



## **Program Opportunity**

### **Our Club has programs, partnerships, and/or other mechanisms to reduce barriers to participation**

#### **Policy Statement:**

Edmonton Sting is committed to providing opportunities for all individuals, regardless of their background, to participate in the sport of soccer. To achieve this, we have developed a range of programs, partnerships, and other mechanisms to reduce barriers to participation.

#### **Programs:**

We offer a range of programs that cater to various skill levels, ages, and backgrounds. Our club provides training and support for individuals who have never played soccer before, ensuring that they receive the same quality of coaching and resources as experienced players. Additionally, we provide opportunities for individuals to participate in tournaments and matches, giving them the chance to showcase their skills and compete at various levels.

#### **Partnerships:**

Edmonton Sting is looking to partner with a range of organizations to help break down barriers to participation. We will work with local schools to provide after-school programs, and partner with community organizations to provide opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. Additionally, we work with other soccer clubs to provide joint training sessions and friendly matches, providing players with exposure to different styles of play and building strong relationships with other teams.

#### **Other Mechanisms:**

We have implemented other mechanisms to reduce barriers to participation, including the provision of equipment, transport, and financial assistance. We ensure that all individuals have access to necessary equipment, such as boots and uniforms, and we provide transport to training and games for those who may not have their own means of transport. Additionally, we provide financial assistance to those who may struggle to cover the costs of participating in the sport.

In conclusion, Edmonton Sting is committed to ensuring that all individuals have access to opportunities to participate in the sport of soccer. Through our programs, partnerships, and other mechanisms, we strive to break down barriers to participation and create a level playing field for all.

