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**Fishing Lake Metis Settlement in the Province of Alberta  
Recreation Sponsorship Policy  
#002/2026**

**1. Policy Statement**

The Fishing Lake Metis Settlement would like to provide a program that assists with removing the financial barriers that prevent settlement members and their children from participating in recreational programs by providing a grant or partial grant. This program seeks to help these individuals and groups, in which members are part of, with a grant to help pay for registration on fees and equipment for sports, arts and culture programs

**2. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for sponsorship from the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement for recreation programs.

**3. Definitions**

In this policy;

**“Eligible Activities”** means the arts, sports, and culture programs that are allowable under this policy. Programs must be related to one of the three themes and be an organized activity that is attached to a league or a recognized organization.

**“Eligible Applicant”** means an individual who qualifies for this program as defined in Section 5 of this policy.

**Eligible Group Member”** means a member of a group who would be eligible for sponsorship as per Section 5 of this policy.

**“Group Sponsorship”** means a grant given to assist a group of people, that includes eligible applicants participating in an eligible activity with registration fees, supplies and equipment. (examples include: soccer, gymnastics, dance, baseball, hockey, art classes, cultural art classes etc.)

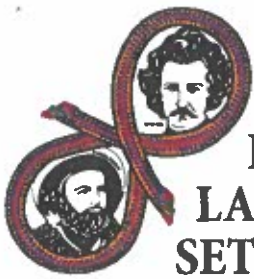
**“Individual Sponsorship”** means a grant given to assist an eligible applicant with registration fees, supplies and equipment that are required to participate in an eligible activity. (examples include: soccer, gymnastics, dance, baseball, hockey, art classes, cultural art classes etc.)

**“Recreation Coordinator”** means the individual who facilitates recreational programming. If the position is vacant then the immediate supervisor is responsible.

**“Residing Settlement Member”** means a member of the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement who has resided on the Settlement for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to application for sponsorship.

**“Settlement”** refers to the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement.

**“Special Event Sponsorship”** means a grant given to assist an eligible applicant with registration fees and travel costs that is required to participate in a short-term activity that recognizes excellence in the field (examples include: Native Provincials, Provincial Football tryout etc.)



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#### 4. Administration

- a) The sponsorship grants are given out through the Culture, Parks & Recreation annual budget.
- b) The funds available for this program will be determined in each fiscal year of the annual budget.
- c) The Recreation Coordinator is responsible for the administration of this policy.
- d) The Settlement fiscal year is from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- e) Upon receipt of an application the Recreation Coordinator must check
  - i. If the applicant is eligible through Land and Membership.
  - ii. If the applicant has exceeded their allowable sponsorship through Finance.

#### 5. Eligibility

- a) To be eligible an applicant group member, an applicant must:
- b) Be a residing member as defined in this policy and a residing settlement member may apply on behalf of their residing biological or legally adopted child of a residing settlement member.

#### 6. Guidelines

- a) An application must be made under one of the three qualifying categories and their eligible costs

##### Individual Sponsorship

1. Registration Fees
2. Supplies and Equipment

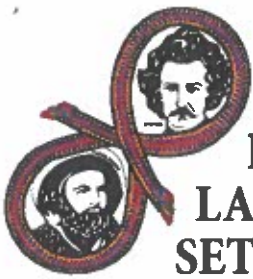
##### Group Sponsorship

1. League registration fees
2. Supplies, equipment, and uniforms
3. Tournament registration fees

##### Special Event Sponsorship

1. Registration fees
2. Travel costs

- b) Programs where the participants can win cash or prizes are ineligible (golf tournaments, quad rallies etc.)
- c) All requests for sponsorship must be made at least two weeks in advance.
- d) Late registration fees are ineligible costs and such are the responsibility of the applicant.
- e) Reimbursable deposits are ineligible costs and as such are the responsibility of the applicant.
- f) Fundraising and volunteer fees are also ineligible costs and as such are the responsibility of the applicant.
- g) The amount an eligible applicant, or their child, may receive in a fiscal year for individual sponsorship can total a maximum of \$700.00.
- h) The total amount an individual may receive in a fiscal year for special event sponsorship is a one-time amount, up to a maximum of \$500.00. Amount awarded will be determined by need (for example, travel, accommodation or meals will not be paid out if all travel expenses are covered by the organization).
- i) The total amount a group may receive per fiscal year for group sponsorships is \$50.00 per eligible group member. An individual may only be eligible for one group sponsorship per year.



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- j) Sponsorship is subject to availability of funds.
- k) Payment will only be given directly to the applicant for reimbursement with receipt.
- l) Requests for registration fees must include:
  - i. Name of the member(s) submitting the request, or if under 18, the name of the child/children and their parents.
  - ii. Copy of registration form that includes fee.
  - iii. The name of the organization that the cheque is to be made payable to.
  - iv. Post-registration a receipt and/or proof of successful registration is required.
  - v. Team roster, if requested sponsorship is for a group.
- m) For uniform equipment and supply costs, the request must include
  - i. Original receipts
  - ii. Name of member(s) submitting the request, or if under 18, the name of the children and their parents.
  - iii. Proof of registration in activity for which the equipment is required.
  - iv. Full legal name of the person that the reimbursement cheque is to be made payable to.
  - v. Team roster, if requested sponsorship is for a group.
- n) For special event sponsorship, the request must include
  - i. Confirmation of enrollment in event.
  - ii. A written request detailing how this is a unique opportunity, how the event recognizes excellence, the benefits the sponsorship will provide, how the applicant plans to pay it forward to the community, how the applicant plans to recognize the Settlement contribution and a detailed cost breakdown.

## 7. Repeal

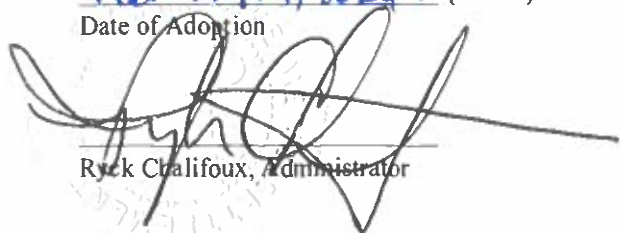
The Fishing Lake Metis Settlement Recreation Policy #002/2025 is hereby repealed.

## 8. Effective Date

This policy comes into effect upon adoption by Council

February 17, 2026. {SEAL}  
Date of Adoption

  
Savannah Durocher, Chairperson

  
Ryck Chalifoux, Administrator