LSC Application Form 2026/27
Form Preview

Local Sporting Champions

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About the program

The Local Sporting Champions program is designed to support young people participating in state, national and international sporting championships as an athlete, coach or match official.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be turning:
    - 13 to 18 years of age in the same calendar year to attend **State Championships.**
    - 14 to 18 years of age in the same calendar year to attend **National Championships**.
    - 15 to 18 years of age in the same calendar year to attend **International Competitions**.
- 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 championship 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, as a member of an official Australian team representing an ASC recognised NSO, NSOD or School Sport Australia.
- Those attending a state championships must be living more than 500km from the championships venue, and travelling greater than 1000km return to participate in the nominated championships*.
- May receive a maximum of one grant from an application submitted in the same allocation year (1 July 2026– 30 April 2027)
- Must incur out-of-pocket expenses for the nominated championship 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.

Note: * Those 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

1.3 I understand that the Local Sporting Champions program receives a large number of applications and the grant cannot be guaranteed. In the past year over 10,000 applications were unsuccessful and unable to be funded. *
- ○ 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 Sporting Champions team by emailing sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au

Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

2. Personal

2.1 Applicant (ie Child's Name) *

First Name | Last Name

2.2 Applicant Date of Birth *

You must be turning 13 to 18 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 a disability? People with a disability are individuals with a limitation, restriction or impairment, that restricts everyday activities. *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Prefer not to specify

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
- ○ Other:

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

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

○ Prefer not to specify

3. Contact Details

3.1 Mobile Number *

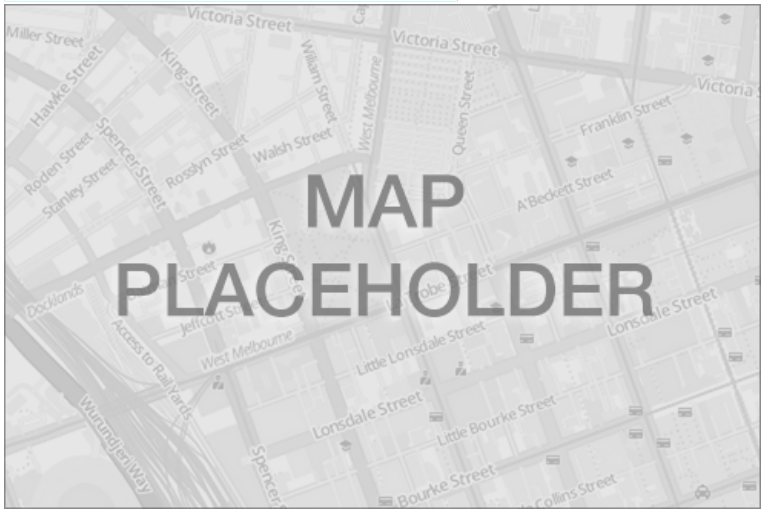
Must be an Australian phone number.

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 the Australian Sports Commission.

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
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

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 and therefore ineligible for funding. Please contact the Local Sporting Champions team by emailing sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au

6.4. Name of the Competition/Championship *

6.5 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

7. Championship Dates Location

For eligible state and National Championships held over a number of rounds over many weeks or months (mainly Motor Sport and Motorcycling), please select one specific round and enter dates and venue for that specfic round.

7.1 Championship start date *

7.2 Championship end date *

7.3 Championship Type *

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

Are you turning between 13 and 18 years of age in the calendar year of the State Competition? *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Are you turning between 14 and 18 years of age in the calendar year of the National Competition? *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Are you turning between 15 and 18 years of age in the calendar year of the International Competition? *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

8. International Competition

8.1 Is the championship in Australia? *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

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

Address

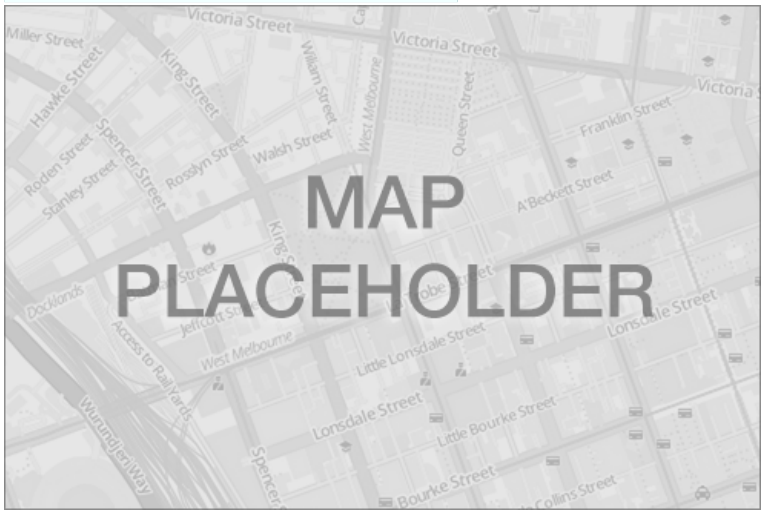
Country is required.

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

8.4 Please provide the link to the championship website (if available)

9. Championship Venue

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

9.2 Please provide the link to the Championship website (if available) *

if no website is available please enter n/a

10. Confirmation of Selection

Provide details of an individual from your National Sporting Organisation or National Sporting Organisation for people with a Disability that, if required, the Australian Sports Commission can contact to confirm your participation or registration in the championship.

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.

10.1 Name *

10.2 Position *

For example, the high performance manager, coach, team manager of the organisation you are representing

10.3 Name of Organisation you are representing *

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

10.4 Phone Number *

10.5 Email *

10.6 Please upload your confirmation of selection letter/email from the organisation who has selected you to represent Australia. *
Attach a file:

If you are unsure of what needs to be uploaded as proof of confirmation/selection please contact sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au. 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

Further Details

* indicates a required field

11 Bank Details

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR BANK DETAILS ARE ENTERED CORRECTLY

Please provide applicant bank details below.

- If your application is successful, payment will be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- 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.

11.1 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).

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

Your 6-digit BSB,

11.3 Account Number (number only, no spaces) *

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

11.4 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.

12 ABN/GST Information

12.1 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	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

13. Parent/Guardian Details

13.1 Parent/Guardian *

Title | First Name | Last Name

13.2 Relationship to applicant *

Other:

13.3 Parent/Guardian Phone *

Must be an Australian phone number.

13.4 Parent/Guardian Email *

Must be an email address.

14. 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.

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

14.1 Agree to the program guidelines and the program Terms and Conditions. *

○ Yes

14.2 Understand that if successful my child's name will be published on the ASC website *

○ Yes

14.3 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
- Applications you have completed and saved, but not submitted, will not be considered.
- Please add the email address "noreply@smartygrants.com.au" to your email safe sender list to ensure you receive communication regarding this application.