

AQUINAS FOOTBALL CLUB POLICY FOR TRIPS ABROAD

Broad principles

1. Aquinas FC does not encourage trips abroad but will facilitate managers who want to take their teams to overseas tournaments on production of a credible strategy
2. Aquinas FC will not contribute to the cost of overseas trips by teams. All costs must be borne by the parents.

Policy

1. A manager who wishes to take his team on an overseas trip must obtain permission from the Executive Committee.
2. Permission will only be given where there is:
 - i. an identified co-ordinator of the trip;
 - ii. a clear break down of costs of the trip;
 - iii. a clear strategy with time frame for fund raising and for meeting the costs;
 - iv. an acceptance by the manager that all monies for the trip must come from the parents of the players and that Aquinas FC will not bail out any shortcomings in fund raising; and
 - v. written parental approval in respect of each player to go on the trip.
3. The manager must report the achievement of fund raising and any other milestones as they take place.
4. Aquinas FC believes that the cost of the trip should be met by the parents of the players and that adults accompanying the players should not be charged. At the same time, if the accompanying adults are willing to pay their costs, that's a matter between them and the trip co-ordinator.
5. There should be a ratio of no less than 1 adult for every 4 children. Aquinas FC believes this to be good practice. If a trip co-ordinator opts for a higher ratio, that's a matter for him but he should make it clear to the accompanying adults that his ratio is not in line with the club's.

