



## **PGYSA IMPACT SC Programming that Targets Underrepresented Groups**

### **Inner-City Schools Program**

The Community Schools program offered through the PGYSA IMPACT SC is a program designed to offer soccer programming to Inner-City Schools identified in the City of Prince George. It is an after-school based program in which PGYSA Certified Coaches attend that school and offer a 1-hour long sessions. These sessions include activities that teach base fundamental movement skills in the game of soccer to children that have and have not played the game before. Game-based approaches are a major part of the sessions ensuring that children obtain a love for soccer in a fun-based learning environment. Typically, the Community Schools Program begins in early April and concludes in the first week of June with a year-end jamboree style tournament. The students at each school have an opportunity to represent their school at this event and build a sense of team and school spirit. The PGYSA IMPACT SC provides transportation to all participants in this jamboree via buses from external transportation companies. Participants are also provided with a meal catered by Wendy's, with the support of Integris Credit Union.

Many of our youth and staff coaches also volunteer their time to coach soccer at the local elementary schools in alignment with the PGYSA IMPACT SC. The following schools in Prince George were identified as Community Schools and participated in the program: Westwood Elementary, Spruceland Traditional Elementary, Nusdeh Yoh Elementary, Quinson Elementary, Ron Brent Elementary, Van Bien Elementary and Peden Hill Elementary.

We also donate field time at the Prince George Rotary Fields to schools and other program, especially for groups that are not able to afford the cost of renting the fields. An example of this is with the Giscome Elementary School. They will be on the fields from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We will also be supplying certified coaches to the program.

## **Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Council**

We are also in conversation with the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Council to see how we, as an organization, in collaboration with the Northern Interior Youth Soccer Association (NIYSA) could work together to better serve the Indigenous population of Prince George and the greater region. They have representation within British Columbia, specifically Northwestern and Northeastern areas of British Columbia, so if we can work together towards a common goal. The possibility of a Junior All Native Soccer Tournament in conjunction with the Junior All Native Basketball Tournament will hopefully be around the corner.

## **Engage Sport North and Via Sport**

We also had a meeting with Engage Sport North (a Division of ViaSport) on ways that the PGYSA IMPACT SC, in collaboration with the NIYSA, would be able to engage with Prince George the Northern Region. Along with this initiative, we hope to open up the doors and allow people from underrepresented groups, the opportunity for coach, player, and referee development within the region. This is now in the works and meetings are now in place to move forward in the process.

## **Donated Equipment**

At the PGYSA IMPACT SC Clubhouse, we have a lot of donated equipment from the community. This equipment is given to children in need of soccer equipment that would not be able to afford to play without it. We have soccer cleats, balls, goalie gloves, shin guards, t-shirts, shorts, and so on.

## **Kidsport**

The Prince George Youth Soccer Association (PGYSA) has partnered with KidSport Prince George in order to ensure that all children within the city all have the financial means necessary to afford organized sport. KidSport is a community-based sport-funding program established in 1993 by Sport BC that provides grants for children ages 18 and under to participate in a season of sport. There are 40 community chapters in BC and over 175 chapters across Canada.



In order to be eligible for KidSport as a PGYSA athlete, one must meet the following criteria:

- A KidSport application must be filled out completely and accurately
- Children ages 18 and under are eligible
- Grants (Max. \$150) are available to be used for the payment of sports fees
- The sport activity must be affiliated with a member sport organization of Sport BC
- Camps, equipment, travel, championships, etc. are not eligible expenses

How to apply for KidSport:

1. Adult Sponsor must fill out grant application on behalf of the child. The sponsor fills out sections 1-3 and then passes the application to a financial verification reference. The adult sponsor needs to ensure the application is complete and submitted to KidSport.
2. The reference is the most important step in the KidSport application process. This individual verifies that without KidSport assistance, the child would not be able to participate in the season of soccer.
3. Once approved, a letter of notification and funding will be sent directly to the sport organization.

KidSport Prince George provides funds to children who are in need of financial assistance, only one application per calendar year may be submitted. The grant must be used by the athlete for whom the grant was approved; no portion of the grant can be transferred to someone else.

## **JumpStart**

### **Financial Requirements**

To be eligible for funding for one or more children, families must first meet specific financial criteria as per Revenue Canada's Low-Income Cut-Offs (LICO) chart. Jumpstart uses the furthest column to the right of the chart for eligibility.

### **Other Funding Requirements**

- Children must fall between the ages of 4 - 18 years old.
- Funding is allocated to sustained programs that involve a sport or physical activity.



- Programs should be a minimum of five weeks in duration and include at least one session per week. In the case of sports camps, the program must last at least five consecutive days for consideration.

#### Funding Details

- Funding is up to \$300 per activity, subject to Chapter discretion and/or local demands.
- Children can be funded for successive seasons in an activity, up to a maximum of \$300 per activity.
- The annual maximum amount a child is eligible to receive is up to \$600, subject to Chapter discretion and/or local demands.
- All approvals will be determined by the local Jumpstart Chapter and designated Canadian Tire Jumpstart Regional Manager and are subject to local demands and Chapter budgets.

We, the PGYSA IMPACT SC believe that working together with other organizations in the region will help effectively and efficiently utilize the resources that we possess into a unified effort to provide the players in the north, the necessary tools to lift up and support the underrepresented populations.