



2010 Alberta Summer Games Fees

Basketball Alberta is pleased to be working with players, coaches, officials and families across the province in preparation for the Alberta Summer Games. The semi-annual event is being hosted in Peace River from July 19 – 25.

Our zone coaches and BA Board members and staff have received a number of inquiries regarding the fees being charged. \$450 plus GST is higher than other sports participating in the Games. We appreciate and understand the questions as well as having the opportunity to address them. Our 2010 fee structure is based on a budget that takes many factors into account:

- 1) Unlike many other sports, BA pays an honorarium to the coaches. While the amount does not come close to matching the time and commitment involved, it does acknowledge the time commitment by the coaches and their families to make the experience possible.
- 2) Gym time costs vary throughout the province. We strongly encourage our coaches to seek out lowest cost opportunities. Some coaches are able to access facilities at little or no cost while others, particularly in major centres such as Calgary, do not have this luxury. BA has attempted to equalize this estimation out so that all teams share in the costs involved.
- 3) There are other hidden costs involved that are also factored in.
- 4) BA has made tremendous progress in reducing its once sizeable deficit over the past two years but the organization is still not in a position to take a financial hit from the programs it offers. The budget put forward takes this reality into account.
- 5) The 2010 costs are actually lower than the 2008 figures. In 2008 a flat fee of \$275 per athlete was assessed plus all participants were required to sell \$200 of raffle tickets or pay for the tickets not sold. BA received so many complaints about the raffle that the executive approved the elimination of this fund raising activity and approved a flat fee.
- 6) BA encourages fundraising for fee reduction. There is the opportunity for donors to receive a tax receipt if certain criteria are met. The details are available at the BA office. Call or inquire anytime.

Our future hopes and plans are to reduce the fees to all participants in the Summer Games as well as for all of the outstanding programming that we offer. As we continue to progress financially, our fee structure will adapt accordingly.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions, concerns and suggestions you may have to help Basketball Alberta be the best it can be. Thank you for your time and attention.

Enjoy the Alberta Summer Games!

Yours in basketball,

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