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***One Goal to Assist* Financial Assistance Program**

Definitions

Refer to the Northwest Calgary Ringette Society (NWR) Bylaw definitions.

The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

Individuals means all categories of Membership within the NWR Bylaws, as well as all individuals engaged in activities with NWR, including but not limited to, athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, volunteers, managers, administrators, directors and officers.

Purpose

NWR is committed to ensuring that all **individuals**, regardless of their financial situation, have access to the opportunity to participate in the sport of ringette. The purpose of the *One Goal to*

Assist Program is to provide financial assistance to athletes who may face economic barriers, enabling them to participate in a ringette season.

NWR is proud to offer this *One Goal to Assist Program* in order to ensure that all athletes have the chance to participate in the sport of ringette, regardless of their financial situation. Through this initiative, NWR aims to foster inclusivity and support the development of athletes in the ringette community.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The *One Goal to Assist Program* is open to athletes of all ages and skill levels. To be considered for financial support under the *One Goal to Assist Program*, applicants must meet the following criteria:
 - a) The applicant must be registered with NWR for the upcoming current ringette season
 - b) The applicant must have been a member in good standing in the prior season or be a new member to NWR.
 - c) The applicant must remain a member in good standing for the current season, otherwise the Committee can rescind the funding under this program.
2. This *One Goal to Assist Program* is open to any member that deems financial assistance is necessary for their participation. It is expected that those who do not need the assistance, will not apply, to ensure those who need assistance have access to the funds.

Use of Funds Awarded

3. Awards granted under the *One Goal to Assist Program* may only be applied towards NWR registration fees for the current ringette season for which the athlete is registered. The granted award will be applied to the athlete's registration account to reduce the final registration payment owing.

Application Process

4. In conjunction with posting registration information for the upcoming season, NWR will post the deadline for *One Goal to Assist Program* applications.
5. Applicants must submit a completed *One Goal to Assist Program* application Google form, the link to be made available on the NWR website, by the deadline posted by NWR.

Selection Process

6. Applications will be reviewed by the *One Goal to Assist Program* Committee, which will be a sub-committee formed each season composed of at a minimum the Treasurer, Registrar and at least one non-Board member.

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7. The Committee will communicate with the Board regarding the number of applicants and the Committee's recommendation for the number of awards and award amount for the season based on the available *One Goal to Assist* Program funds with a target award of \$250 - \$300 per applicant.
 - a) The award amount may not exceed \$300 and;
 - b) The award amount may not exceed half the applicant's registration fee.
 - c) In the event there are more funds than applicants, the Board may vote to increase the maximum award amount for that season or vote to carry-over of any remaining funds to the next season.
8. The Board will approve the final number of awards and the award amount with the discretion to adjust the target award and maximum based on the *One Goal to Assist* Program's financial position and fundraising efforts.
9. In the event there are more applicants than funding supports in the current season, then a random lottery draw will be conducted by the Committee to select the applicants to receive the funding.
10. The Committee will complete the award selections and communicate the results to all applicants. All decisions are final, and applicants will be notified of the committee's decision in a timely manner.

Confidentiality

11. All information provided in *One Goal to Assist* Program applications will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Only the *One Goal to Assist* Program Committee will have access to the application process. The information will be used solely for the purpose of evaluating eligibility for the *One Goal to Assist* Program.

Source of Funds

12. The *One Goal to Assist* Program may be funded by:
13. Donations or direct contributions from individuals or corporate sponsors which designate their funding is to the *One Goal to Assist* Program
14. Direct funding from NWR as follows:
 - a) in a given year that NWR is selected and participates in a ALGC coordinated fundraising casino, a minimum of \$3000 is to be allocated in the operating budget for that season to contribute to the *One Goal to Assist* Program. The final contribution amount no less than \$3000 is to be approved by the Board
 - b) in a given year, the Board may pass a motion to allocate a portion of unspent operating funds to the *One Goal to Assist* Program fund at the end of a season
15. Contributions from NWR teams with residual funds at the end of the season that make a direct donation to the *One Goal to Assist* Program fund to clear out their team account.

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16. Other fundraising that NWR conducts in support of the *One Goal to Assist* Program
17. All funds raised will be designated solely for the purpose of supporting the financial needs of eligible individuals and will not be used for general operating expenses of NWR.

Reporting

18. The *One Goal to Assist* Program Committee will review and report on the allocation of funds at regular board meetings. An annual report detailing the continuity of the fund balance including funds raised, the number of applications received, the amount of financial support allocated and the final fund balance will be made available to the association's membership at the Annual General Meeting.

Review

19. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors of NWR and adjusted as necessary to meet the needs of the association and its members. NWR reserves the right to modify or discontinue the *One Goal to Assist* Program at any time based on funding availability.

Revision History

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May 7, 2025	New Document. Approved.