

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES

About the Stittsville Minor Hockey Association Financial Assistance Program

Vision

Every child in Stittsville who wishes to play hockey in our community has the opportunity to participate.

Vision Statement

By providing funding assistance, we ensure all Stittsville children, regardless of their socioeconomic status, have access to playing minor hockey.

Goals

The SMHA goal is to be there to assist any Stittsville child in their dream of playing hockey. In other words, we want all kids to have the opportunity to play.

Application Process

We will be offering financial assistance to qualified families or player applicant.

Eligibility Criteria

All applicants are required to first apply for the Hockey Canada Assist [Program](#) and submit evidence of their application and resulting decision along with their application to SMHA.

Eligible applicants must :

- a) Be approved as a recipient of the Hockey Canada Assist Program;

OR

- b) If not approved meet one of the following criteria and provide evidence:
 - The family is receiving social assistance
 - The family net income is equal to or less than \$60,000 per year
 - The applicant is receiving social assistance
 - The applicant is in a foster care program
 - Evidence of assistance that does not meet the above criteria

All approved applicants will be notified by August 31st (before first on-ice session).

Process:

- Initiate your application by registering your child for the upcoming season. Your registration fees are based on the date of registration. **Do not pay your registration fee.**
- Email the VP Finance (VPFinance@stittsvilleminorhockey.com) advising of your intent to apply for the financial assistance program and submit any evidence as required.
- Apply to the Hockey Canada Assist Fund and forward evidence of your application to the VP Finance.
- All applications will be assessed by the Financial Assistance Committee (FAC) and successful applicants will be notified by August 31st.
- Should your application be denied by the FAC, you will be responsible to make payment for your registration fees by September 1st.

Please note: It is the policy of the SMHA to protect the privacy of our members and to maintain appropriate confidentiality and security with regard to all personal information obtained. We are committed to ensuring that your personal and confidential information is handled with the utmost respect.

The Financial Assistance Committee consists of the following SMHA members who have been entrusted with managing the program on behalf of the Stittsville Minor Hockey Association:

- President, Stittsville Minor Hockey (President@stittsvilleminorhockey.com)
- Vice President - Finance, Stittsville Minor Hockey (VPFinance@stittsvilleminorhockey.com)

EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE

Assistance may be available for hockey equipment. If you require assistance in acquiring hockey equipment for your player, please send a separate email request to the VP Finance.