end banquet

\$35 UISA Administration

\$110 Field and Kit Fund – including indoor facility rental at Arbutus Meadows

\$25 Team Funds - paid directly to teams

\$250 Technical Director Fund and miscellaneous funds (Technical Director Fund capped at \$30 000)

Hardship fund

This fund assists families in need with registration fees and on occasion help players attend tournaments or Provincial Championships. Most Hardship funds are used annually towards player registrations. Any money left over is moved to next year's general revenue.

Year-End banquet

In 2017-18, Storm began hosting an annual year-end banquet for all players. Extra tickets will be available (for \$30) for parents who want to attend as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community, review the season and our players' achievements, say goodbye to our graduating athletes and thank (and maybe poke some fun at) our coaches. [We are looking for sponsors for the event itself, and for sponsors interested in supporting our graduating student scholarships](#)

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with a \$250 or \$500 donation. Please contact StormSteeringCommittee@gmail.com if you or your company can contribute. If sponsors cannot be found this year, the Gala fee in upcoming years will have to be increased to cover the full cost of this special event.

UISA Administration Fee

The UISA staff perform over 800 hours of service yearly directly for VIPL and Storm. They undertake many tasks on behalf of the program, which include: scheduling, score recording, coordination of league and cup play, communications, all financial functions for the franchise, Gala planning and support, meeting minutes and tryout registration for the Storm. *The UISA staff track hours worked on the two UISA VIPL franchises and review this fund annually.*

Field and Kit Fund

Field and kit funds are put aside to cover the cost of practice fields and to help reduce the base kit costs for the families involved in the program, with [base kit items provided by Storm being expected to last two years](#). Starting in 2017-18, this amount was increased to cover the cost of rental of the indoor facility at Arbutus Meadows.

Team Fund

Teams receive \$25 per player to use toward team events, travel, and tournament registration. Teams may also apply for a tournament fee from member clubs. In addition, any sponsorship funds solicited by the teams go directly to the team; Storm or UISA do not receive any of these funds.

Teams are required to provide an annual statement on team spending and revenue.

Technical Director Fund

From this fund Storm contracts Stefanek Soccer for \$30 000 for 6 months of service (September to February), plus evaluations. Stefanek soccer is responsible for providing Academy night development sessions, other training sessions, weekend game analysis, coaches meetings, spring trials evaluations, communication and analysis, and advocating for our players with Universities and the BC SPL.

From the TD fund, Larry Stefanek also provides the technical team. He is responsible for direction and leadership over the technical team. The technical team provide weekly Academy nights, team training and game analysis for players and coaches.

Miscellaneous Fund

Seven and a half teams (or 120 players) are required to fund the Technical Director fund. Excess funds in the Technical Director and Miscellaneous fund are put towards equipment, annual requirements, short term initiatives and long term goals. All miscellaneous spending is influenced by the number of players in the program. Only when funds are available will money be spent. Storm doesn't have the ability to borrow money or access UISA general revenue.

Conclusion

Storm are supported by many volunteers and a small number of professional staff. All are dedicated to improving and growing the Storm. All funds collected go towards supporting the players, coaches, technical staff and steering committee to meet our goal of providing a positive character-building sporting experience through a high caliber soccer program.