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**The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Local Sporting Champions Program** is now open, **closing 30 April 2025**. The program is designed to provide financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in **state, national or international championships**.

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 800 km – 1,999 km to their nominated championships: + \$100
- Applicants travelling internationally or greater than 2,000 km to their nominated championships: + \$200
- Applicants residing in a rural electorate: + \$50

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be turning 12 to 18 years of age in the same calendar year as the nominated sporting championships.
- Be an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent resident status, residing in Australia.
- Be participating as an athlete, coach, or match official in:
  - an official state championships endorsed by the relevant ASC recognised national sporting organisation (NSO), National Sporting Organisations for people with Disability (NSOD) or a School Sport Australia member body; or
  - an official national championships endorsed by the relevant ASC recognised NSO or School Sport Australia; or
  - an international competition as a member of an official Australian team, representing an ASC recognised NSO or School Sport Australia.
- Those attending a state championships must be living more than 250km from the championships venue and travelling greater than 500km return to participate in the nominated championships (Those attending a national championships or international competition do not need to be travelling a minimum distance to be eligible).



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- Must incur out-of-pocket expenses equal to, or greater than, the grant amount they are eligible to receive.
- Must not receive a Local Para Champions grant or a Local Sporting Champions grant in a previous round to attend the same event or competition.
- Applications can be submitted at any time during the round opening and closing dates for competitions that occur within the relevant timeframes. For this round, eligible competitions are those held between 1 January 2025 and 31 August 2025.
- Examples of eligible events under this round include 2025 Aussies Youth Champs and 2025 Australian Pool Rescue Championships.
- Eligible expenses include competition/entry fees, transport and accommodation costs, equipment, uniforms, etc.

The application and guidelines can be accessed from the below website. We encourage you to read these before applying:

[https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants\\_and\\_funding/local\\_sporting\\_champions](https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions).

Please note: As this is an individual application, applicants or their personal representative need to/are required to personally complete the form. For specific enquiries regarding this program, please contact the Local Sporting Champions Team email [sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au](mailto:sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au).

Kind Regards,

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