

## Fee Waiver Policy

The Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission has approved the following Fee Waiver Policy for qualifying families registering for programs offered by the Commission.

- Qualifications for Fee Waiver include: State Poverty Income level shown on State Income Tax form (gross income), Food Stamps, Medicaid, or Public Housing. Qualifying forms MUST be presented when applying.
- Each program or class offered by ICRC must reach its required minimum registration BEFORE a fee waiver participant can register in that program or class. Programs running under minimum do not qualify for fee waiver participants.
- Each family member can register for up to four (4) programs or classes per quarter under the Fee Waiver Program.
- For each registered program, the responsible party will pay ½ of the non-residents fee at the time of registration.
- A Fee Waiver participant that does not attend at least 50% of his/her program or class will be ineligible to for the Fee Waiver Program in the next quarter.
- Fee Waiver Applications must be renewed every year.

## To Apply...Call or Visit

Crooked Creek Park @ 803-345-6181

Seven Oaks Park @ 803-772-3336

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# CHASE LOVELESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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# Benefits of Youth Sports Participation

Here are just a few ways sports can positively influence a child's development and serve as an avenue for teaching kids valuable life lessons.

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## Health

Regular physical activity in childhood and adolescence improves strength and endurance, helps build healthy bones and muscles, helps control weight, reduces anxiety and stress, increases self-esteem, and may improve blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

-Center for Disease Control and Prevention

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## Teamwork

The values emphasized in sports such as teamwork, effort and achievement create well-rounded kids who are less likely to get into delinquent trouble.

-W.E. Schafer, "Social Problems"

3

## Parent Interaction

Youth athletes who perceive more positive adult sport involvement and interactions feel greater enjoyment and satisfaction throughout the season.

-Scanlan and Lethwaite, "Journal of Sport Psychology"

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## Confidence

Youth sports have developmental benefits such as increased self-esteem and self-confidence as well as a healthier body image.

-The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Psychology"



## Scholarships

Partial and full scholarships are available for designated athletic programs offered by the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission based on availability of funds. *Partial scholarship recipients will pay 1/2 of the registration fee at the time of registration. Full scholarships may also be available.* ICRC reserves the right to approve both full and partial scholarships based on the following qualifiers.

## Qualifiers

Participants may be eligible for program fee waivers under one of the qualifications listed below. Participants must provide proof of legal custodial parent/guardianship of any child or children when registering in the fee waiver program. Names and birth dates of all dependent children must be submitted before program registration is allowed.

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### Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Income level

(New guidelines for each year are distributed in February of each year)

- A completed, signed tax return
- Eligibility is based on gross yearly income
- A completed tax return is needed once a year to renew eligibility

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### Food Stamps

- Family Card and Number
- South Carolina Department of Family & Child Services eligibility letter showing names of all dependent children

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### Medicaid

- A letter from a South Carolina Department of Community Health Medicaid Caseworker must be submitted stating eligibility period for all family members registering for programs
- Six month eligibility renewal letter from caseworker for all family members registering for programs

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### Free/Reduced School Lunch

- A letter from your school district's administrative office stating the following:
  - You qualify for free/reduced lunch
  - The family members that are included
  - Dates the letter is good for

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### Public Housing

- Letter from Public Housing Agency documenting public housing living arrangements, ownership, etc. Changes in eligibility must be reported to the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission by the Fee Waiver participant immediately.

Play is to the child what thinking, planning, and blueprinting are to the adult, a trial universe in which conditions are simplified and methods exploratory, so that past failures can be thought through, expectations tested.

-Erik Erikson, 1902-1994