

Recreation Programs User Fee Policy

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Policy Statement

Toronto will have an equitable approach to user fees, which will ensure all residents' accessibility to high quality community recreation and leisure programs regardless of ability to pay, while providing fairness to taxpayers, contributing to the long-term viability of public recreation and quality of life in our City.

Guiding Principles

Recreation programs are important municipal services, which contribute significant personal, social, economic and environmental benefits, which enhance the well being of Toronto citizens, their neighborhoods and their local economy. The City of Toronto shall ensure all residents accessibility to high quality community recreation and leisure programs regardless of their ability to pay. The City of Toronto shall ensure equity and fairness to taxpayers and contribute to the long-term vitality of public recreation services provided by the City and the voluntary and not-for-profit sectors. The City of Toronto shall encourage maximum opportunity for the enjoyable, healthful, satisfying and creative use of leisure time.

Policy Key Elements

Consistent City-wide pricing
 Service standards not influenced by user fees
 Pricing system that includes both "fee" and "non-fee" programs to ensure universality
 Senior's programs are priced at 50% of adult program rates
 Ensure equitable access to low income individuals and high need communities
 Monitor and adjust fees regularly prior to the submission of the annual budget
 Review of program fees done every three years to ensure competitive pricing

Fee Structure Summary Chart

| | Funda- Mental | Drop In | Subscriber | Introductory Instructional | Specialized Instructional |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------|------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Early Child (0 - 5 yrs) | No Fee | No Fee | No Fee | Fee | Fee |

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| Child (6 - 12 yrs) | No Fee | No Fee | No Fee | Fee | Fee |
| Youth (13 - 24 yrs) | No Fee | No Fee | No Fee | Fee | Fee |
| Adult (19 yrs & up) | No Fee | Fee | Fee | Fee | Fee |
| Older Adult (60 yrs & up) | No Fee | No Fee | Fee | Fee | Fee |

