

Federal Funds for Youth Sports and Camps

Participant Fee Waivers in Unincorporated San Diego, County Facilities



The Youth Sports and Camps Waiver Program provides youth with the opportunity to participate in recreational sports or camps for free or at a reduced cost. The program was approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on Oct. 5, is federally funded through the American Rescue Plan Act, and was designed to reduce financial barriers that could otherwise limit or prevent kids and teens from participating in these activities.

Managed by the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, this waiver program directly benefits participants in youth sports and camps in San Diego's unincorporated areas and at County-managed facilities.

How it Works: Organizers of youth sports and camps apply for the funds. Once approved, organizers will adjust registration fees accordingly, for the kids and teens who wish to participate in their league and camp activities.

Fine Print: Requests will be processed in the order they are received. Of the available \$2M, approximately \$1.8M will be used for fee waivers and registration reimbursements, and the remaining \$200,000 is earmarked for administrative costs to run the program.

Applicant Checklist

- Are you an operator of recreational youth sports or camps?
- Do you run activities in an unincorporated part of San Diego County, or at a County-owned property?
- Do you have a valid Federal and/or State tax ID?

If you can answer "yes" to all three questions, you may qualify for some level of reimbursement.

Apply: sdparks.org

Info: YouthSports@sdcountry.ca.gov

Reimbursement Levels

There are two reimbursement levels (\$50 and \$100 per youth participant), based on a community's score in the California Healthy Places Index (HPI). The HPI is a census tract-based index that evaluates indicators like economic standing, education level, housing availability and affordability, health care access, safe neighborhoods, and transportation. Communities with lower scores have greater needs and therefore qualify for greater support – in line with providing more equitable park and recreation experiences across San Diego.

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