

# **GUIDELINES**

## **RECREATION FUNDS: ACADIA FIRST NATION**

The Acadia First Nation has Recreation Accounts in the communities of Gold River, Halifax, Milton, Yarmouth/Shelburne and Wildcat. These recreation accounts are funded by the sale of Band Tobacco.

The following guidelines are to be followed by each Committee administering the funds from these accounts. Committees are made up from staff and councillors in each community.

1. The Recreation accounts may only be used to support community events or activities of the Acadia First Nation or events that the Acadia First Nation is participating in. Activities may focus on youth, elders, families or an entire community event.
2. The recreation fund will provide up to \$500.00 per year to Registered youth band member to assist with fees for participating extracurricular activities such as sports, music, art, summer camp, etc. The youth must be a student residing in the community and be age 18 or under and be a registered band member of Acadia First Nation or reside on a reserve within the Acadia First Nation. The band member must provide a copy of the receipt from a recognized organization confirming their involvement. The Band member will then be reimbursed up to \$500.00. Alternatively the Recreation fund can pay the enrolment fee directly to the recognized organization on behalf of the youth. Reimbursement will be made to the band member's legal guardian or parent who submits the receipt on behalf of the qualifying youth.
3. The fiscal year of the recreation accounts will be from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.
4. Recreation funds will not be used to fund activities of individual adults (age 18 and over).
5. Where the Committee holds a community event the committee will determine whether the event includes band members only and/or band members children. This will vary depending on the particular event. For example a community dinner may include the band members and their children. Band Members are permitted to bring their spouse/partner to all events.
6. For the community Christmas dinner/Christmas party's gifts will be provided to children under the age of 18 who attend school. Gifts will be for registered band members, children residing on the reserve and children of registered band members.
7. Events which are organized for Acadia Band youth will only be for registered Acadia Band member students or students residing on a reserve within our communities.

8. Events organized for Elders will only be for registered Acadia Band Elders and their spouses or partners. In the event the Elder does not have a spouse or partner to accompany them to the event they may take 1 guest.
9. Grading money will be for registered Band members age 18 or under attending school or students residing on the reserve.

IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE REGARDING THESE GUIDELINES THE  
DECISION OF THE CHIEF AND COUNCIL WILL BE FINAL

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE GUIDELINES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE  
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