

Queen's Athletics & Recreation - SGPS Package

Part A – Contact Information

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Part B – Group Description (limit 500 words)

Outline the purpose of your group and what you will use the fee for. Groups may want to outline their programming, goals and recent contributions to the Queen's Community to better illustrate to SGPS members why a fee is necessary.

Athletics & Recreation offers participation opportunities in-person and online across a broad range of programs including intramurals, recreational clubs, varsity teams and clubs, fitness and aquatics programs, illustrating the vibrancy and importance of physical activity, sport and wellness as integral parts of campus life at Queen's. This fall, with the ARC's safe re-opening and re-vitalization of in-person activities, 2,012 SGPS members accessed the Athletics and Recreation Centre (ARC), 643 have participated in intramural activities and 426 participated in fitness and varsity programs, with increasing numbers registered for planned winter programs.

The ARC features a variety of amenities and services for SGPS members and expanded virtual programming to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since September 2020, the facility has been open 277 of a possible 486 days (due to provincial restrictions), operating approximately 18 hours per day during the academic term and 15 hours per day during the non-academic term, providing access to SGPS members during those periods, including summer and holiday periods. When the ARC was not open, programs and services were offered remotely.

The ARC includes a 2,000-seat main competition court, five gymnasiums, studios, squash and racquetball courts, Kingston's largest fully accessible pool, and 24,500 square feet of cardio and strength facilities, including a fully renovated Women's Fitness Zone and free weight area. The addition of Mitchell Hall has also improved access and availability of space to SGPS members for recreational pursuits.

In addition to the ARC, A&R facilities include the revitalized Richardson Stadium, four artificial turf fields, a running track and other athletic spaces on campus. Virtual fitness classes have been made available to members to aid physical and mental wellness from home during the pandemic.

During the pandemic, A&R and SGPS executive members collaborated on multiple programs that could further support SGPS members. SGPS exclusive programs created from this collaboration include:

- Virtual fitness classes and workshops.
- Virtual Run Series.

- "Physical Activity during Physical Distancing" webinars.
- An Athletics and Recreation Orientation program.
- A monthly fitness challenge.

Despite challenges posed by COVID-19, SGPS members were active participants in Athletics & Recreation programs and services as detailed in the participation summary below. We have included the past three years statistics which illustrate participation.

SGPS Participation Summary

Usage and participation stats for the service or body by Society Members (for the period May to April)	2019-20	2020-21*	2021-22 (Fall 2021 Only)**
Number of unique SGPS member ARC visits	4,012	693	2,012
Total ARC check ins by SGPS members	110,648	11,587	28,354
Intramural participation by SGPS members	2,216	141	643
Number of unique SGPS members registered in intramurals	1,160	105	492
# of SGPS members registered in Recreational Clubs	332	31	74***
# of SGPS members registered in Fitness & Wellness programs	224	246	370
# of SGPS members on Varsity Teams and Clubs	50	40	56
SGPS Member COVID-19 Refund	N/A	45%	N/A

* SGPS members received fee reductions. Details available in Part C.

**ARC reopened and resumed programming on Sept. 7, 2021

***Programming resumed Nov. 1, 2021

Part C – Budgetary Breakdown

Outline exactly how the student fee will be spent. If your group is an organization external to Queen's University please also attach the latest copy of your organization's annual financial report or equivalent.

The SGPS student activity fee provides year-round access to A&R physical activity spaces, online virtual programs and opportunities for participation in a wide variety of programs and services designed to promote and facilitate the positive health and wellness of SGPS members.

These fees support facility access for self-directed fitness activities, aquatics, fitness programming, a wide variety of casual recreational drop-in programs, intramural participation as either an individual or team, a large number of recreational clubs with diverse offerings, varsity teams and clubs, and entry to ticketed Gaels events. In addition, the fee contributes to maintaining and enhancing equipment, upgrading of spaces, access to new venues (e.g., ARC South) and to operating and providing services to members 360 days a year (in a non-pandemic year), operating approximately 18 hours per day during the academic term and 15 hours per day during the non-academic term (including summers and holidays). During the pandemic the fee also contributed to enhanced safety measures and strategies, as well as the creation and hosting of virtual content for those unable to access the facility itself.

In 2020-21 SGPS members received refunds of their A&R SGPS graduate fee in recognition of the provincial restrictions that lead to the closure of in-person activities at the ARC (i.e., a 45 percent reduction for those registered in September 2020). The ARC re-opened on September 7, 2021, with full services provided.

Part D – Student Fee Questionnaire (limit 150 words per response)

1. Why is your group seeking a fee?
 - a. A&R is seeking to maintain a fee in order to continue to provide the broad range of programs and services currently offered to and enjoyed by SGPS members. The fee enables A&R to contribute to student success and provide experiential learning opportunities. Engagement in physical activity is strongly linked to academic productivity, enhanced mental health and well-being and creates a sense of belonging. This fee will allow these programs, services and access to athletic facilities to continue.
2. What direct benefit will SGPS members derive from granting your group a fee?
 - a. Continued year-round access to the ARC and A&R Programs as part of your SGPS membership, which includes:
 - i. 24,500 square feet of cardio and strength training facilities that include over 10 tons of free weights and over 150 pieces of cardio equipment.
 - ii. An updated and expanded Women's Fitness Zone.
 - iii. Expanded free weight space.
 - iv. Enhanced programming and extended gym availability for casual recreation, making use of all gym spaces including the renovated Mitchell Hall gyms.
 - v. Kingston's largest fully accessible pool.
 - vi. Virtual programming for those unable to access the facility
 - b. SGPS-specific programming and services.
 - c. Opportunity to participate in fall, winter and summer intramurals.
 - d. Open recreation sport opportunities.
 - e. Discounts on fitness and wellness programs.
 - f. Free tickets to Gaels varsity home games.
 - g. Casual staff employment and experiential learning opportunities
3. How is the dollar value of the fee related to the benefit you are proposing to provide?

The fee includes 12-month access to A&R programs, services and facilities. The entire fee is directly related to the provision of programs, services and physical activity spaces that provide significant and positive health and wellness benefits to each SGPS member.

The value of the A&R fee is unparalleled compared to other facilities with similar amenities. Membership costs have been calculated via advertised fees:

Queen's Athletics and Recreation Centre:
\$191.50 per year

GoodLife (Barrack Street):
\$761.75 per year
(No Pool or Squash Courts)

YMCA (Wright Crescent):
\$545.76 per year

Queen Street Fitness (Queen St.):
\$1,884.84 per year Open Gym access
(CrossFit Facility)

4. When was your group established?

Athletics and Recreation was established in 1873.

5. If you have collected a fee in the past, what initiative and/or opportunities have you provided the Queen's Community with the collected funds?

A&R provides the following with funds collected:

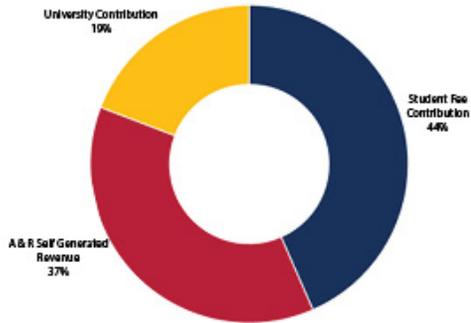
- a. Provision of 130,000 fitness and wellness opportunities, including SGPS-specific programming and services.
- b. Continued access to the ARC, which includes:
 - i. 24,500 square feet of cardio and strength training facilities with a focus on upgrades featuring the latest trends in workout equipment (two turf areas with functional training systems featuring built-in lifting stations, fly away bars, pegboards, rock climbing boards, TRX stations, battle rope stations) updated and expanded Women's Fitness Zone and free weight areas.
 - ii. Kingston's largest fully accessible pool.
- c. Opportunity to participate in intramurals.
- d. Enhanced and new facilities including artificial turf fields and revitalized Richardson Stadium.
- e. Increased open recreation sport opportunities.
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Part E: Signatures from SGPS members

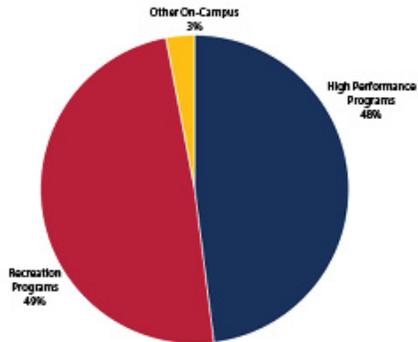
Signature count verified by Devin Fowlie on January 10, 2022. Email has been attached with submission.

Financial Report

ATHLETICS AND RECREATION REVENUE SOURCES
Average over a 5 year period from 2016-17 to 2020-2021



ATHLETICS AND RECREATION EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION
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