

## Rules on Recreational Grants in the Municipality of Hornafjörður

### Article 1: Purpose and Objectives

The Municipality of Hornafjörður provides recreational grants to parents of children aged 5-18 years for participation in organized sports and recreational activities, hereinafter referred to as "recreational activities."

The primary goal of the recreational grant is to ensure that all children aged 5-18 years can participate in constructive recreational activities, regardless of their economic or social circumstances. The grant aims to strengthen the social environment of children and adolescents, positively influencing their development. Additionally, it seeks to promote equality in society and encourage diversity in sports, arts, and recreational activities.

The primary condition for the grant is that the activity is based on educational values and preventive measures.

### Article 2: Conditions for Grant Allocation

1. The child must have a legal residence in the Municipality of Hornafjörður and be between the ages of 5 and 18, based on the year of birth.
2. Children are eligible for the grant from the year they turn 5 until the year they turn 18.
3. Children moving to the Municipality of Hornafjörður are entitled to the full grant during the year of relocation.

### Article 3: How to Use the Grant

- Parents register their child for courses through the SPORTABLER online store. Two options are available:
  - [Municipality of Hornafjörður Shop](#)
  - [UMF Sindri Shop](#)
- Parents must create an account on SPORTABLER ([www.sportabler.com/home](http://www.sportabler.com/home)), and the system guides them through the process.
- Through SPORTABLER, parents can choose whether to apply the recreational grant during payment.

### Article 4: General Rules and Allocation Guidelines

- The recreational grant is allocated in the form of funding from the Municipality of Hornafjörður, which parents allocate to organizers of recreational activities that meet the municipality's eligibility criteria.
- The grant can be used to fully or partially cover costs for sports, arts, or other recreational activities offered by organizations and companies in the municipality.
- Parents can allocate the grant at any time during the year, regardless of the number of activities or courses.
- The grant amount aligns with the current approval by the Municipal Council of Hornafjörður and cannot exceed the tuition or course fee of the respective activity.
- The grant cannot be used to cover additional costs such as equipment, clothing, or travel expenses.
- The allocation is final. Once a parent/guardian has allocated the grant to an organization, it cannot be refunded or reallocated. Any unused portion of the grant does not roll over to the next year and expires at the end of each year.

#### **Article 5: Eligible Activities and Organizers**

- Recreational activities must prioritize the welfare and interests of children and comply with applicable laws and regulations concerning children and youth.
- Organized recreational activities must meet the following criteria to be eligible:
  - Activities must be structured, with an emphasis on trained and qualified professionals in sports, recreation, or teaching. Individuals under 18 years old cannot work independently as coaches, instructors, or trainers but may assist qualified professionals.
  - Activities should generally span 10 consecutive weeks. Grants may be used for shorter courses if they meet other eligibility requirements.
  - Eligible activities include those organized by sports and recreation clubs, music schools, art courses, fitness centers, self-improvement courses, and other courses that meet the rules.
  - Activities that are ineligible include extended school programs, religious or ideological activities, and political organizations.
- Organizers of recreational activities must enter into an agreement with the municipality, adhering to the eligibility rules.
- Participation in the grant system must not lead to unreasonable increases in activity fees or tuition from year to year.
- The Director of the Department of Education and Recreation evaluates whether individual organizers meet the criteria. If there is doubt about eligibility, the matter is referred to the Education and Recreation Committee.

#### **Article 6: Collaboration Agreement**

Organizers who meet the above eligibility criteria for recreational grants must sign a collaboration agreement with the municipality. Administrative staff in Hornafjörður evaluate each application and provide access to the recreational grant system for eligible organizers. The agreement includes the following information:

- Name, ID number, phone number, email, and website of the organizer. Additionally, contact details for the application and/or responsible party.
- Type of activity.
- Timetables and course offerings.
- Fee structure.
- Information about facilities or venues.

These rules will be reviewed as needed.

Changes to the rules were approved by the Education and Recreation Committee on February 16, 2022, and by the Municipal Council on February 22, 2022.