



KidSport™ History

KidSport™ was founded in 1993 in Vancouver, BC whose main goal was and still is to provide an opportunity for kids to play sports who otherwise could not afford to do so. KidSport™ Canada was incorporated in 2005 and now has provincial chapters across Canada. In 2009 KidSport™ helped 60,000 kids take part in the sport of their choice. KidSport™ Kitimat is one of the 38 chapters across BC.

**So ALL Kids
Can Play!**

KidSport™ Kitimat

With the start up of KidSport™ Kitimat, any monies raised locally will stay in Kitimat, giving our friends' and neighbours' children opportunities to play sports. The goal of KidSport™ Kitimat is to raise enough money over time for the fund to be self-supporting year after year. In any given year, KidSport™ BC has granted upwards of \$1500 towards supporting youth in Kitimat.

Mission Statement

We believe that no child should be left on the sidelines and all should be given the opportunity to experience the positive benefits of organized sports. KidSport™ Kitimat provides support to children by removing financial barriers that prevent them from playing organized sport.

Benefits to the Community

KidSport™ Kitimat believes in the values and benefits of kids playing organized sports and we know that sport will provide them with the opportunity to:

- ◆ Become physically active
- ◆ Improve their self-esteem
- ◆ Learn life-long skills
- ◆ Improve their academic performance
- ◆ Make new friends
- ◆ Share and celebrate their culture



About Us

KidSport™ Kitimat is a not-for-profit organization that provides financial assistance for sport registration fees to kids aged 18 and under. Through a confidential application process, we provide grants so kids can play a season of sport. Our primary goal is to financially support local youth who would not otherwise have the opportunity to take part in sports.

Application Information

Applications must be received prior to or during the requested sport season. The sport must be taught by a qualified coach and the sport activity must be affiliated with Sport BC. Camps, equipment and travel are not eligible expenses. Preference for funding is given to children who are being introduced to organized sport.

To obtain your KidSport™ application or to donate please contact Cheri at the Riverlodge Recreation Centre 250 632 8970

Our Proud Supporters:



MANDATE

To provide financially disadvantaged children in Canada with the opportunity to participate in sports & recreation activities.

FUNDING GUIDELINES

- ◆ Ages 4 - 18 years.
- ◆ Funding preference is to pay for registration fees with consideration to funding equipment and/or transportation costs on a case by case basis.
- ◆ The program is designed to get children active. The sport or recreation program should include physical activity.
- ◆ Funding goes to individuals not teams.
- ◆ Funding priority is for programs that last a season (i.e. a one-week elite sports camp would not qualify).
- ◆ Open to children and youth in Kitimat and the Kitimaat Village.
- ◆ Priority given for entry level programs and first time participants.
- ◆ Applications are available at the District of Kitimat, Tamitik Jubilee Sports Complex and Riverlodge Recreation Centre.
- ◆ Maximum subsidy per year per child is \$200.

APPLICATION OPTIONS

1. Submit application form **OR**
2. Referral of child/youth directly to Cheri Demelo at Riverlodge recreation Centre (by program staff, community member, school counsellor, coach, organization, etc.)

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Application submissions are on-going. Application review/approval takes approximately 2 weeks and will be confirmed by phone call or meeting.

For more information contact:

Cheri Demelo
250 632 8970
Riverlodge Recreation Centre



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LEISURE ACCESS PROGRAMS



Recreation opportunities for people with special needs.



DISTRICT OF KITIMAT

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IN FINANCIAL NEED

1. ACCESS TO RECREATION PROGRAMS

This policy has been established to provide Kitimat/Kitamaat residents who require financial or other assistance to participate in recreation programs. Interested persons are to contact the Programmer, Cheri Demelo, 250-632-8970 in order to access this program. Application can be for one or more family members. The Programmer and the applicant will determine the best method of access to the Leisure Economic Access Policy Program based on proof of employment insurance or the combined family household income as indicated on line 150 of the previous year's tax return.

2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Low Income Individuals/Families/Foster Children

Only residents of Kitimat and Kitamaat Village may apply. Post secondary students are not eligible. To be eligible, an individual/families must provide documentation showing they fall within the "Low Income Cut Off Levels" as recognized by Statistics Canada or provide evidence that their family income is solely derived from employment insurance or disability insurance. Leisure Access is also available for children in foster care even if family income is not within the low income levels. The low income levels below are based on combined gross

Family Size	Combined Gross Household Income
1	23,537
2	31,611
3	38,715
4	46,362
5	52,583
6	59,304
7 or more	66,027

Adult Hockey Discount

Residents of Kitimat and Kitamaat Village may apply for a 50% discount on ice fees when playing for an adult hockey league. Post secondary students are not eligible. Individuals must be on employment insurance at the time of registration in the hockey league. For each individual in the program, their league will receive a discount on the ice rental invoice equal to the reduction of ice fees charged to the individual.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

Information gathered is treated as confidential.

4. HOW OFTEN DO I NEED TO APPLY?:

- Each participant in the program will be issued a Recreation ID Card.
- The Recreation ID card will be valid until June 1st of each year.
- To continue in the program, the participants must provide the Leisure Services Programmer documentation to continue eligibility for the following year.
- For a confidential appointment, phone 250-632-8970 and ask for Cheri Demelo

5. WHAT CAN I APPLY FOR?:

- Up to 50% off any recreation program offered exclusively by the District of Kitimat Leisure Services Department (swim lessons, fitness classes, general programs, workshops). Material costs are extra.
- Up to 50% off the regular price of memberships for access to public programs such as swimming, skating, open gym and weight room.
- 40% off a regular drop in admission or purchase of 12 economy tickets.

Each person on the program receives 3 no charge drop-ins which are good for public swimming, open gym, public skating or the weight room.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL SPECIAL NEEDS

Special Needs person: A person who is unable to use the facilities without direct and/or assisted supervision.

Assistant to a Special Needs person: A person who is assisting someone who is unable to use the facilities without direct and/or assisted supervision.

1. Physio Swim

Citizens with permanent or temporary disabilities may contact the Physiotherapy Department of the Kitimat General Hospital for referral to the Physio Swim. Those referred are permitted 10 free passes per year to the Physio Swim at Sam Lindsay Aquatic Centre, Monday through Friday from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.

2. Living Well Program

Eligible clients will receive 10 complimentary drop in sessions or a one-time 50% discount on a three month membership. Clients can also access an activity based program for a 50% discount during the Fall and Winter program seasons to a maximum of two programs. Active clients of the Living Well Program may contact program staff @ 250-632-8313 on Wednesday between 8am - noon & Thursday 8am - 4pm.

3. Public Program Access

It is recognized that residents with special needs may be accompanied by able-bodied persons to ensure that public programs provide a fulfilling and wholesome experience.

Person with Special Needs: Receive memberships at 50% off or 40% off regular admission fees.

Special Needs Assistant/Parent/Caregiver/Therapist: Receive free access to facilities while assisting a challenged person.

Adult drop-in fee (subsidies apply) will be charged for children with special needs (ages 0 - 4).

4. Renting Recreation Facilities for Exclusive Use

- Fees for exclusive use by persons with physical and mental needs are based on the current public drop-in fees including discount tickets.
- Able-bodied persons are permitted to participate at no charge while assisting persons with special needs.
- A minimum of 5 people are required to participate for this program to run.
- The intent of the program is to be focused on persons with physical/mental needs participation.
- The supervisor of the facility monitors the program to ensure the intent of the exclusive use program is being met for persons with physical/mental needs.
- The time of this exclusive use program must be at a time convenient for the facility and participants during hours of operation so there is no excess cost to the taxpayers.



TO APPLY OR IF THIS POLICY DOES NOT MEET YOUR NEEDS PLEASE CALL CHERI AT 250 632 8970.