

Representative Sport Financial Assistance Policy

PURPOSE

To establish clear and effective guidelines for assessing applications for financial assistance to athletes who have been selected to represent at State, National, or International levels in their respective sports.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all financial assistance requests received by St. George Venues.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for financial assistance, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Demonstrate amateur status in their sport
- Have been officially selected in a recognised sporting team/squad at State, National or International level
- Reside within Georges River or Bayside LGA for a minimum period of 12 consecutive months
- For applicants over 18 years of age: Be a member of St. George Venues for a minimum of 36 months prior to application
- For applicants under 19 years of age: Have a parent or immediate family member who has been a member of St. George Venues for at least 36 months prior to application
- Be a member of a sports club affiliated with St. George Leagues Club, Arncliffe Scots Sports Club or Maso's

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

All applications must include:

- Written confirmation of selection from the athlete's local affiliated sporting club
- Written confirmation of selection from the appropriate State, National sporting organization, or School association
- Proof of residency within the specified geographic boundaries
- Evidence of membership status (if applicable)
- Details of the competition including location, dates, and expected expenses

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submission Requirements:

- Applications must be submitted in writing on the Representative Sport Financial Assistance application form at least 8 weeks prior to the event/competition start date
- Retrospective funding applications will not be accepted
- Applications will be reviewed by Community Sub Committee and forwarded to the Board of Directors for final determination

Review Timeline:

- Applications will be reviewed within 5 business days of receipt
- Requestors will be notified of decisions within 5 business days after review
- Expedited reviews may be considered in special circumstances but are not guaranteed

Assessment Considerations

- Applications will be assessed on individual merit
- Consideration will be given to the location and duration of the event
- Assessment will take into account the level of competition (State, National, International)
- Previous grants received by the applicant in the current financial year will be considered

FUNDING STRUCTURE

The level of financial assistance provided will be determined according to the following schedule:

International Competition:

- Events conducted outside Australia (up to 3 competition days): \$250
- Daily allowance (where event exceeds 3 days): \$20 per day (maximum 14 competition days)

National or State Titles (held locally):

- Competition events held in New South Wales (up to 3 competition days): \$100
- Daily allowance (where event exceeds 3 competition days): \$20 per day (maximum 14 competition days)

National Titles (held in other states/territories):

- Competition events (up to 3 days): \$150
- Daily allowance (where event exceeds 3 competition days): \$20 per day (maximum 14 competition days)

Funding Limitations:

- Maximum total payment of grants and daily allowances to an individual will be capped at \$470 per financial year
- All athletes must provide proof of participation at the conclusion of the event

POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually by the Community Coordinator in consultation with the Community Sub Committee and funding amounts may be adjusted periodically as determined by the Community Committee in consultation with the Community Sub Committee. Revisions to this policy may be made at any time with the approval of the Community Coordinator.

Policy Administration:

- The Community Coordinator is responsible for administering this policy
- Questions regarding this policy should be directed to community@stgeorgeleagues.com.au

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