



## KidSport™ Kitimat

### 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. KidSport™ Kitimat is one of the 42 chapters across BC. that ensures that no child is left on the sidelines.

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 grants \$1500 to \$5000 each year towards supporting youth in Kitimat.

So **ALL** Kids  
Can Play!

KidSport™ Kitimat

### Mission Statement

*We believe that no kid 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.

Online Applications available at [KidSport.ca](http://KidSport.ca)

## Our Proud Partners:



## JOE IANNARELLI EQUIPMENT LEGACY FUND

KidSport™ Kitimat provides financial assistance for sport registration fees to kids aged 18 and under. One of the barriers for kids to participate may also be the need for sporting equipment. Through the Joe Iannarelli Equipment Legacy Fund, KidSport™ Kitimat is able to help minimize this barrier by providing financial assistance for equipment.

**Access to sport for the young was always the goal for the late Joe Iannarelli through his work in Recreation, and from the sideline.**

The Joe Iannarelli Equipment Legacy Fund grant is to provide monies, up to \$100, towards the purchase of sports equipment. This fund is to supplement a child/youth enrolled in an organized sport or approved recreation program.



### Application Information

The Joe Iannarelli Equipment Legacy Fund Application Form is available at [Kitimat.ca](http://Kitimat.ca) (Recreation and Leisure / Leisure Access Funding Program / Joe Iannarelli Equipment Legacy Fund)

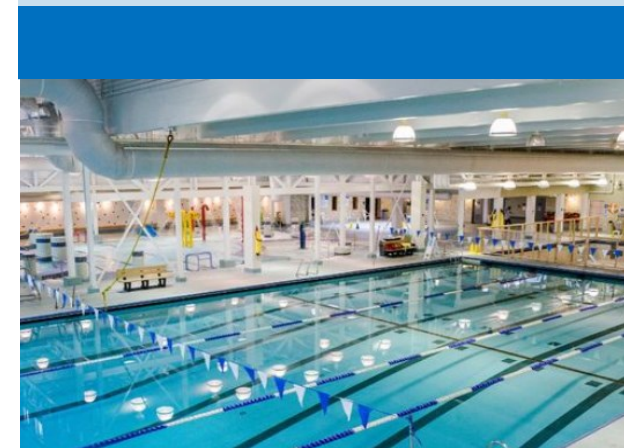
Completed application forms can be emailed to [cdemelo@kitimat.ca](mailto:cdemelo@kitimat.ca) or dropped off to Riverlodge (654 W Columbia Ave.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 250-632-8970



**KITIMAT**  
A Marvel of Nature and Industry

## LEISURE ACCESS PROGRAMS



**Providing Recreation  
Opportunities For All**

## DISTRICT OF KITIMAT

### LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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KITIMAT, B.C. V8C 2H7  
250-632-8970  
[kitimat.ca](http://kitimat.ca)



## FINANCIAL ACCOMMODATION

### ACCESS TO RECREATION PROGRAMS

This policy has been established to provide individuals and families facing financial barriers in our community an opportunity to participate in recreation programs.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

#### Low Income Individuals/Families/Foster Children

- Must be residents of Kitimat and Kitimaat Village
- Children in foster care even if family income is not within the low income levels are eligible for Leisure Access.
- Post secondary students are not eligible.

### TO APPLY MUST HAVE:

- Documentation showing they fall within the “Low Income Cut Off Levels” as recognized by Statistics Canada. See chart below based on combined gross family income which is Line 15000 of your previous year’s tax return.
- Documentation the individual/family income is solely derived from employment insurance or disability insurance.

Family Size	Combined Gross Household Income
1	35,000
2	45,000
3	54,000
4	65,250
5	74,000
6	83,500
7 or more	93,000 (+ additional \$10,000 for each additional person)

### Adult Hockey Discount

Residents of Kitimat and Kitimaat 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.

### CONFIDENTIALITY

Information gathered is treated as confidential.

### 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.
- To apply phone 250-632-8970 and ask for Cheri Demelo.

### 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 sessions such as swimming, skating, open gym and weight room.
- 75% 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.

## PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL &/OR COGNITIVE DISABILITIES

**Person with Disability:** A person who is unable to use the facilities without direct and/or assisted supervision.

**Assistant to a Person with Disability:** A person who is assisting someone who is unable to use the facilities without direct and/or assisted supervision.

### 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 are the recommended times.

### Physio Access

Citizens who are working with the Physiotherapy Department at the Kitimat General Hospital for pre-habilitation before or after surgery or who are referred due to needing “general conditioning or “exercise” may receive once per year a 10 pass Physio Access card to the Riverlodge Weight/Cardio Rooms and/or Tamitik Fitness Area. The citizen must be referred through the Physiotherapy Department of the Kitimat General Hospital. Additionally, the client may bring a member of the Physiotherapy Department to assist with using various equipment in the facility at no charge.

### 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 8am - noon & Thursday 8am – 4pm.

### Public Program Access

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

**Person with Disability:** Receive memberships at 50% off or 75% off regular admission fees.

**Person with Disability Assistant/Parent/ Caregiver/Therapist:** Receive free access to facilities while assisting a person with disability

### Renting Recreation Facilities for Exclusive Use

- Fees for exclusive use by persons with disabilities 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 disabilities.
- 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 disabilities participation.
- The supervisor of the facility monitors the program to ensure the intent of the exclusive use program is being met for persons with disabilities 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.

