# **Financial Assistance**

#### Payment Plans & Schedules

Please email <u>operations@kamvolleyball.ca</u> or <u>ed@kamvolleyball.ca</u> to arrange payment options.

#### Financial Aid

Our goal is to provide athletes and coaches with a positive learning experience, both in and out of sport, which promotes the development of life skills, leadership, teamwork, self-discipline, responsibility and respect, that will allow them to contribute positively to their communities.

The KVA has created a Kids Play Fund that can be used as a last resort once all other avenues have been exhausted and the transcripts of those attempts have been supplied to the KVA. For a list of those avenues please see below.

Applicants for the KVA Kidplay Fund may email operations@kamvolleyball.ca along with the aforementioned transcripts.

If you would like to donate and or sponsor please contact operations@kamvolleyball.ca

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### Available Grants for Application

**Kidsport Grant Application** 

**Canadian Tire Jumpstart Application** 

A4K - Athletics for Kids

## **KVA Kids Play Process**

KVA aims to be supportive of all families experiencing financial adversity. As such, the following guidelines will be followed to ensure the most equitable and fair distribution of funds.

- 1. These guidelines should be posted to the website and social media to ensure transparency and accessibility to families.
- 2. If at any time immediately before or during the KVA indoor season, a family identifies that they are unable to fund their child(ren)'s volleyball or related costs, the caregiver/guardian should apply for funding from the following organizations (in the order below). Proof of application to all available funding options will be required for following escalation.
  - a. CANADIAN TIRE JUMPSTART PROGRAM:
    - i. For children ages 4-18
    - ii. Annual maximum benefit per year is \$600.00 with a maximum benefit per application is \$300.00
    - iii. Open for applications January 29th, 2024
    - iv. Applicant must specific financial criteria as per Revenue Canada LICO (low income cut-off chart)
    - v. Financial documents are required
    - vi. Applications can take between 6-8 weeks and if approved, a cheque will be sent to KVA
    - vii. Note that applications can be sent starting January 29th, 2024
  - b. A4K (ATHLETICS 4 KIDS)-A B.C.'S CHILDREN'S CHARITY:
    - i. For children ages 5-18 (must be enrolled in school)
    - ii. Annual maximum benefit per year is \$450.00
    - iii. Can apply to additional funding organizations
    - iv. Annual net taxable family income should be less than \$45,000.00 (this is used as a guide only-extenuating circumstances will be taken into account)
    - v. Financial documents are required
    - vi. A4K will contact KVA for verification
    - vii. Processing can take 4-8 weeks and the decision will be emailed to the applicant; once approved, a cheque will be sent to KVA within 2 weeks of approval
    - viii. Application should be in 6-8 weeks before the programs starts; however, the athlete must also have already been registered for the program at the time the application is sent in
    - ix. Application must be in no later than 30 days after the start of play for a program that is longer than 3 months
    - x. For our athletes, they would need to apply as soon as they are offered and accept a spot on a team.
    - xi. Applications could still be sent in but they may be deemed a bit too late.
  - c. KIDSPORT:

- i. For children ages 18 and younger
- ii. Annual maximum benefit per year is \$400.00
- iii. Financial documents are required and applicants must meet specific financial criteria; extenuating circumstances will be taken into account
- iv. Notification of a decision will be within 60 days
- 3. After application to all available funding has been exhausted, the caregiver/guardian should notify KidsPlay@kamvolleyball.ca. This email is sent to a sub committee of the Board of Directors and this notification will be kept anonymous to other board members to protect player privacy.
  - a. Notification must include:
    - i. All athletes that are playing within KVA
    - ii. Each athletes team/age group
    - iii. Proof of all funding applications completed per family/athlete
    - iv. Brief explanation of your request.
- 4. At this time, the KidsPlay representatives will assess each athlete's support request on a case by case basis for each athlete as to whether funding will be provided by the KidsPlay fund.
- 5. Due to the turnaround time on applications, if the KidPlay Committee deems an imminent need, the recommendation will be to cover the athlete(s) costs up front and seek reimbursement from the external funding source should the family applicant be successful. This ensures that volunteer community coaches are provided with the financial reimbursement for each event in a timely manner.
- 6. Each occurrence of funding is capped at the amount requested in funding from the above agencies (2 A-C).
- 7. Funding is not limited to a single occurrence, family, or athlete. The KidsPlay committee reserves the right to assess each request to ensure the most equitable allocation of funds.
- 8. In the event that funding becomes limited, the KidsPlay Committee will favor those applicants who have not requested funding support previously in the current season.
- 9. The KidsPlay Committee will report out on these statistics to the board of Directors while maintaining player privacy.