



2016 KidSport™ BC Grant Application Guidelines

KidSport™ is a community based sport-funding program established in 1993 by Sport BC. KidSport™ provides grants for children ages 18 and under to participate in a sport season of their choice. There are 41 community chapters in BC and over 175 chapters across Canada. KidSport™ works to fulfill its mission of eliminating the financial barriers to sport participation, 'So ALL Kids Can Play!' For more information, please visit www.KidSport.ca/BC.

Consideration

KidSport™ considers the social and economic barriers facing the athlete's family when determining eligibility for funding. To help manage the increased demand and to ensure fair distribution of funding, the following screening criteria will be applied:

- As resources allow, first time applicants will receive priority for grant funding
- Applications currently on file will be processed as funding permits
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified as quickly as possible

Guidelines

- Children ages 18 and under are eligible to apply for a grant
- Grants of a maximum of \$150 are to be used for the payment of sport participation/registration fees
- Camps, equipment, lessons, travel to playoffs, fundraising, championships, etc. are not eligible expenses
- Only one application per calendar year, for one eligible sport, may be submitted
- Applications must be received prior to, or at the beginning of the requested season of sport
- Sport activities must demonstrate a sustained sport experience (a season of sport led by a qualified coach) and the sport activity must be affiliated with the member sport organizations of Sport BC
- Preference is given to first time applicants
- Incomplete applications will be returned

Adult Sponsor - Section 3

- An adult sponsor, (parent, guardian, counsellor, coach, friend), other than the Endorser, must initiate the application on behalf of the child. Adult Sponsors cannot be affiliated with the Sport Organization.
- The adult sponsor fills out sections 1 to 3 and passes the application to a Financial Verification Endorser
- It is the responsibility of the adult sponsor to ensure the application is complete and submitted to KidSport™

Financial Verification Endorser - Section 4 (Please read carefully)

The Endorser is the most important step in the KidSport™ application process. **This individual verifies that without KidSport assistance, the child would not be able to participate in the season of sport.** The Endorser acts as an objective third party who is familiar with the athlete's family and is in a professional position to assess the social and economic barriers facing the family.

- An Endorser can be a professional in social work or family services, a school principal or counsellor, a senior recreation administrator, accountant, law enforcement officer, a registered physician or nurse, or a priest or pastor
- Endorsers, other than those listed, may be considered if a written letter from the potential Endorser outlining the financial need of the family is included with the application
- Endorsers **cannot** be associated with the sport organization and they cannot be a family member
- For school sports, school principals or counsellors are not accepted as Endorsers

Application Approval

If the application is approved, a copy of the letter of notification will be sent to the sport / recreation organization specified on the application and other sport organizations as required. The parent, guardian, or sport / recreation organization must notify the KidSport™ chapter in their area or KidSport™ BC if the athlete withdraws from the sport activity. The grant must be used by the athlete for whom the grant was approved; no portion of the grant can be transferred to someone else.

Privacy / Confidentiality

KidSport™ respects your privacy. We never sell, trade or loan your information to any other organization. Information provided in this application is being collected for the purpose of administering KidSport™. This information will only be disclosed to KidSport™ personnel who need the information to carry out the responsibilities of their job, and to other organizations who may need to be contacted in order to process the application. Statistics are reported at the regional, provincial and national level. Individuals are not personally identified. For more information on our privacy policy, please visit www.kidsport.ca/legal.