



TORONTO, ON – June 4th, 2021 – In February, the Canadian Tire Corporation announced an additional \$12 million commitment to Jumpstart's Sport Relief Fund to help sport and recreation organizations build back sport and play in Canada.

In mid-April, the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) received confirmation that it had been named amongst over 700 sports and recreation organizations throughout Canada to be provided with grant support through Jumpstart's Sport Relief Funding in the first round of applications. Today, we are proud to share an additional list of recipient OLA clubs who applied for and received Jumpstart support through the subsequent round of applications, which were announced earlier this week.



Burlington Minor Chiefs
Lacrosse Association



Cambridge Chiefs
Minor Lacrosse Association



Centre-Wellington
Minor Lacrosse Association



Gloucester Griffins
Minor Lacrosse Association



Halton Hills Bulldogs
Minor Lacrosse Association



Hamilton Bengals
Minor Lacrosse Association



Mississauga Badgers
Minor Lacrosse Association



Niagara Thunderhawks
Minor Lacrosse Association



North Perth Outlaws
Minor Lacrosse Association



Northumberland Nemesis
Minor Lacrosse Association



Orangeville Northmen
Minor Lacrosse Association



Owen Sound North Stars
Minor Lacrosse Association
*Owen Sound North Stars Girls Field Program
was also named as a funding recipient*



Quinte Bayhawks
Minor Lacrosse Association



Team Ontario
Lacrosse Program



Wallaceburg Griffins
Minor Lacrosse Association

“We are incredibly grateful for Jumpstart’s continued support of our association and its clubs,” said OLA President Jim Bomhof. “Jumpstart’s funding of minor lacrosse organizations throughout Ontario means that our clubs will be able to continue to offer quality programs and services to their communities. The connection between our clubs and their communities runs deep, and we know this type of financial support goes a long way to ensuring their sustainability as we emerge from the pandemic and return to play. It is our hope that even more of our clubs, upon seeing this news, will be considering applying for funding through Jumpstart’s Sport Relief Funding Program to assist their recovery and return.”

The final funding window for the 2021 JumpStart program is open between now and August 1, 2021 for programs taking place between September 1 and December 31. OLA clubs may consider applying for planned Return to Activity and/or fall field lacrosse activities to cover eligible costs, which include:

- payment of past due/overdue accounts
- strategies to develop fundraising/revenue generation
- operational efficiencies (to execute Return to Activity programs)
- program delivery adaptations (including Return to Activity game modifications)
- start-up expenses related to establishing online programming
- facility and equipment costs
- costs incurred to meet Return to Activity guidelines/provincial health protocols/regulations (including PPE, cleaning supplies, individual safety equipment for participants, etc.)
- transportation costs

To better assess your eligibility under the Sport Relief Fund or submit an online application, visit:

[Sport Relief Fund | Apply – Jumpstart \(canadiantire.ca\)](https://canadiantire.ca/sport-relief-fund-apply)

About the Ontario Lacrosse Association

The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) is a member association of Lacrosse Canada and is recognized as the Provincial Sports Organization of lacrosse for the province of Ontario. The OLA oversees 61 clubs competing in 13 leagues in three different sectors: box (indoor), minor & men’s field (outdoor) and women’s field (outdoor). In addition to coordinating the operation of the sport, the OLA provides informative resources, technical development programs and additional supplies for those interested in the ‘fastest game on two feet.’ For more information or to become involved, contact the Ontario Lacrosse Association by emailing info@ontariolacrosse.com.

About the Canadian Tire’s Jumpstart Relief Fund

Launched in September 2020, Jumpstart’s Sport Relief Fund started as an \$8 million fund dedicated to helping sport and recreation organizations continue to operate. It provided support based on need in the form of grants covering programming and operational gaps exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic to enable safe sport and play across the country. Following the overwhelming community need that was highlighted during the initial application period, Canadian Tire Corporation has committed an additional \$12 million which will allow the Jumpstart Sport Relief Fund to disburse additional funding throughout 2021.