



# Community Access Program

**RECREATION AND WELLNESS FOR ALL.**

The goal of the Community Access Program (CAP) is to ensure all members of our community are able to access the wellness and recreation opportunities available at the Canada Games Aquatic Centre.

Recognizing many in our region face significant financial challenges, it is understood that those struggling to make ends meet are not in a position to afford costs associated with recreational activities.

Having access to recreation opportunities to engage in physical activity is essential to the physical and mental wellness of the community. Participating in the many activities available at the facility also contributes to social determinants of health and overall quality of life by providing opportunities for connection with one's community.

There are wonderful programs in place for children and youth to participate in structured activities; however, CAP is here to fill the gap. From seniors on a fixed income who may enjoy the social aspects of engaging in activities at the facility to families who would love the opportunity to enjoy recreational swims together, there are countless people in our community who could benefit from CAP.

Funds raised for CAP will be used to subsidize facility memberships for those in our community who would otherwise be unable to afford access. Applications will be reviewed to ensure eligibility, using criteria established by a CAP Advisory Committee. Memberships subsidization levels will be determined based on household income.

**Please Note:** Assistance from CAP is to provide a basic, 3-month membership. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Approved applicants will be set up with a membership when funding is available. If funding is not available at the time an application is approved, it will be placed on a waitlist.

Patrons can apply for a renewal three times before a full reapplication is required. Those currently paying for a membership are not eligible to receive funding from this program.

## HOW TO APPLY

Visit <https://aquatics.nb.ca/cap> or scan the QR Code for an application form. Hard copies are also available for pick-up at the Front Desk of the Canada Games Aquatic Centre (50 Union St., Saint John, NB).

Assistance with completing applications can be provided in person by Canada Games Aquatic Centre Front Desk staff or by emailing [cap@aquatics.nb.ca](mailto:cap@aquatics.nb.ca).

Completed applications can be emailed to [cap@aquatics.nb.ca](mailto:cap@aquatics.nb.ca) or submitted in hard copy at the Front Desk.

## WAYS TO SUPPORT CAP

- the Canada Games Aquatic Centre's CanadaHelps page - Scan the QR Code.
- the Canada Games Aquatic Centre's monthly 50/50 lottery.
- the option for patrons registering for swimming lessons online to make a donation to CAP as an add-on to their registration fee.



All costs associated with the administration of this program are covered under the facility's existing operating budget. This means 100% of funds raised through donations, grants, and other fundraising initiatives will go directly to supporting members of the community.

The Saint John Aquatic Center Commission is a registered charity and, as such, is able to issue charitable tax receipts when applicable.