



Olds Minor Softball Association

Fees and Fund Raising Policy

OMSA will collect fees and uniform & volunteer bond cheques at the time of player registration. These fees are intended to provide the following to each team regardless of competitive level.

- **Affiliation with Softball Alberta**
- **Insurance**
- **Uniforms**
- **Preseason gym time (as available)**
- **Scheduled diamond use up to 2 evenings per week (Monday-Thursday)**
- **Umpire scheduling for up to 1 home game per week (Monday-Thursday)**
- **Team catcher's equipment, practice balls, & game balls.**
- **Payment of one tournament fee per season**

OMSA may from time to time hire outside coaches to run skill clinics. (Eg pitching clinics) These clinics will be at the cost of the players involved.

OMSA recognizes that some teams will wish to play a more intense schedule. In this case, the additional tournament, diamond, and umpire fees will be the responsibility of the team.

OMSA permits and encourages teams to fund raise to help offset the normal operating costs incurred over the course of a season. The fundraising may include hosting a tournament, bottle drives, raffles or donations.

Application of Policy:

- **Teams should use common sense and discretion when soliciting donations keeping in mind that there is more than one team in our association requiring donations. The amount of the donations should be limited to the amount required to cover expenses.**
- **All funds remaining after normal operating expenses can be distributed in any of the following ways:**
 - 1) **Refunded to parents to a maximum of funds initially contributed to the team over the cost of registration.**
 - 2) **Refunded to the Association.**
 - 3) **Donated to the charity of the team's choice**

- It is not the intent or purpose of OMSA to have teams, players or parents profit from being a member of our association.
- For the purpose of this policy “normal operating expenses” shall include, but not be restricted to the following:
 - Additional fees
 - Clothing (track suits, jackets, hoodies, etc.)
 - Individual equipment bags.
- Teams should be prepared to provide the OMSA Executive with a financial statement detailing all expenses.
- Fundraising undertaken in the off season (after September) shall be considered monies raised for the following sea
- Teams must report all fund raising activity to the OMSA Executive. This will help to ensure that the same fund raising activity is not duplicated by another team.