

Athletics & Recreation Fees

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Background

What are the A&R fees?

The Athletics and Recreation Improvement Facility Fee is an ancillary fee established to make repairs and improvements to the A&R Buildings.

• A&R currently collects a fee (amount indicated below) to support the programs offered on the downtown and Macdonald campuses. This fee does not include facility repairs but instead only supports the programs.

Athletics and Recreation Fee

The Athletics and Recreation Fee supports programs offered on the downtown and Macdonald campuses. The fee provides access to most athletics facilities, however registration to fitness and recreation courses, intramural sports, pay-as-you go programs and/or the Fitness Centre carry a supplemental charge. Please consult the <u>Athletics and Recreation website</u> for further information.

Rates Athletics & Recreation	Per term	Per year
Undergraduate part-time (registered in less than 9 credits)	93.27	
Undergraduate full-time (registered in at least 9 credits)	154.21	

What are Ancillary Fees? Fees charged to support services and activities distinct from academic programming or general overhead for the institution Moratorium

What is the Moratorium?



- It was Implemented in 2019
- The goal was so Ancillary fees cannot be increased or added
- The intent was a political technique to put pressure on McGill administration



Political technique meant to pressure **McGill fails** current student body

- McGill receives funding in the following ways: \$ from the government, \$ from tuition, \$ from donations
- The money they receive can only be used in academics with the exception of giving ¹/₃ of such funding to student services - by Quebec Law
- McGill operations are divided in self-funding units- **A&R is a self funding unit**
- This means that the only way self funding unit can collect funding is by introducing ancillary fees via student unions or donations

Self-funding units

- The moratorium has been really heavy on self-funding units because they are not subsidized by the administration
- By cutting/ freezing funding to McGill via ancillary fees is not punishing administration but instead the self funding unit

McGill's reaction to the moratorium

- McGill University is globally recognized for research and academic excellence
- Athletics is not a particularly attractive feature of the University to obtain more students
- Administration will not fully divest if we put this moratorium to the Athletics & Recreation unit - the political pressure is not strong enough
- Instead current students are suffering the consequences of not having athletics facilities of quality

Let's find a solution to benefit students

- Student unions can put pressure to administrator to divest in other areas where there is no actual collateral damage to students
- Students deserve to have a good quality facility to do sports and access several activities
- Health is a top priority to succeed, let's ensure we can provide students the appropriate tools to discover new passions and improve their health

Motions

What do the motions want to achieve?

- Amend the moratorium to exclude Athletics and Recreation fee from it
- Reimplement a 10\$ fee per semester for facility improvements

• Better facilities = more programming options for students

- Better facilities = greater programming and training for student athletes
- Better facilities = better donations for the self unit