



GCGH Policy Directive

Financial Assistance/Grant Process

- 1- The GCGH realizes that hockey is a very expensive sport to play. To that end we want to provide financial assistance to ensure that players that may not have the financial means to play hockey are provided with an opportunity to do so with GCGH.
- 2- The amount of assistance GCGH provides will be predicated on funds being available for the GCGH to provide financial assistance in any given year.

Roles and Responsibilities

- 3- The GCGH Board of Directors is responsible for this process and approves the budget for financial assistance prior to the start of each season, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer.
- 4- The GCGH Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion is responsible for the ongoing oversight of the implementation of the Financial Assistance process.
- 5- A Financial Assistance Committee (FAC) will be formed with approval by the Board to receive and review financial assistance applications, contacting applicants, and approving the applicants.

Criteria

- 6- Financial assistance is limited to the GCGH registered players and is available to U18age levels and below. To determine financial eligibility for grants provided through GCGH, the applicant needs to submit proof of income by providing their CRA notice of assessment and a recent pay stub of the registered players Parents/Guardians.
- 7- The following criteria will also be considered in establishing eligibility:
 - a) Number of dependents,
 - b) Number of dependents playing hockey and other sports,
 - c) Exceptional circumstances e.g., death in family,
 - d) Parent/Guardian income, and
 - e) Family status (divorced, separated, widowed, etc.).

Application Process

- 8- The applicant must fill in the online application form and send to the FAC for review. There is no deadline for seeking financial assistance, but applicants are urged to submit as soon as possible.

Funding Available



- 9- Prior to the beginning of each season, the Treasurer will seek GCGH approval of a budget for providing financial assistance during the season.
- 10- Financial assistance will be provided for registration fees and in some cases may also be considered for team fees, and other non-discretionary costs throughout the season.
- 11- The goal is to provide assistance to as many players as possible. Depending on the number of applications received and the size of the approved Budget, it may be necessary for GCGH to pro-rate assistance to applicants. This ensures that support can be provided to as many eligible players as possible.
- 12- The GCGH encourages families to seek financial assistance from other available sources, including the Canadian Tire Jump Start fund, Grindstone Award Foundation, and the Hockey Canada Assist fund. When reviewing an application for financial assistance, the Financial Assistance Committee will take into consideration an applicant's application or intentions of applying for other sources of financial assistance.

Return of Financial Assistance

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

Confidentiality

- 14- The GCGH will implement protocols to ensure that applications for financial assistance will be treated with the upmost confidentiality.
- 15- As a standard practice, only the FAC will receive applications for financial assistance. All information will be anonymized by the FAC prior to making any recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- 16- Teams will not be informed of players on their rosters receiving financial assistance.
- 17- All financial assistance decisions are final.