



STANDARD POLICY

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**SUBJECT:
MINOR SPORTS SUBSIDY**

**DEPARTMENT:
Community Services
DIVISION:
Recreation**

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Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee: Draft November 8, 2012
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BACKGROUND:

The City's Recreation, Parks & Facility Master Plan articulates a commitment to delivering sustainable and affordable leisure services and facilities through the cost effective and efficient management of resources. Through the City's Strategic Plan there is a vision to provide a range of recreation opportunities for youth in the community and promote the concept of fitness for all ages and to encourage and develop recreational activities for youth.

The City promotes a community development approach to recreation programming by encouraging and supporting organizations. The City works to support minor sport organizations and volunteers in their delivery of programming and avoid duplication.

Recognizing that income is a barrier to participation in recreation activities, the City subsidizes minor sport organizations who provide recreation programming for children and youth.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide the required qualifications for eligibility for the minor sport subsidy;
- Serve as a guide for the administration of the subsidy;
- Promote and encourage the provision of minor sport and recreation programs by minor sport organizations utilizing City facilities and sports fields and the participation of youth and children in these programs.

POLICY:

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Minor Sport rate – a Minor Sport group shall meet all of the following:

- i. A non profit recreational group based in the City of Owen Sound, dedicated to minor sports (18 and under);
- ii. An established provider of quality recreational programs, primarily for youth;
- iii. A provider of its particular activity for youth in the City of Owen Sound
Membership in the group is dominated by residents of the City and its Recreation Partners (Georgian Bluffs and Meaford);



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- iv. Organizations recognized as Minor Sports Groups must also:
 - a. Have constitutions
 - b. Be incorporated
 - c. Have an auditable annual financial statement
 - d. Be affiliated with a recognized regional, provincial or national organization.The choice of this affiliation is at the discretion of the minor sports group.

Tournaments and competitions run for or by a Minor Sport group for profit or for fundraising shall pay the appropriate facility rental fee and the 30% subsidy rate shall apply for ice time at prime or non-prime rate for such tournaments.

Payment of minor sport facility rental costs is not permitted by credit card.

SUBSIDY APPROACH

i. ICE

The following subsidy shall apply to eligible minor sport groups for ice rentals.

Year	Prime Time Subsidy	Non Prime Time Subsidy
2013	27%	30%
2014	24%	30%
2015	21%	30%
2016	18%	30%
2017	15%	30%

Notes:

The subsidy rate shall be deducted from the hourly rate before taxes.

The definition of prime and non prime ice time shall be in accordance with the City's Ice Allocation Policy.



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ii. OTHER (Sportsfields & Floor Sports)

The following subsidy shall apply to eligible minor sport groups.

Year	Youth Subsidy	Adult
2013	30%	0%
2014	30%	0%
2015	30%	0%
2016	30%	0%
2017	30%	0%

POLICY REVIEW

The Minor Sports Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis through the City's Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee.