

 <b>WRESTLING</b> NOVA SCOTIA	<b>Financial Assistance Program Policy</b>	<b>Approved:</b> <b>April 15th 2026</b>	<b>Up for review:</b> <b>April 15th 2028</b>
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## Purpose

The Wrestling Nova Scotia (WNS) Financial Assistance Program exists to help reduce financial barriers to participation in wrestling by providing limited financial support to eligible athletes and families who demonstrate financial need.

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## Application Window

- Applications for financial assistance will be accepted annually from September 1 to December 31.
  - Applications submitted outside of this window will not be considered.
  - Applications will be completed through an online [Google Form provided by WNS](#).
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## Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to apply for financial assistance, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a member in good standing with Wrestling Nova Scotia, registered as either a Competitive or Recreational Athlete.
  - Have applied for and been approved by KidSport for the applicable year.
    - Proof of KidSport approval must be submitted as part of the WNS application.
  - Applicants may be past recipients of WNS financial assistance; however, new applicants may be prioritized where funding is limited.
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## Eligible Expenses

Financial assistance may be used to support costs related to participation in wrestling, including but not limited to:

- WNS membership fees
  - Club registration or training fees
  - Competition or event registration fees
  - Other participation-related expenses as approved by the review committee
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## Distribution of Funds

- WNS will make every effort to support as many families as possible, subject to available funding.
  - Where feasible, WNS will pay approved expenses directly to the service provider (e.g., club, WNS membership system) rather than issuing funds directly to families.
  - Total available funding is subject to change each year depending on budget allocations and external funding sources.
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## Review and Approval Process

- Applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors.
  - All application information will be treated as strictly confidential and handled in accordance with WNS privacy policies.
  - In cases where a committee member has a conflict of interest (e.g., family member, coach, or club affiliation), that member will recuse themselves and be replaced by an impartial Board member.
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## Program Funding

- The Financial Assistance Program is funded through a combination of WNS budget allocations and external funding sources.
- Funds will not be distributed to approved applicants until after the December 31 application deadline has passed, to allow all applications received within the window to be reviewed collectively and funding to be allocated as fairly as possible.

