



# MISSISSAUGA GIRLS HOCKEY LEAGUE

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## Hurricanes Assist Fund (“Assist Fund”)

The following fund is intended to address situations where members request special financial consideration. In the interest of fairness and equity to all members, and keeping in mind that the MGHL is a non-profit organization, the Hurricane Assist Fund *will be applied as consistently as possible* with fairness being the overriding criteria for distributing funds. The Assist Fund is available to all members of the MGHL.

The MGHL understands there are players in our community who wish to play hockey but cannot afford to do so. As an organization, we want to foster a community that gives back and removes the financial barriers for any members who want to play. The Hurricanes Assist Fund provides financial assistance to MGHL players/families who otherwise may not have the financial resources to play hockey for the season and would suffer undue hardship as a result of the MGHL registration fee and other associated team costs.

### Considerations:

- Need is the primary consideration in approving an application for assistance. Financial assistance is limited to the MGHL Fall/Winter season registered players.
- Financial assistance applicants' names will be kept confidential to the members of the Assist Fund Review Committee.
- The Board of Directors will ratify decisions regarding financial assistance, with recommendations from the Assist Fund Review Committee.

### Eligibility:

- Financial assistance is available to players in Fundamentals through U21 inclusive.

### Application Process:

- Players and/or families wishing to apply for financial assistance must:
  - Submit an application form to the Treasurer of the MGHL with a signature attesting to complete and accurate disclosure. Applications can be found [HERE](#).
- Families must show proof of application to a minimum of 2 other financial assistance programs (JumpStart, KidsSport Canada, etc.).
- Families must be available for interview upon request of the committee.

### Degree of Assistance:

- The Board of Directors will establish a yearly amount available to the fund.
- Funding up to the full amount of House League registration fees available.

## Deadlines:

- Applications will be assessed three times yearly - April 15th, Sept 15th, & Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Applications are accepted between April 15th - December 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The board of directors has the ability to make exceptions and work outside of these deadlines when required\*.

## Selection

- After the application deadline, all applications will be reviewed for eligibility and validity.
- The Review Committee will conduct interviews as required.
- The Review Committee will recommend, to the Board of Directors, disbursement of the funds to meet the said financial obligations of the eligible applicants.
- If applications exceed the number of available funds, the Assist Funds will be selected via a random selection process, and the Review Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors, disbursement of funds to meet the said financial obligations of the selected eligible applicants.
  - In the event that the needs and requests for funds exceed available funds, a waitlist will be established to which all eligible (but not selected) individuals will be added. *This does not guarantee a player will receive support* but will keep them in consideration should funds become available.
- The Board of Directors will ratify the recommendations of the Assist Fund Committee.

## Questions?

Members – including, players, parents, coaches, trainers, managers, officials, and other volunteers and staff - may confidentially direct questions to [treasurer@mghl.ca](mailto:treasurer@mghl.ca) and seek further information.

## \*Extension of Payment Deadline:

The MGHL will consider a payment plan for payment of MGHL fees beyond the normal payment deadline. Payment plans will be negotiated such that full payment is received generally no later than December 31st for any given season and payments are being made on a regular and periodic basis. Negotiated terms will be conveyed in writing to the member involved. ANY PERIODIC PAYMENT PLAN APPROVED MUST BE EXECUTED THROUGH USE OF A CREDIT CARD TO ENABLE THE MGHL TO SET UP THE PAYMENTS ONCE WITHOUT THE NEED TO FOLLOW UP AT EACH PAYMENT.