

BC Netball Policies for Addressing Economic Barriers

BC Netball is committed to finding a way to help all junior athletes participate.

BC Netball is committed to honouring the dignity of athletes, and handling the issue of fees with sensitivity.

There are no forms to complete, and BC Netball does not require or solicit proof of need. We have found this discourages and humiliates participants and their parents.

Instead if need is an issue options are put forward to help the athlete to compete with dignity. We have not found this encourages non payment from athletes who can pay.

1. BC Netball keeps junior league, tournament and club fees low.
 - a. Bottle drives in which athletes participate are organized annually to subsidise costs
 - b. Uniforms are kept to a minimum
 - c. Gyms are subsidised
2. Under 18 Under 23 Provincial Teams and Zone teams
 - a. Travel and competition are subsidised
 - b. Provincial team policy is to keep the same uniform so that an athlete only needs to purchase every four or five years.
 - c. Zone athletes purchase only 1 T shirt
3. The following options are made available to athletes who find fees a challenge:
 - a. Opportunity to fundraise
 - b. Opportunity to earn fees through scoring, umpiring and helping at league games
 - c. Club Fees are reduced or waived, costs are subsidised by older club members
4. Entry level programs such as Summer Camps, Community programs and youth drop in are run with minimal fees.
5. Anonymous sponsors
 - a. We have a pool of alumni and members who are willing to step up to sponsor athletes