

East Zone Recreation Board - Leisure Access Policy

Mission Statement

The East Zone Recreation Board is dedicated to barrier free sport, recreation and leisure programs and services for its residents.

The Policy

To overcome barriers, the East Zone Recreation Board is committed to action as follows:

1. Ensuring that fair and equitable access to Zone Board Programs, offered by the five zone boards in Regina, is provided, as outlined within the parameters of this policy.
2. To assist zone residents in overcoming barriers to participation.
3. To assist in the coordination of appropriate support services to aid in leisure pursuits for all zone residents.
4. To foster independence and self reliance in the pursuit of leisure activities.
5. In partnership with the City of Regina and/or other agencies to assist in the development of mechanisms which will lead to ensuring fair and equitable access to leisure programs, services and facilities for all members of the community.

Leisure Education

The East Zone Recreation Board will offer information to groups and individuals in the area of sport, recreation and leisure.

Programs and Activities

The East Zone Recreation Board will offer a wide variety of programs, within the fiscal and physical restraints of the organization, to meet the needs of east zone groups and individuals in the area of sport, recreation and leisure.

Advocacy/Consultation/Collaboration

Liaison with other agencies and organizations will be encouraged, i.e., through participation at board meetings, jointly sponsored programs, and utilizing their expertise and resources when needing specific information.

Assistance

The East Zone Recreation Board is committed to provide assistance to those that meet the criteria as outlined in this policy.

Criteria and Process

The individual or family requesting assistance must qualify for the City of Regina Affordable Fun program. Qualification will be determined by the City of Regina - Community Services. The East Zone Board will determine the type and extent of assistance to be given.

Qualified families will be funded by the East Zone as indicated below:

1. Only one program per person per season will be allowed.
Seasons:

Fall	September - December
Winter	January - March
Spring	April - June
Summer	July - August
2. This assistance may include:
 - a) Fee reductions
 - b) Fee waivers
 - c) Cost of materials and equipment
 - d) support/aid assistance (i.e., transportation, etc.)
3. No individual will receive a subsidy greater than \$150 per calendar year.
4. No family unit will receive a subsidy greater than \$500 per calendar year.
5. The total leisure access subsidization will not exceed the East Zone Recreation Board leisure access budget during the fiscal year.
6. Funding for programs not offered by the East Zone Recreation Board will be considered on a case by case basis.
7. Notwithstanding the above, the applicant is required to follow the regular registration procedure of the zone board, i.e., participation may be restricted due to limited class size, cancelled programs, etc.
8. The applicant or family is required to purchase a community association membership.
9. The subsidy will be granted based on a review of the applicant(s) qualifications.

It is important to note that this "Registration Form" does not reserve a space in the program for the person being subsidized. Applicants are to register at the same time as other residents. The forms will be considered void if the expiry date has passed.

Physical Accessibility

The East Zone Recreation Board supports the concept of leisure access to all facilities and recommends that access be considered when designing and developing parks, playgrounds, facilities and open space. The use of the universal access symbol in promotion material is encouraged.

Volunteer Training and Development

The training of volunteers to deal sensitively and effectively with individuals requiring leisure access is paramount to ensure the success of this policy.

The East Zone Recreation Board supports intensive volunteer training through workshops, guest speakers at meetings and by providing information as required.

Promotion

The East Zone Recreation Board will produce and distribute clear, consistent, accurate information about programs, services and supports that are accessible to people with a variety of needs.