

# WILMOT SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY



### OBJECTIVE:

It is the mandate of the Wilmot Softball Association Inc. to provide kids in the community with an opportunity to play organized softball. This mandate includes under-privileged families and those that are less fortunate than others. Support for deserving kids and families that embrace the spirit of the game of softball and uphold sportsmanship shall be made where funds are available. Administration of such a program must be done in a fair, open and transparent manner to withstand the scrutiny of the membership.

### POLICY:

1. The Wilmot Softball Association works closely with local support groups including the Wilmot Family Resource Centre and Wilmot Township. Families requiring financial assistance may wish to reach out to these on their own or Wilmot Softball can help with this. Please contact our registrar first to determine the best course of action.
2. The pool of funds available under the Wilmot Softball Association Financial Assistance Program is limited to \$600 per year. Any financial assistance funding requests in excess of this amount will require the approval of the Wilmot Softball Association executive.
3. Every request for financial assistance must be accompanied by a properly completed Wilmot Softball Association Financial Assistance Application Form. Requests for support will not be considered otherwise, and there shall be no exceptions. In the case of multiple requests for the same family, a Financial Assistance Application Form must be completed for each player.
4. Wilmot Softball Association Financial Assistance Application Forms must be received by the Registrar no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be considered for the upcoming softball season. Under no circumstances shall the Wilmot Softball Association accept applications for retroactive consideration.
5. If approved for a grant by KidSport Ontario, Wilmot Softball Association may provide the balance of the applicant's annual registration fees, rep tryout fees, and clinic fees. A KidSport Ontario grant will not guarantee additional financial assistance from Wilmot Softball Association. The KidSport Ontario grant is merely a pre-condition to qualifying for Wilmot Softball Association financial assistance. All decisions regarding financial assistance will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Registrar, Treasurer and President of the Wilmot Softball Association. The link to our local kidsport chapter is: <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/ontario/kitchener-waterloo/>
6. The Wilmot Softball Association Financial Assistance Program will only cover registration fees.
7. All applications and decisions for Financial Assistance shall be held in strict confidence by the Registrar, Treasurer and President of Wilmot Softball Association. At no time will the names of any of the applicants be disclosed to the public or the membership of the Wilmot Softball Association.
8. All successful applicants will be advised by March 15th of each year as to the amount of financial assistance awarded to them by Wilmot Softball Association.

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### PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

1. The parents of applicants are expected to volunteer to assist with their team, tournament committee, or the association as a whole up and above the normal volunteer assignments expected of the general membership. This extra expectation will not be policed, but the expectation is nonetheless there.
2. Strong consideration shall be given to historical on- and off-field conduct of the applicants and the applicants' parents.
3. This policy will be communicated as follows:
  - The policy will be posted on the Wilmot Softball Association website
  - Information will be available at the annual registration night
  - Reference to the policy will be made in the annual registration package

### REFERENCE:

KidSport Ontario Information:

<http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/ontario>

Kidsport Ontario K\_W Grant Application Form

[http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/site/assets/files/8663/kidsport\\_kw\\_grant\\_application.pdf](http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/site/assets/files/8663/kidsport_kw_grant_application.pdf)

KidSport Ontario K-W Chapters:

<http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/ontario/kitchener-waterloo/>