

## Maine Gladiators

### Player Injury Financial Adjustment Policy – 2025-2026 Season

The Maine Gladiator Board will continue to err on the side of players, and their families, when a player is injured and must miss hockey commitments, long-term. Financial implications to families can be difficult, and the Board has adopted the following Long-Term Injury Refund Policy for the 2025 – 2026 season and beyond:

- Long-term injury shall be defined as missing 15 or more **consecutive** hockey games and on-ice practices due to injury such as, but not limited to; chronic illness, broken bone(s), surgery, emergency medical issues, disease, accidents, etc.
- Parents/Guardians must inform the Gladiator Board, via the league administrator, about a player's long-term injury and initiate this process. Information cannot come from a peer, a friend, a coach, or a board member. The Long-Term Injury request form is kept with the league administrator, and will be made available upon parental request.
- Along with the request form, a valid doctor's note, from a licensed medical professional, must be provided by a family to notify the Board of a long-term player injury.
- A player assessment **must** be paid, in full, to be eligible for a long-term injury credit.
- All long-term injury refund requests will be initially reviewed by the league administrator. From there, eligible requests will be sent to the board president for consideration, review, and approval or denial.
- All granted long-term injury refunds will be provided to families, in the form of credits toward the following season with the Gladiators, by the league treasurer. Credits **must** be used the following season or will expire. Long-term injury credits shall be forfeit if a player leaves the Gladiators to play for a different organization.
- Injury refund breakdown for Tiers 2 & 3 players:
  - 15-20 consecutive events missed due to documented injury - \$200 credit
  - 21-30 consecutive events missed due to documented injury - \$500 credit
  - 31-40 consecutive events missed due to documented injury - \$800 credit
  - 41-50 consecutive events missed due to documented injury - \$1100 credit
  - 51-60 consecutive events missed due to documented injury - \$1400 credit
  - Players sustaining a season-ending injury early in a season, or prior to the start of the season, may be eligible for a full assessment refund, less player administrative fees.
- Injury refund breakdown for Tier 4 players:
  - 15-20 consecutive events missed due to documented injury - \$150 credit
  - 21-30 consecutive events missed due to documented injury - \$300 credit
  - \*31-40 consecutive events missed due to documented injury - \$450 credit
  - Players sustaining a season-ending injury early in a season, or prior to the start of the season, may be eligible for a full assessment refund, less player administrative fees.
  - \* = Mini-Mites (6U), Mites (8U) and Tier 4 Midgets (16/18/19U) are not eligible for this level refund based on overall assessment cost.
  - \*\*Learn To Play, Little Bruins and Beginner Hockey families are not eligible for financial adjustment due to injury
- This policy will remain on the Gladiator website for all Tiers, and is referenced in the T2, 3 and 4 contracts.