



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The SGHA strives to ensure that every child who wants to play hockey can.

The SGHA provides financial assistance to SGHA players and their families/guardians who do not have the financial resources to pay or would suffer undue hardship because of the registration fee and other associated team costs.

The SGHA will make every effort to provide financial assistance where it is needed. However, this is predicated on funds being available for the SGHA to provide financial assistance in any given year.

### CONFIDENTIALITY

The SGHA will implement protocols to ensure that applications for financial assistance will be treated confidentially and on a “need-to-know” basis.

As a standard practice, only the Treasurer and Registrar will receive applications for financial assistance.

On an exceptional basis, the Vice President may also be consulted on financial assistance applications where the Treasurer deems it necessary to maintain the overall integrity of the Policy.

Teams will not be informed of players on their rosters receiving financial assistance.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Financial assistance is limited to the SGHA registered players.
- Financial assistance is available to all players from U7 to U18.
- Players who have been SGHA members for at least one previous year will be given a higher priority for financial assistance than new registrants.

The following criteria will also be considered in establishing eligibility:

- Parent(s)/guardian income
- Number of dependants
- Number of dependants playing hockey and other sports
- Divorce/separation
- Exceptional circumstances e.g. death in family

### APPLICATION PROCESS

A family may apply for financial assistance prior to or during the registration process by emailing [registrar@sgha.ca](mailto:registrar@sgha.ca) and [treasurer@sgha.ca](mailto:treasurer@sgha.ca). Each request will be reviewed by the treasurer and registrar and will be kept confidential. Applicants may be required to submit a written application and include proof of income (i.e. CRA Notice of Assessment) to support their application.



A family may also request financial assistance at any point during the season should an unforeseen major family event necessitate this (i.e. loss of job; death in family).

## **DEGREE OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

Need is the primary consideration in approving an application for assistance.

Prior to the beginning of each season, the Treasurer will seek SGHA approval of a budget for providing financial assistance during the season.

Financial assistance can be provided for registration fees, team fees, and other non-discretionary costs throughout the season.

## **OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING**

The SGHA strongly recommends that families seeking financial assistance also pursue other sources of support, such as:

- Canadian Tire Jump Start;
- Hockey Canada Assist Fund
- Individual sponsorship

## **RETURN OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

If a player who receives financial assistance withdraws from the SGHA at any point in the season, any unused financial assistance received from the SGHA shall be returned by the player and/or team.

## **RECOURSE**

All financial assistance decisions of the SGHA Finance Committee are final.