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Title:	The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Local Sporting Champions Program
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Summary:	The program is designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 years participating in state, national and international level sporting championships as either an athlete, coach, umpire or referee
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The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Local Sporting Champions Program is now open, **closing 31 December 2020**. The program is designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 years participating in **State, National and International level sporting championships** as either an athlete, coach, umpire or referee.

Funding of between **\$500 and \$750** for individual applicants is available, to contribute towards the cost of participation in the nominated championships:

- Base Grant: \$500
- Applicants travelling 800km – 1999 km to their nominated championships: + \$100
- Applicants travelling internationally or greater than 2000 km to their nominated championships: + \$200
- Applicants residing in a rural electorate: + \$50

Key points to consider when applying include:

- Applicants must be:
 - turning 12 to 18 years of age in the same calendar year as the nominated sporting championships
 - an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent resident status, residing in Australia
 - participating as an athlete, coach, or match official in:
 - an official state championships endorsed by the relevant Sport Australia [recognised national sporting organisation \(NSO\)](#) or a School Sport Australia member body; or
 - an official national championship endorsed by the relevant Sport Australia recognised NSO or School Sport Australia; or
 - an international competition as a member of an official Australian team, representing a Sport Australia recognised NSO or School Sport Australia.
 - living more than 125 km from the championship venue, and travelling greater than 250 km (return) to participate in the nominated championships
- May receive a maximum of two grants in the same allocation year (1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021) for attending either:
 - one state or national championships and one international competition; or
 - two different international competitions
- Must incur out-of-pocket expenses equal to, or greater than, the grant amount they are eligible to receive



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Applicants should apply once they have been selected to attend the championships and participation has been confirmed. It is essential that you submit your application prior to the event. It is important that you forward plan your application to ensure you receive notification and/or funding prior to your event, or in many cases, you may not receive notification until after your attendance at the championships, in which case the grant will be a reimbursement of costs incurred.

The application and guidelines can be accessed from www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions.

We encourage you to read these before completing an application.

This is a personal application therefore, should you have any questions about the Local Sporting Champions grants, please contact the funding body via (02) 6214 1462 or lsc@sportaus.gov.au.

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