

2020-2021 allocation rules of Hafnarfjarðarbær  
concerning sports and leisure activity grants for children  
in low-income households.

**Article 1**

**Reason:**

These rules are issued to ensure that conformity is ensured in the allocation of sports and leisure activity grants to children of low-income households to ensure equality in participation in sports and leisure activity events, as provided for in the 2020 supplementary budget and Act No. 26/2020 on Defined and Temporary Measures to Combat the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

These grants are paid out by the municipality on the basis of Section VI of the Act on Social Services No. 40/1991.

**Article 2**

**Substance of grant**

For children born between 2005 and 2014 in low-income households, sports and leisure activity grants shall be paid before the end of the 2020-2021 school year. The reference to low-income households means households where the total income of providers, individuals, married couples or co-habitants were, on average, less than ISK 740,000 per month during the period between March to July 2020. For further information see Article 3 on confirmation of income criteria.

Grants shall be paid for paid out costs for sports and leisure activities during 2020-2021 and shall amount to up to ISK 45,000 per child.

Sports and leisure activity grants are granted for participation in organised sports and leisure activities. Sports and leisure activity grants may not be used for the payment of equipment, tools, clothing and travel.

**Article 3**

**Application**

Sports- and leisure activity grants according to Article 2 are paid out as per application. The application must be submitted to the local authorities before 1 March 2021 and sports and leisure activities taken into account for the 2020-2021 school year.

Before applying for a grant, the applicant must send a request for an assessment of income through the electronic portal of island.is where an automatic result will be generated as to whether the applicant fulfils income criteria based on Article 2. If

the applicant fulfils income criteria, such result is sent automatically to the Hafnarfjörður local authorities. Confirmation of income criteria is not regarded as an application to the municipality.

Once the automatic result from island.is has been obtained, the applicant can seek a grant from the municipality. The application shall include documentation providing information on paid out costs for the sports and leisure time activities of the child during the 2020-2021 school year.

#### **Article 4 Procedure**

Applications are processed and the results made known to applicants as soon as possible. If an application is rejected, the applicant will receive a written response where the reason for the rejection is clearly provided.

Procedures, including complaints measures, are governed by the Municipalities' Social Services Act No. 40/1991 and the terms and the rules of the local authorities as regards financial assistance.

#### **Article 5 Entry into force**

These rules, which are based on the 2020-2021 guidelines of the Ministry of Social Affairs on sports and leisure activities grants for children in low-income households, are effective immediately.