

# 1. Purpose

In keeping with the vision of the Foundation, the Guru Gobind Singh Children's Foundation (GGSCF) developed these guidelines. The guidelines have been tested by putting the concepts into practice over the course of a one-year period. All monthly meetings of GGSCF will follow the format outlined in these guidelines. The guidelines are a living document and will be subject to change and improvements, as feedback is observed and provided. The purpose and objective of the monthly meeting and these guidelines is as follows:

- Have a meeting format specific to the needs of the GGSCF - one that allows participation by all regardless of age, gender, religion but has a children/youth focus.
- Develop ability in children/youth to control and run the GGSCF now and into the future. (The GGSCF defines youth as those under 25 years of age)
- Use meetings to develop skills (leadership, courage, responsibility, commitment, determination, empowerment, and a belief in continuous improvement/development) that the participants can use for the rest of their lives. Foster qualities that will improve their home and school lives, their personal development, and any future career they choose.
- Allow children/youth to help other children/youth as they grow to understand the issues that affect their lives and the environment in which they live in and how best to deal with these issues.
- Allow children to develop a sense of empathy for those in society who are not as fortunate as they are and the ability to help and serve those in need.
- Provide a practical way of using religious teaching in everyday life.
- Be a forum where the participants (children and youth) can get involved and express their needs in a safe environment and where they are encouraged to further develop and take charge of their own future.
- In life develop the ability to learn to enjoy every moment, see every challenge that presents itself, and seek every opportunity to better one self and the world in which we live.

The GGSCF strives to improve the value of life of all children and youth. From a charitable perspective, the primary aim is to provide financial support to children in need to meet their basic requirements. However, the core underlying objective seeks to add meaning to the lives of all children - those that are supported, as well as those that are supporting them. The GGSCF believes that with God's blessing we can all live a full life.