

### Local Para Champions

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#### About the program

The Local Para Champions Program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for participants aged 13 to 24 attending an eligible state/territory, national or international championships, where the championship is specifically for athletes with a disability. **Please do not apply for this grant if the competition you are attending is not specifically for athletes with a disability. If the competition is for able bodied athletes only you need to apply for Local Sporting Champions which is a different program.**

#### [Local Sporting Champions](#)

#### Eligibility

To be eligible to receive funding through the Local Para Champions program, applicants must satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

- Be turning:
  - 13 to 24 years of age in the same calendar year as the **State Championships**.
  - 14 to 24 years of age in the same calendar year as the **National Championships**.
  - 15 to 24 years of age in the same calendar year as the **International Competition**.
- Be an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent resident status and be residing in Australia.
- Be a participant in an event, division or competition open only to athletes with a disability which is:
  - an official state/territory championships endorsed by the relevant ASC [recognised national sporting organisation \(NSO\)](#), [national sporting organisation for people with disability \(NSOD\)](#) or a School Sport Australia member body; or
  - an official national championship endorsed by the relevant ASC recognised NSO, NSOD or School Sport Australia; or
  - an international competition, where only athletes with a disability can be selected, as a member of an official Australian team representing an ASC recognised NSO, NSOD or School Sport Australia.

A participant is anyone involved in an official capacity in the event or competition such as an athlete, coach or official, and where appropriate, guides or assistants.

- Applicants attending a state/territory championship must be living more than 125km from the championships venue and travelling greater than 250km return to participate in the nominated championships\*.
- May receive a maximum of two grants in the same allocation year (1 July 2026 - 30 April 2027) for attending either:
  - one state or national championships and one international competition; or
  - two different international competitions.

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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 the same or a previous round to attend the same championship or competition.
- Applications must be submitted within timeframes indicated in the 'When can I apply?' section of this document.

\*People attending a national championships or international competition do not need to be travelling a minimum distance to be eligible.

### **When Can I apply?**

Applications can be submitted at any time during the round opening and closing date for competitions that occur within the relevant timeframes below:

#### **Round**

#### **Eligible competition dates (Eligible competitions must have at least one day of competition during this timeframe)**

Round 1 (Applications open July - August 2026)

Eligible competitions held between 1 April 2026 and 30 November 2026

Round 2 (Applications open September - October 2026)

Eligible competitions held between 1 July 2026 and 28 February 2027

Round 3 (Applications open November 2026-January 2027)

Eligible competitions held between 1 October 2026 and 31 May 2027

Round 4 (Applications open February-April 2027)

Eligible competitions held between 1 January 2027 and 31 August 2027

Applications for competitions held during the eligible competition dates can be submitted at any time during the round.

Saved applications must be completed and submitted prior to the end of the round to be eligible. Applications submitted in incorrect rounds will be ineligible.

Please add the email address "noreply@smartygrants.com.au" to your email safe sender list to ensure you receive communication regarding this application.

## 1. Eligibility & Terms and Conditions

### **1.1 I confirm that I meet all of the above eligibility criteria \***

- Yes  
 No

### **1.2 I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions \***

- Yes  
 No

Click [here](#) to view the Terms and Conditions

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**1.3 I understand that the Local Para Champions program may be oversubscribed and the grant cannot be guaranteed \***

- Yes
- No

## Eligibility & Terms & Conditions

You have indicated that you do not meet the eligibility criteria or understand the terms and conditions of the program. Please contact the Local Para Champions team by emailing [sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au](mailto:sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au)

## Applicant Details

\* indicates a required field

### 2. Personal

#### 2.1 Applicant \*

First Name

Last Name

#### 2.2 Applicant Date of Birth \*

You must be turning 13 to 24 years of age in the same calendar year as the nominated championships.

**2.3 How do you describe your gender? This refers to current gender, which may be different to sex recorded at birth and may be different to what is indicated on legal documents \***

- Man or Male
- Woman or Female
- Non-binary
- I prefer not to answer
- I use a different term

**2.3a If you have selected 'I use a different term' please specify \***

**2.4 Do you identify as a person with disability? People with disability are individuals with a limitation, restriction or impairment, that restricts everyday activities. \***

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to specify

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### 2.5 Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person? \*

- No
- Yes, Aboriginal
- Yes, Torres Strait Islander
- Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- Unsure
- Prefer not to specify

### 2.6 Are you from a non-English speaking background? \*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to specify

## 3. Contact Details

### 3.1 Mobile Number \*

Must be an Australian phone number.

### 3.3 Email Address \*

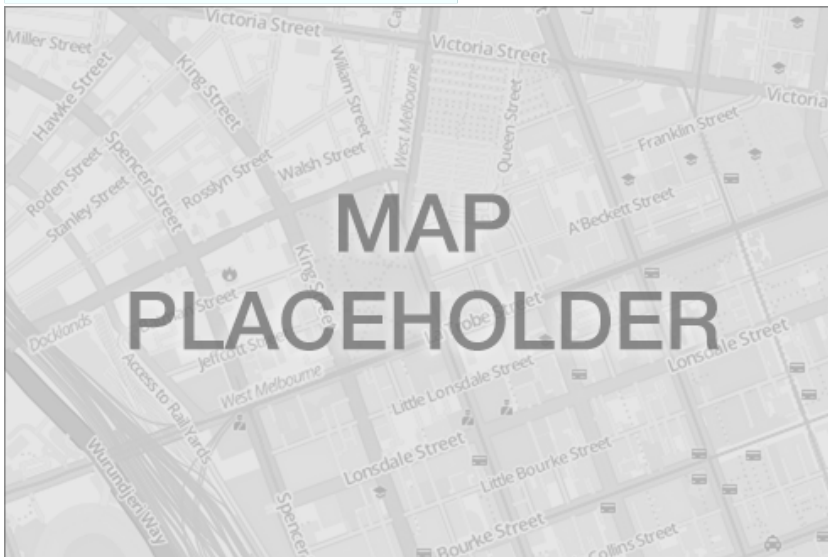
Must be an email address.

Ensure you have entered your email address correctly as it is used as the main point of contact for liaison by Sport Australia.

## 4. Street Address

### 4.1 Applicant Residential Address \*

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Country must be Australia

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Cannot be a PO box.

### 5. Postal Address

#### 5.1 Applicant Postal Address \*

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

## Championship Details

\* indicates a required field

### 6. Championship Details

#### 6.1 What is your role at the nominated championship? \*

- Athlete
- Coach
- Match Official
- Guide
- Assistant
- Other:

To receive a grant you must have an official role in this competition. Carers who attend the competition but are not required in an official capacity in the competition are unable to apply. Anyone applying for the LPC grant must be aged between 13 - 24 years of age.

#### 6.2. What organisation you are representing at the nominated championship? \*

Please enter the name of the school, club, state or national sporting organisation that you are representing at the nominated championship.

#### 6.3. Select the sport relevant to this application \*

If your sport does not appear on the list, please contact us

You have indicated that the sport relevant to your application is not available on the list provided. Please contact the Local Para Champions team by emailing [sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au](mailto:sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au).

### 7. Championship Details

#### 7.1 Name of the Competition/Championship \*

**7.2 Does the Competition/Championship have events for able bodied and athletes with a disability or only for athletes with a disability? \***

- This competition only has events/divisions/races for athletes with a disability
- This competition has events/divisions/races for able bodied athletes and also events/divisions/races for athletes with a disability
- This competition only has events/divisions/races for able bodied athletes

**7.3 What specific event/division/race are you competing in this competition which is only open to athletes with a disability? \***

### Ineligible application

You have indicated that the competition relevant to your application is not open only to athletes with a disability and is therefore ineligible.

You may be eligible for Local Sporting Champions which is a different grant program ([www.ausport.gov.au/lsc](http://www.ausport.gov.au/lsc))

Please contact the Local Para Champions team by emailing [sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au](mailto:sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au).

**7.4 What is the total cost for the applicant to attend the championship? This may include, but not limited to, travel, accommodation, registration and uniform.**

Must be a number.

Please be aware, answers to this question are intended to inform the ASC on the cost to attend championships. Answers to this question will not have any impact on the assessment of applications.

## Championship Location

\* indicates a required field

### 8. Championship Dates & Location

**8.1 Championship start date \***

**8.2 Championship end date \***

**8.3 Championship Type \***

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State level - Competitions against athletes/teams from within the state you are competing. National level - Competitions against athletes/teams from around Australia to decide a National Champion. International - For those representing Australia

**Are you turning between 13 and 24 years of age in the calendar year of the State Competition? \***

- Yes  
 No

**Are you turning between 14 and 24 years of age in the calendar year of the National Competition? \***

- Yes  
 No

**Are you turning between 15 and 24 years of age in the calendar year of the International Competition? \***

- Yes  
 No

## 9. International Competition

**9.1 Is the championship in Australia? \***

- Yes  
 No

**9.2 Please provide the name of the country where the championship is being held \***

Address

Country is required.

**9.3 Please provide the name of the town/city where the championship is being held \***

**9.4 Please provide the link to the championship website (if available)**

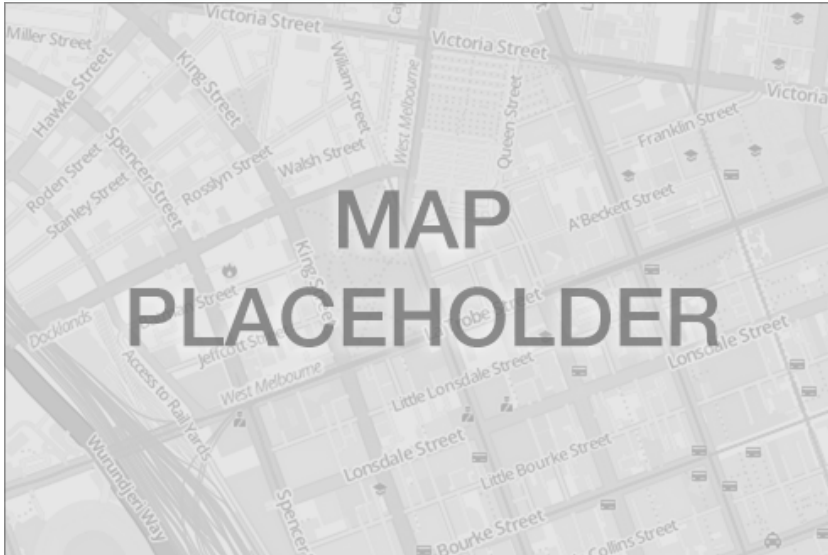
## 10. Championship Venue

**10.1 Location of the Championship venue. This needs to be the street address of the venue. \***

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Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Country must be Australia

Please ensure the address is correct and accurate. This address determines the distance calculation and grant amount.

### 10.2 Please provide the link to the Championship website (if available)

## 11. Confirmation of Selection

Provide details of an individual the Australian Sports Commission can contact to confirm your participation or registration in the championship. For example, the president, coach or manager of the club or organisation you are representing, or the principal or sports master of your school.

Please ensure you have provided us with a valid email.

Phone and/or mobile is required, no international numbers allowed.

**Please note: these details must not match the applicant details.**

### 11.1 Name \*

### 11.2 Position \*

### 11.3 Name of Club, Organisation or School \*

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Only official Australian teams selected by an ASC recognised National Sporting Organisation or National Sporting Organisation for people with a disability or School Sport Australia are eligible. Club and State teams going on overseas tours are ineligible. If you are unsure if your International event is eligible, please email [sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au](mailto:sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au)

### 11.4 Phone Number \*

### 11.5 Email \*

**11.6 If available, please upload your confirmation of selection letter/email. This letter assists in verifying eligibility for the grant. Uploading or not uploading a letter/email does not impact chances of receiving a grant.**

Attach a file:

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## Further Details

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## 12. Bank Details

Please provide applicant bank details below.

- If your application is successful, payment will be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT), or cheque.
- Payments can only be made to valid Australian bank accounts. No international bank account numbers are allowed.
- Payments can only be made to personal bank accounts. Do not provide details for your club/team, organisation or school.

**12.1 Account Name (Payments cannot be made if special characters such as &,'.,/ are in the account name) \***

Please provide the name of the account holder (e.g. Mr Smith). NOT the account type (e.g. Everyday Savings). Please do not use any commas, apostrophes, dashes, forward/backward slashes.

**12.2 BSB (number only, no space, no dash, for example 062123) \***

Your 6-digit BSB, number only, no space, no dash, for example 062123

**12.3 Account Number (number only, no spaces) \***

Your account number, number only, no space, no dash

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### 12.4 Are you a professional athlete earning a living competing in this sport? \*

- Yes  
 No

By selecting "Yes" you indicate that you are a professional sportsperson and must either be registered for GST or provide an ABN.

## 13 ABN/GST Information

### 13.1 ABN (do not enter ABN of parent business or trust fund) \*

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	<a href="#">More information</a>
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

## 14. Parent/Guardian/Secondary contact Details

If the applicant is under 18 years of age please provide parent/guardian details.

If the applicant is over 18 please provide a secondary contact who the Australian Sports Commission can contact if required.

### 14.1 Parent/Guardian/secondary contact \*

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### 14.2 Relationship to applicant \*

Other:

### 14.3 Parent/Guardian/secondary contact Phone \*

Must be an Australian phone number.

### 14.4 Parent/Guardian/secondary contact Email \*

Must be an email address.

## 15. Certification, Privacy and Personal Information

Personal information submitted via the online application is collected by the Australian Sports Commission for the purpose of considering applications and administering the grant program. The information collected may be disclosed to Members of Parliament and to other government agencies for this purpose.

The personal details of successful applicants, including: biographical information such as their name, home state, sport, supporting organisation, and any photography or video footage of them produced in connection with the program; the value of the grant awarded; and a brief description of the purpose of the grant, may be released by the Australian Sports Commission to the public and the media, and may be placed on the Australian Sports Commission or other appropriate websites, including for promotional purposes, and for administration of the program.

Further information about the way in which the Australian Sports Commission manages personal information is available in the Australian Sports Commission [Privacy Policy](#). If you have any concerns about the Australian Sports Commission's handling of your personal information please contact [privacy@ausport.gov.au](mailto:privacy@ausport.gov.au).

**I, the Applicant or the Parent/Guardian of the applicant if under 18 years of age**

### 15.1 Agree to the program guidelines and the program Terms and Conditions. \*

Yes

**Understand that if successful the applicant's name will be published on the ASC website \***

Yes

### 15.2 Certify that the information supplied in this application is true and correct \*

Yes

- You must now submit your application. If you have missed an answer, you will be alerted when you try to submit.
- If you have successfully submitted your application you will shortly receive an automated email with a copy of your submission. If you do not receive an email please contact [sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au](mailto:sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au)
- Applications you have completed and saved, but not submitted, will not be considered.