



SAS Athletics – Supporting Families Facing Financial Hardship

Each year, **more than 200** students participate as Golds and Jewels on one or more of Salmon Arm Secondary's 15+ extracurricular athletic teams. Our student-athletes contribute to our school culture, and represent our community with pride, respect, and excellence. School sports provide valuable opportunities for personal growth, leadership, teamwork, and school connection.

The cost of operating a broad and inclusive athletic program continues to increase. Depending on the sport, player fees can range from approximately \$40 to more than \$400. Player fees help cover costs such as league and association memberships, equipment, uniforms, facility rentals, officials, certifications, and other sport-specific expenses. Additional fees may apply for tournaments, travel, or competitions outside regular league play. Additional competitions such as tournament/travel play outside of regular league competition may also have additional fees depending on the specific sport, level and team, and will be charged separately.

Salmon Arm Secondary is committed to ensuring that financial hardship is never a barrier to participating in school athletics.

Steps for Financial Assistance

Step 1

Parents/guardians who require assistance are to contact School Administration (Athletics). All requests will be handled respectfully and confidentially. Available support may include flexible payment plans, reduced fees, or assistance with accessing community funding programs.

Step 2

Where appropriate, families apply for available community funding programs such as KidSport, Jumpstart, or Athletics4Kids. Proof of application may be requested.

Step 3

School Administration will work with the family, Athletic Director, and coach to determine an appropriate support plan. Only information necessary to implement the plan will be shared.

Contacts

- School: (250) 832-2188
- School Administration (Athletics): **Kris Hryniw**, Vice Principal khryniw@sd83.bc.ca
- Athletic Director: **Andy Henderson** ahenders@sd83.bc.ca



KidSport



website: <https://kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/>

At KidSport we believe sport powers kids. Getting in the game ignites a sense of belonging, shapes character, fuels better health, builds confidence, and unlocks potential. But rising costs are putting these opportunities out of reach for far too many families across British Columbia.

KidSport provides grants to help children from families facing financial barriers participate in organized sport. Children and youth 18 and younger may be eligible for up to **\$400 per child, per calendar year**. Families can apply more than once a year, but the maximum funding available is \$400 per child from January to December.

Apply here: <https://kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/provincial-fund/>

Jumpstart



website: <https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/>

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities offers Individual Child Grants that provide financial assistance of up to **\$300 per year, per child** to help children and youth from low-income families with registration and equipment costs for sport-focused activities. These grants are available for children aged 4 to 18 and support sustained programs involving sport or physical activity.

Apply here: https://jumpstartgrants.smartsimple.ca/s_Login.jsp

Athletics4kids



website: <https://www.a4k.ca/>

*At Athletics4Kids, we believe that every child should have the chance to play. Through our Sport4Life Grant Program, we provide grants to families to cover sport registration fees. The average grant we provide is **\$200 per sport**.*

Our goal is to ensure that kids between the ages of 5-18 can play and participate in sports. Whether swimming lessons at the rec center, community lacrosse, or joining a gymnastics club, we provide financial assistance to help low-income families cover registration fees for over 55 non-school-based amateur sports.

Apply here: <https://www.a4k.ca/apply-now>