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# LOCAL Sporting champions grants

## Factsheet

### What is the Local Sporting Champions program?

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for junior sportsmen and women towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching, umpiring or refereeing in an Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO) state or national sporting championships, or national school sport championships.

### Why do we need the Local Sporting Champions program?

The Australian Government recognises that junior sportsmen and women can find it difficult to meet ongoing costs associated with participating in state or national sporting championships. This program will help provide individuals and teams with the assistance needed to compete at these championships.

### What is the value of grants and how many grants are available?

The Australian Government has allocated \$3.2 million annually for the Local Sporting Champions program. Grants of \$500 for eligible individuals and \$3000 for eligible teams are available to successful applicants.

### Who can apply for the Local Sporting Champions program grant?

In order to be eligible to apply for a Local Sporting Champions grant, young people must meet the following criteria:

- Be between 12 and 18 years of age (inclusive) at the time of the nominated sporting championship.
- Be participating as either an athlete, coach, umpire or referee in:
  - i. an official state championship endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO), or
  - ii. an official national championship endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO), or
  - iii. a national school sport championship endorsed by School Sport Australia.
- Applications must be completed and submitted to the ASC prior to the championship commencing (please note, saved applications must be submitted before the championship commences).



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- Travel greater than 250km return to participate in the championship.
- Be an Australian citizen.
- Must not have received a Local Sporting Champions grant for an event held during the current financial year, whether as an individual or a member of a team.
- Must not have received funding from another funding program administered by the ASC for the nominated championship.
- The nominated championship must not be a professional competition that involves prize money greater than \$500.

## **What type of competitions are not supported by the Local Sporting Champions program?**

Applicants participating in the following championships will not be considered for a grant:

- international competitions or tours
- development or training squads and camps
- ongoing seasonal competitions
- state school sport competitions
- local and regional competitions
- Indigenous only sport competitions
- competitions run by organisations not affiliated with an ASC recognised National Sporting Organisation or State Sporting Organisation
- friendship or invitational events

## **Are grants available retrospectively?**

No. Applications must be completed and submitted to the ASC prior to the championship commencing (please note, saved applications must be submitted before the championship commences). In some cases payment will be made retrospectively but applications must be submitted prior to the championship commencing.

## **When can people apply for a Local Sporting Champions program grant?**

The application process is a rolling process, whereby young people can apply (prior to the championship commencing) for a grant at any time throughout the year. Grants will be assessed three times each year. Individuals and teams are only eligible to receive one grant per financial year.

Local Sporting Champions program application forms are available from the Australian Sports Commission website [ausport.gov.au/champions](https://ausport.gov.au/champions)