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Young Athletes Travel Subsidy

The Young Athletes Travel Subsidy (travel subsidy) will replace the Young Athlete Assistance Program on 1 July 2015.

The principles of the programs are the same, but the new travel subsidy will provide additional financial assistance through 3 event tiers.

The new travel subsidy aims to foster the development of young athletes and support elite athlete pathways by providing financial assistance to help alleviate the costs associated with attending championship events.

The travel subsidy supports attendance at specific state, national and international events. Subsidies are provided retrospectively under a tiered funding model, with applicants eligible once every 2 calendar years at each tier.

Officials (such as coaches, referees and scorers) attending eligible events can also apply for assistance if they meet the eligibility criteria.

Note: If you have attended an event conducted between 16 December 2014 and 31 January 2015, you have until 31 July 2015 to apply to allow for the transition from the Young Athlete Assistance Program to the Young Athletes Travel Subsidy.

What funding is available?

The travel subsidy will allow up to a maximum of \$1200 in financial assistance over the 3 event tiers, once every 2 calendar years. Eligible athletes and officials can apply for 1 event **in each tier** once every 2 calendar years.

- ***State or state school event - \$200***
- ***National or national school event - \$400***
- ***International event - \$600***.

If an applicant is applying for 2 or 3 events **in different tiers** (i.e. a state, a national and an international event) they do not have to wait 2 years. Funding tiers can be accessed in any order. This is further demonstrated in the table below.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State	X		X		X	

National	X	X	X
International	X	X	X

Lodging an application does not guarantee funding. The following requirements must be met:

- applications will not be considered before the start of a championship – applicants are required to use their own resources to travel to the event as funding is provided retrospectively
- applications must be received by us within 6 months of the start date of the eligible event.

Note: If you have attended an event conducted between 16 December 2014 and 31 January 2015, you have until 31 July 2015 to apply to allow for the transition from the Young Athlete Assistance Program to the Young Athletes Travel Subsidy.

Who is eligible?

Applicants eligible for support are those who:

- compete or officiate (as a coach, referee or scorer) at an eligible Queensland state or state school event, Australian national or national school event or international event
- have been residents of Queensland for at least 12 months preceding the event
- are under the age of 18 at the start of the event
- travel a road distance of at least 250km (one-way) from their place of residence to the event location (to check road distances visit www.racq.com.au/travel/trip-planner(
<http://www.racq.com.au/travel/trip-planner>))
- fly a radial distance of at least 250km (one-way) from their place of residence to the event location (to check radial distances visit www.ga.gov.au/cocky/distance.jsp(
<http://www.ga.gov.au/cocky/distance.jsp>))
- have their participation at the event confirmed by the relevant State Sporting Organisation, Queensland School Sport or School Sport Australia.

How do I apply?

Further information on how to apply will be available on this website from 1 July 2015.

Information for applicants who have received funding for events held from 16 December 2014

Applicants who have applied under the Young Athlete Assistance Program for a national or international event held in the 6 months preceding the opening of the new travel subsidy (*events held since 16 December 2014*) will be reimbursed the additional amount available, as applicable.

We will be in touch with these families to provide further information regarding the process.

Applicants who applied for a state event only will not be affected as both programs provide \$200 for attendance at state events.

Applicants who received funding for attendance at state, national or international events under the Young Athlete Assistance Program for events held from 1 July 2013 to 15 December 2014 will not be able to apply for attendance at a state event for 2 calendar years (i.e. If your last approved event was held in 2013 you can apply for state event funding in 2015. If your last approved event was held in 2014 you can apply for state event funding in 2016).

You will still be eligible to apply for funding for attendance at one national and/or one international event from 1 July 2015.

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