



OPRF Huskies Hockey Financial Assistance Policy

Philosophy/Policy: The OPRF Huskies Hockey Club understands hockey is an expensive sport and we want players who have a passion for the sport to be able to play at the high school level. Accordingly, the club will provide financial assistance to a limited number of qualifying players under the guidelines set forth in the policy below.

Criteria:

Generally the club will strive to award financial assistance where it would be difficult or impossible for the player's family to pay the OPRF hockey season fees in full. Financial assistance is based on the family's financial need, not player ability. Requests are reviewed each year and assistance is awarded on a first come/first serve basis, along with a written description of need for financial assistance.

Amount of Financial Assistance Request:

The policy will allow players to request up to a maximum 30% reduction in their season fees. Families are responsible for the remaining balance. This does not include spring clinics, pre-season camps, try-out fees or other club sponsored events. If the player is an incoming freshman or a new player to the club, he/she must also pay the designated equipment fee to cover the cost of other OPRF club-sponsored events.

Confidentiality:

Requests for financial assistance will be treated confidentially by the Executive members of the Board of Directors and the Financial Assistance Committee on a limited, need-to-know basis.

Availability of Funds:

Financial assistance may be constrained by the amount of funds available specifically for this purpose, which the OPRF Huskies Hockey Club Board of Directors will review and approve with the annual budgeting process. It is anticipated the budget set aside for financial assistance will shift annually and is not guaranteed to be available each year.

Request Procedures:

Financial assistance requests must be made in writing using the OPRF Financial Assistance Request Form. **All requests from club families are due to the OPRF Hockey Club Treasurer after tryouts but before the fee payment night** (date established and communicated annually).

Late applications will be automatically denied.

Approval process:

Approval of any and all financial assistance will be made by the Financial Assistance Committee of the OPRF Huskies Hockey Board of Directors. This Committee will determine if financial assistance will be granted. The Committee has sole discretion to determine the level of assistance offered, up to a maximum of 30% annual fees, within the total amount of assistance budgeted by the Board of Directors. It is expected the Committee members will change from time to time. The Committee will uphold its confidentiality agreement and not disclose names of the families who apply other than to members of the Board Executive Committee on a need-to-know basis only.

Volunteer services in lieu of payment:

Volunteers contribute greatly to the overall success and player experience of the OPRF Hockey Club. Player parents approved for financial assistance will be required to volunteer their time in a meaningful way on various Club duties/projects. If the financial assistance recipient parent(s) do not volunteer for duties/project they will be assigned by the Board.

Procedures if financial assistance is approved:

If financial assistance is approved, players will have a fee reduction. All reduced fees must be paid in, either in full on fee payment date, or via installment payment plans arranged in advance with the Treasurer.

The Treasurer will inform the OPRF Hockey Board of Directors Executive Committee and the Hockey Director if player fees are not paid in full on the due date. The player will not be able to participate in games or practices until fees are paid. When the Treasurer notifies the Executive Committee and the Hockey Director that fees are paid in full, the player will then be reinstated with full practice and game privileges.

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OPRF Huskies Hockey Club
Financial Assistance Request Form
Season year: 2017-2017

DUE TO OPRF HOCKEY CLUB TREASURER ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2017

Player's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Request reduction in fees:

Financial assistance is requested **with** a payment plan

_____ % requesting financial assistance (up to maximum of 30%)

_____ (initial) I agree to pay the reduced fee in equal installments due on the 1st of each month as agreed to by the Treasurer.

Financial assistance is requested **without** a payment plan

_____ % requesting financial assistance (up to maximum of 30%)

_____ (initial) I agree to pay the full amount of reduced fees by the scheduled fee payment night.

If applying for financial assistance, please also read and check the following boxes that apply to ensure your understanding:

- I acknowledge that applying for financial assistance does not guarantee a monetary award
- I acknowledge the Financial Assistance Committee has sole discretion to approve or deny financial assistance based on available funds, demonstrated need, and per guidelines set forth in the policy
- I acknowledge if I do not meet due dates for scheduled payments, my player(s) will not be able to participate in practices and games until my account is in good standing.

Brief statement why request is being made and should be granted (write below or attach statement):

What volunteer or fundraising efforts will you participate in if granted assistance?

Phone numbers to reach (indicate best number to reach you)

Parent/Guardian Signature and date: _____

OPRF Huskies Hockey Financial Assistance Committee chair name and signature:

Other Financial Assistance Committee members who reviewed the request:

Date received:

Disposition:

- Approved
- Denied
- Provide brief explanation of rationale for decision

- All appropriate documents have been received and reviewed, and have proper signatures

Date of Disposition:

Date communicated to Parent/Guardian: