

Waterloo Region Minor Football – Pay to Play Policy

PURPOSE

1. Waterloo Region Minor Football recognizes that full one-time payment of fees is often cumbersome and is committed to providing as much ease of fee payments as is possible to assist with the varied financial constraints experienced by members of WRMF.

To help maintain conducive fiscal responsibility to the entire membership, all fees and accounts are required to be paid in full before an athlete is eligible to be active on the team roster.

As per the definition of the Waterloo Region Minor Football Constitution; all members in good standing must not have outstanding fees and therefore, athletes will not be a member in good standing if the fees are not paid in full.

OBLIGATIONS

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2. Waterloo Region Minor Football provides services to all athletes with respect, but not limited to, practice and game day fields, certified and safe equipment, game day officials, Certified Athletic Therapists, busing, facility rental fees and utilities, and bookkeeping expenses.
3. To offset these fees and costs to run the program each fiscal year, the Board, on the advice of the Treasurer and Program Directors, set budgets based on anticipated number of registrations and program costs.
4. Waterloo Region Minor Football also seeks club sponsorships and works with teams for fundraising initiatives.

Members in Good Standing

5. In accordance with the WRMF Registration policy, confirm that all registration fees and account balances be zero before the athlete is permitted to play.

AVAILABLE FUNDING AND PAYMENTS

6. Waterloo Region Minor Football will arrange for the following:
 - a) Early bird registration fee with a discount if paid at once via a credit card
 - b) Split payments beginning at the time of registration with a minimum of **150-175**. And the remaining balance split into 4 equal payments beginning in **February of each year and charged to credit cards on the 15th of each month**.
 - c) Cash/debit or credit card payments split into equal payments at the equipment facility (Lock-Up). The onus is on the member to attend the facility to conduct these payments.

- d) Cash installments with the team managers as per a pre-determined installment plan with amounts and dates. Managers will responsible for issuing a receipt and ensure that the installment is reported to the Registrar and Treasurer. Cash funds will be given to the Treasurer in accordance with the cash handling procedures.
- e) Athletes who register after the installments begin will be responsible for the doubling up of installments to be compliant before first game.
- f) Provide information about funding opportunities and fees assistance for Jump Start, Kitchener Sport Association, Cities of Waterloo, Kitchener, Cambridge and Guelph, depending on where the athlete resides. Note all fees assistance covers to the total cost of registration fees. The remaining will be broken down into installments.

Members will adhere to the following agreement:

- g) Upon registration, continue to make payments by the options listed above.
- h) Continue to communicate with the Registrar, Treasurer or Team Manager if there is a need to adjust installments. Ignoring these individuals will not negate the account balance.
- i) If, for any reason there is a balance from previous years/season; this amount will be added.
- j) Respect the decision of the Program Director, on advice from the Executive, if an athlete is removed from the team or roster.

GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

- 7. There are no grounds for appeal for this policy as defined in the Waterloo Region Minor Football Constitution – Member in Good Standing.