

PETERBOROUGH PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

BILL O'BYRNE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT BURSARY PROGRAM

1. Establishment

The Peterborough Pickleball Association (PPA) hereby establishes the **Player Development Bursary Program** to support members seeking to improve their pickleball skills and participate in competitive and development opportunities.

The purpose of the bursary is to encourage player development through participation in competitive and development opportunities and promote the Peterborough Pickleball Association through member representation at tournaments, training programs, and related activities.

2. Annual Funding

The PPA shall allocate **\$2,500 annually** to fund the Player Development Bursary Program.

Individual bursary awards shall be granted up to a maximum of **\$500 per recipient per aggregate year**, subject to available funds and the number of qualified applicants.

The PPA reserves the right to distribute the available funds among multiple applicants at the discretion of the selection committee.

3. Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- * Be a **current member in good standing** of the PPA
- * Demonstrate a commitment to improving their pickleball skills
- * Provide a clear description of the proposed activity or development opportunity
- * Submit a completed written application in accordance with the requirements outlined in this policy.

4. Eligible Uses of Funds

Bursary funds may be used for reasonable expenses directly related to pickleball skill development or competitive participation, including, but not limited to:

- * Tournament entry fees

- * Travel expenses associated with tournaments or training events
- * Coaching or professional instruction
- * Skill development clinics or camps
- * Other approved pickleball development activities.

The selection committee reserves the right to determine whether proposed expenses qualify under this program.

5. Application Process

Applicants must submit a **written application** to the Player Development Bursary Committee.

Applications should include:

- * Applicants name and confirmation of PPA membership
- * Description of the applicants current playing level and experience
- * Details of the event, training, or activity for which funding is requested
- * Explanation of how the bursary will assist the applicants development
- * Estimated expenses and the amount of funding requested (up to \$500).

Application deadlines and submission procedures will be communicated annually by the PPA.

6. Selection Committee

The PPA Board shall appoint a **Bursary Selection Committee** responsible for reviewing applications and awarding bursaries.

The committee will evaluate applications based on factors including:

- * Commitment to player development
- * Participation in tournaments or structured training opportunities
- * Potential benefit to the applicant and the PPA
- * Fair and equitable distributions of available funds among members.

All recommendations of the committee shall be brought forward to the Board of Directors for final approval.

7. Recipient Responsibilities

Recipients may be requested to:

- * Provide a brief summary or report describing their experience and the benefit gained from the funded activity
- * Acknowledge the support of the PPA when appropriate and be a role model for future applicants.

8. Program Administration

The Player Development Bursary Program shall be administered under the authority of the Peterborough Pickleball Association Board of Directors.

The Board may review, amend or discontinue the program at its discretion.

9. Effective Date

This policy establishing the **Peterborough Pickleball Association Player Bursary Program** shall take effect upon approval by the Board of Directors.

Approved by the Peterborough Pickleball Association Board on: _____

Board President: _____

Secretary: _____