

Chinooks Financial Support Policy

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Policy Overview

The following policy outlines the practice the Chinooks follows to support families registering to participate in the Chinooks program who may be in situations where they require financial support.

Chinooks work to deal with these situations with compassion and empathy, and families in these situations are treated with respect and confidentiality whenever these situations are encountered.

Chinooks actively works to ensure that every player who wishes to join Chinooks has the opportunity to participate fully in Chinooks programming.

The Chinooks have existing relationships with charitable organizations, a Board and membership commitment to support families requiring financial support, and a Club community that ensures that support for families to fully participate and be involved in the Chinooks community and programming is a reality for every Chinooks member family, regardless of circumstance.

Policy Details

- Families who require financial assistance are required to register with Chinooks similar to all existing players, however they will indicate that they are seeking financial support.
- Families in these scenarios must apply for KidSport and JumpStart and provide proof of application to Chinooks bookkeeper
- Families in this category typically have been expected to provide a minimum \$100 financial commitment to pay themselves to Chinooks, which can be arranged with Chinooks and paid in installments, if necessary. This arrangement is made with the Chinooks bookkeeper.
- Chinooks will receive confirmation of financial support, or works with KidSport, Jumpstart, Umoja or other charitable organization to provide details on financial support required, and will work with these organizations to get the financial support amount required.
- Financial support is received and confirmed from KidSport, Jumpstart, Umoja
- In instances where financial support is declined, the Chinooks bookkeeper will
 reach out to family to identify that financial support has been declined by the
 respective charitable organizations, and confirm whether the financial need still
 exists, or whether the family has means to support program fees, or partial
 program fees. Chinooks will provide alternative payment options, including
 payment plans and partial payment arrangements.

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- The Chinooks also work with member families to sponsor players in this category. Oftentimes there are sponsor families, volunteers or Board members who donate their volunteer credits to families in financial need.
- Families in financial need are also offered volunteer opportunities with Chinooks, that suit their individual circumstances, allowing the families to contribute to the Chinooks community while earning volunteer credit that can offset the equivalent in financial fees