



Lawrence Hockey Association

Discount and Payment Plan Policies

Hardship Discounts

Those families experiencing financial difficulties may request a Hardship Discount as a percentage off of their season registration fees. Such discounts and the percent reduction amounts will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the LHA Finance Committee. Hardship Discount amounts may vary each season depending upon funding availability in the LHA budget and the number of requests being considered. Additionally, the amount granted may vary by family due to the nature and extent of the hardship.

The standard Hardship Discount is 20% with some justification of a hardship. If the applicant is seeking more than the standard 20% discount or is not satisfied with the decision made by the LHA Finance Committee, the applicant may appeal to the LHA Board. The applicant will be asked to present their request for a greater discount amount along with further documentation of their hardship to the LHA Board. Such documentation may include tax returns, financial aid applications, bank statements, credit reports, bankruptcy filings or loan applications. Hardship Discounts may not be combined with other discounts (except the Early Registration Discount).

Multi-Player Discounts

The LHA acknowledges that hockey is an expensive sport. Those families with two or more players experience a large financial burden for their children to play the sport. Therefore, the LHA has adopted the following Multi-Player Discount policy to help offset that burden:

- a. 2 Player Discount: First player (highest cost) – full price. 10% off the second player's registration fee. Discount may be applied to second half payment or as part of a payment plan.
- b. 3 or more Player Discount: First player (highest cost) – full price. 10% off the second player's registration fee and 20% off third player's registration fee. Discount may be applied to second half payment or as part of a payment plan.

Multi-Player Discounts may incorporate the Early Registration Discount if the conditions of early registration are met. Multi-Player Discounts may also be used in conjunction with Payment Plans. Multi-Player Discounts may not be combined with a Hardship Discount. This policy shall be applied to all families with multiple players in the program.

Payment Plans

Payment Plans are made available to those families who are in need of payment assistance. Payments must be approved by the board and can be made monthly or within the prescribed minimum milestones and completion dates as follows:



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- a. For Mites thru Bantams: Payments can be made monthly or in quarters. All payments of the amounts agreed to under such a plan must be completed by December 31st of the current season.
- b. For Midgets: Payments can be made monthly or in quarters. All payments under such plans must be completed no later than September 30th of the current season.

Payment Plans may incorporate the Early Registration Discount, Multi-Player Discount or the Hardship Discount if the conditions of each are met. Those players, whose payments do not meet the deadlines prescribed above, will not be able to participate in on-ice activities until payments are up to date.

Reimbursement Policy

The LHA is a non-profit organization that budgets its expenditures for ice time and other operational costs on the assumption that, once a child is registered to play with a Flames team, he/she will remain with the team for the entire season. For this reason, full or partial refunds of season fees will not be considered by the LHA except in the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond a family's control. Such circumstances may include: the folding of a team; a major (season ending) injury to a player during the first half of their season; or when a player is moving out of the region. Approval of refunds and amounts are at the discretion of the LHA Finance Committee.

NOTE: All requests for the above discounts or payment plans that are not available through our online registration system should be made by completing the "*Flames Discount & Payment Plan Request Form*" and submitting the completed form to the LHA President. This form can be found on our website. Adjustments will be made to balances due in your on-line account once discounts are applied.