

Community Sports Program Guidelines

The Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC) Community Sports Program supports local sporting organisations that encourage participation, inclusion and healthy lifestyles within the Canberra community.

The program provides financial and in-kind support to assist community sports clubs and associations to deliver programs, competitions and initiatives that create positive outcomes for players, volunteers and the wider community.

Eligible Applicants

To be eligible under the Community Sports Program, applicants must:

- Be a not-for-profit sporting club or association based in Canberra or the surrounding region
- Deliver community-level sporting activities, with a focus on participation rather than elite or professional competition
- Demonstrate a commitment to inclusion, accessibility and positive community outcomes, including support for juniors, women's sport or under-represented groups

Where an organisation receives funding or support from government, peak bodies or other sponsors, the nature and extent of that support may be considered when assessing eligibility.

Applications from individuals or professional sporting organisations will not be considered.

General Guidelines

- Applications for Community Sports support are assessed annually, or as required, as part of CSCC's Community Giving Programs.
- Recipients must complete and submit an acquittal form when requested by CSCC, confirming how the funding was used, unless approved for multi-year funding. Failure to submit the acquittal form by the specified deadline may result in the organisation being required to repay any funds received from CSCC.
- Support may be provided in the form of financial contributions, in-kind support or sponsorship arrangements, depending on the nature of the request and program objectives.
- Sponsorship packages, including the level and type of support offered, are considered at the discretion of the CSCC Chief Executive Officer.
- Only one application per organisation will be accepted per funding round.
- Funding and support must:
 - Be used for approved community sport purposes
 - Be directed toward participation, development, equipment, uniforms, facilities or community engagement initiatives

- Not be used for professional athlete payments or commercial activities
- Any funding or support provided must be used only for the purpose outlined in the approved application. Changes to the approved use must receive prior written approval from CSCC.
- Successful applicants may be asked to acknowledge CSCC support and share stories demonstrating the community impact of the program.
- Organisations attending any CSCC venues must ensure their activities are conducted in a manner that is respectful of Club members, guests and staff.
- CSCC reserves the right to withdraw or amend support if:
 - The organisation no longer meets eligibility requirements
 - Funding or sponsorship is not used as agreed
 - The conduct of the organisation, its officials or members brings the Club into disrepute, including behaviour at CSCC venues or on social media.