

Airdrie Little League Policy on Use of Non-Volunteer Funds

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the appropriate use of funds collected from parents who are unable to fulfill their volunteer commitments. These funds will be used to enhance player equipment and support families experiencing financial hardship, ensuring all children can participate in our programs.

2. Collection of Non-Volunteer Funds:

Parents who are unable to volunteer are required to contribute \$150 per player per team. This fee supports the league's operational needs and helps ensure the continued quality of our programs.

3. Allocation of Funds:

Funds collected from non-volunteering parents may be allocated in the following areas:

a. Player Equipment:

Procurement: A portion of the funds will be used to purchase new or replacement equipment for players, ensuring safety and enhancing the playing experience if the existing budget is not available, up to a maximum of \$1000

Maintenance: Funds may also be used for unforeseen maintenance and repair of existing equipment.

b. Financial Assistance for Families:

If alternative funding options have been exhausted, i.e. Kid Sport and other grant programs, the funds may be used:

To provide fee waivers for families facing financial hardship, enabling their children to participate in the league and minimize financial strain.

Assistance may include the provision of uniforms, gloves, bats, or other necessary gear for players who may not be able to afford them.

4. Administration and Oversight:

Budgeting: The Board of Directors will identify available funds each season based on the number of parents who have paid the non-volunteer deposit. At the end of each fiscal year, funds will be moved to the general fund- this will not be used as an increasing reserve for future years.

Reporting: An annual report detailing the use of these funds will be prepared and made available to league members, removing any personally identifying information for families receiving support and ensuring accountability and transparency.

5. Application for Financial Assistance:

Submission: Families in need of financial assistance must submit a Financial Assistance Application, detailing their circumstances and need.

Exhausting Other Opportunities: Applicants must demonstrate that they have explored and exhausted other potential sources of financial support, such as grants, scholarships, or community assistance programs.

Timing Considerations: It is essential to highlight if funding from other sources will not meet the necessary timelines for registration and associated costs for the player. This ensures that the league can prioritize timely disbursement to accommodate urgent needs.

Review and Approval: The Executive Committee will review the applications. Considerations will include the applicant's demonstrated need, efforts to secure other funding, and the urgency of the request based on the upcoming season's timeline.

6. Communication:

The policy will be available on the Airdrie Little League website.

7. Amendments:

This policy may be reviewed and amended by the Board of Directors as necessary to meet the league's and its members' changing needs.

Effective Date: June 10, 2024

Approved by:

Airdrie Little League Board of Directors- Executive Committee