

SUBSIDY POLICY

Approved Jan. 12, 2012

1. The Whitby Minor Baseball Association (WMBA) recognizes the importance of children and youth to be given the opportunity to participate in baseball programs. The WMBA Subsidy Program recognizes that occasionally some families might have temporary difficulty providing this opportunity. Subsidy shall be recognized as funds used by the WMBA towards a specific player's registration and/or surcharge fees for a specific reason.
2. Players and families requesting subsidy for their registration and/or surcharge fees shall complete an application for subsidy and submit it to the WMBA Executive for consideration at the next Executive meeting.
3. The Executive shall discuss the request and base their decision on the information provided by the player and/or family. Consideration should be given to the stated ability to pay the registration and/or surcharge fees and the existence of any other community partnership that has approved partial funding.
4. The approval of any subsidy should be viewed as the difference between a player participating in a program versus not participating in a given year. Subsidy should be used in situations of hardship where fees are unable to be paid rather than difficult to pay. Each and every case should be evaluated individually and independently. The Executive shall not place any case in a situation of comparison.
5. In situations where the Executive approves subsidy, the player or family shall not actually receive any funds.
6. Funds for subsidies shall be under the section General Administration costs and listed as Subsidy in the current budget approved by the Executive. The process will involve a transfer of funds by the treasurer within the current approved budget. Upon depletion of these funds additional subsidy requests will be brought forward to the Officers for consideration.
7. Families and players requesting subsidy shall be informed of the decision of the Executive by the President. Any subsidy request or discussion shall be viewed as strictly confidential. The identity of any applicant, family or player or the decision of the Executive regarding subsidy shall remain confidential.

Application for Subsidy

Whitby Minor Baseball Association

Once your application has been submitted, it will be reviewed and you will be contacted regarding your eligibility for the program. If approved, the amount of subsidization will be applied to your account in our registration system. Approval for subsidy is valid for one season following application.

Applications are considered on a first come, first serve basis by the WMBA Executive.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received on or before **March 31st** so that they can be considered by the board prior to the increase in fees and closing of divisions which happens April 1st. Applications will not be considered after this date.

Monies are awarded on an ongoing basis from January until April. The Executive will be making decisions on or about January 1st, February 1st, March 1st and April 1st. Please be aware that the WMBA is a volunteer organization. The Executive will do its best to respond in a timely manner.

Personal Information

Parent/ Guardian (Main Contact)	
First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	City:
Postal Code:	Phone:
Email:	

Child #1	
First Name:	Last Name:
Date of Birth:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Child #2	
First Name:	Last Name:
Date of Birth:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Child #3	
First Name:	Last Name:
Date of Birth:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Child #4	
First Name:	Last Name:
Date of Birth:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

Financial Information

Have you ever been awarded subsidy by the WMBA?

Yes No If Yes, in what year did you receive it? _____

What is your combined family income?

Up to \$20,000 \$20,000-\$30,000 \$30,000-\$40,000 \$40,000-\$50,000 \$50,000+

Please briefly outline your family's situation which leads you to apply for subsidy:

Why do you want to play baseball? What do you expect to get out of it?

Is there anything else you want us to know about you, your family or baseball?

Parent Signature	Date

Reference

This section is to be filled out by your reference. A reference should be an objective third party who is familiar with your family, but is not a relative (may include a social worker, family services case worker, principal, teacher, councillor, coach, law enforcement officer, physician etc.)

Reference	
First Name:	Last Name:
Position:	Organization:
Address:	City:
Postal Code:	Phone:
Email:	

How would this player benefit from a season of baseball?

What makes this player a good candidate for the WMBA subsidy program?

Reference Signature	Date

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Date Received:	Date Reviewed:
Subsidy Granted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Amount of Subsidy: