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## **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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Subject:	Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities announces sport relief fund

Ontario Soccer, in consultation with Canada Soccer and public health authorities have been monitoring the most recent developments of COVID-19 and are currently assessing operations (postponements and cancellations) on a month-to-month basis as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to unfold.

We are informing our membership that Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities (Jumpstart) announced today that the national Charity has made available an \$8 million sport relief fund to help sport and recreation organizations continue to deliver programming in 2020 and beyond. Many community sport organizations have shut their doors due to the financial burden created by COVID-19, including lost revenue and increased program costs.

<u>Jumpstart's Sport Relief Fund</u> will provide funding support based on need in the form of grants, which will go towards covering programming and operational needs due to the affects of COVID-19 to enable safe sport and play across the country. Applications are open from September 12 to October 4 and the fund is available to eligible organizations who demonstrate the greatest need.

The Jumpstart Sport Relief Fund will prioritize programs and activities that address systemic barriers to sport and play in the following communities:

- Children with disabilities,
- Girls and young women,
- Black, Indigenous, and People of Color children and youth, and
- Families in financial need.

Eligible programs should meet the following requirements:

- Program must start between September 1 to December 31, 2020
- Run for a minimum of 5 hours total



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- Consist of at least 5 sessions
- Include participants aged 4–18 years old

Grant applicants will be informed of the final decisions the week of October 11, 2020.

The approved of funding will be disbursed by Jumpstart in a single installment, triggered upon program approval. All approved grants will be required to submit a final report.

Please check the <u>General Jumpstart Grant Information</u> to answer any questions about the grant application system.

If you have questions about your application please email Jumpstart.

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