

National Sports Trust Fund (NSTF) Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance and direction to Rhythmic Gymnastics Manitoba and RGM Member clubs concerning the participation in the National Sports Trust Fund - Manitoba (NSTF).

Introduction: A common challenge for sport organizations in Canada is to find ways to increase revenue generating opportunities in order to meet increased demands of providing quality programs and services.

The National Sport Trust Fund (NSTF) is a philanthropic gift-giving program established through the Canadian Council of Provincial & Territorial Sport Federations (CCP&TSF) for the development of amateur sport on a national level. The CCP&TSF is a Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Association (RCAAA) with the Canadian Revenue Agency.

As registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Association (RCAAA), is able to issue an official tax receipt for all qualifying donations of \$50.00 or greater. Sport Manitoba is the Fund Manager of NSTF in Manitoba.

The National Sports Trust Fund permits sport organizations from across Canada to raise funds for specific causes that will promote the development of amateur sport on national level.

The initiative enables Sport Manitoba, its sport partners (i.e. RGM) and member clubs to establish revenue generating programs for which a charitable tax receipt can be provided for qualifying donations.

RGM NSTF Policy:

1. RGM Programs and registered RGM Member clubs in good standing may be eligible to participate in the NSTF.
2. Participating programs and Member clubs must meet all of the requirements of participation as outlined in the National Sport Trust Fund Manitoba Chapter Operating Manual.
3. All projects require RGM Board approval prior to submission to the NSTF Manitoba Chapter.
4. RGM Executive Director shall act as the RGM NSTF Project Fund Administrator to liaise with the NSTF Manitoba Chapter Fund Manager.
5. Incorporated and Non-incorporated RGM registered Member clubs in good standing will have access to the NSTF.
 - Incorporated RGM Member clubs in good standing may participate in the NSTF by submitting the NSTF Project Application Form for RGM Board approval along with the RGM Event Sanction Application Form with payment of \$10.00 sanction fee.
 - Non incorporated RGM Member clubs will have opportunity to participate in the NSTF by partnering with RGM. Non-incorporated Member club may participate in the NSTF by submitting the NSTF

Project Application Form for RGM Board approval along with the RGM Event Sanction Application Form with payment of \$10.00 sanction fee. In addition, every donation will be subject to 3% RGM service fee.

6. RGM Member clubs and programs are encouraged to contact the NSTF Manitoba Chapter Program Manager prior to submission for RGM Board approval to ensure that project plans are in line with the NSTF objectives.
7. The 1st intake date for projects shall be November 1st, 2008. Following this date applications will be accepted on the 1st of every month and no later than 6 weeks prior to commencement of the project. The deadline is increased to 8 weeks for projects that exceed \$50,000.
8. All NSTF project applicants must ensure they have read and are familiar with the content of the NSTF Manitoba Chapter Operating Manual.
9. All projects must promote NSTF in a consistent manner in keeping with the guidelines of this fund.