

Wheatbelt Athlete Support Program (WASP)

FUNDING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

What is the Wheatbelt Athlete Support Program?

The Wheatbelt Athlete Support Program (WASP) is funded by the Department of Sport and Recreation and Royalties for Regions through the Regional Talent Development Program and supports the development of regionally based talented athletes, coaches and officials. The aim of the program is to encourage the continued development and progression of talented individuals along their sporting pathways from the sub-elite to elite performance level whilst living in regional Western Australia.

WASP supports the provision of a high quality training environment for regional athletes, coaches and officials in the Wheatbelt. The program is developed in conjunction with State Sporting Associations and Regional Sporting Associations to ensure that identified talented athletes, coaches and officials are supported in their endeavours to compete at a higher level. It offers the opportunity for regionally based athletes, coaches and officials to gain access to high quality coaching and other related support at a local level.

Funding Criteria

These guidelines are to assist in completing WASP funding applications.

To be eligible for funding under WASP:

- Individuals must demonstrate that they:
 - Reside permanently in the Wheatbelt Region; and
 - Actively participate as a financial member of an affiliated club or association within the Wheatbelt region.
- Organisations must demonstrate that they:
 - Provide services within the Wheatbelt Region;
 - Are affiliated with their relevant State Sporting Association.
- All applicants must ensure previous funding granted by WASP has been acquitted and there are no outstanding reporting requirements.

The Wheatbelt Region incorporates four sub-regions and usually includes the following Shires:

- **Avon** (Shires of Beverley, Cunderdin, Dowerin, Koorda, Northam, Quairading, Tammin, Toodyay, Wyalkatchem and York).
- **Central Coast and Central Midlands** (Shires of Chittering, Dalwalinu, Dandaragan, Gingin, Moora, Wongan-Ballidu and Victoria Plains)
- **Central East** (Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Goomalling, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Narembeen, Nungarin, Trayning, Westonia and Yilgarn)
- **Central South** (Shires of Brookton, Cuballing, Dumbleyung, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace, Narrogin, Pingelly, Wagin, Wandering, Wickepin, Williams and West Arthur)

WASP offers three types of financial support:

1. Athlete Support Funding
2. Coach / Officials Support Funding
3. Sport Support Funding

Please note: WASP financial support should not be used to fully fund an individual athletes or coach/officials activities or an organisations program or initiative. The support is a competitive grant program and as such, applications that demonstrate a financial or in-kind contribution from an individual or club will be viewed favourably.

The details and eligibility and criteria for each of these funding support streams are available below.

1. Athlete Support Funding

WASP Athlete Support Funding (ASF) is to support identified high performance athletes residing in the Wheatbelt region in gaining access to quality specialist coaching, sports services and facilities to support the development in their chosen sport. The funding is designed to enhance the athlete's daily training environment in their local environment. For example:

- Access to quality facilities and personal trainers through gym memberships and tailored exercise programs in their local environment (sport and individual specific)
- Support access to specialised sports services (i.e. physiotherapy, remedial massage); and
- Specialist coaching (i.e. sprint, running, core strength training).

To be eligible for WASP ASF, an athlete must:

- Be selected in a national or state team, regional talent program or regional squad, or

be actively pursuing the opportunity to represent Western Australia in their chosen sport.

- Be aged between the ages of 13 – 21
- Ensure you have the support of your local club / association to administer the grant funds on your behalf. **No individual athlete will receive funds directly.**
- Ensure a representative of your nominated affiliated State Sporting Association endorses your application.

Please note: the purpose of the ASF is to support local high level athletes in their development. Although all local athletes who are actively pursuing the opportunity to represent Western Australia are encouraged to apply for financial support, athletes who are currently participating at a high level will be given priority.

The WASP ASF is NOT to assist athlete travel costs for sport specific training or competitions, equipment or uniform costs.

AFS applications can be made for between **\$250** and **\$1,000**

2. Coach / Officials Support Funding

WASP Coach / Official Support Funding (COSF) is accessible by talented and driven officials to undertake professional development opportunities that will improve their coaching and umpiring knowledge and skills. In return, coaches and officials will offer regionally based athletes access to high quality coaching and umpiring/officiating within the Wheatbelt Region.

This funding is to assist coach / officials (umpires/referees) with the costs associated in identified and approved professional development opportunities (i.e. attend a coaching conference or assist in gaining a higher level of coaching accreditation).

To be eligible for WASP COSF coach / officials must:

- Be currently coaching a Regional Talent Development Squad/Program or talented athlete(s) in the Wheatbelt Region;
- Be an appropriately qualified and accredited coach or official within your sport; and
- If you are an individual coach or official applying for the funding you must have the support of your local club / association to administer the grant funds on your behalf. **No individual official will receive funds directly.**
- Ensure a representative of your nominated affiliated State Sporting Association endorses your application.

COFS applications can be made for between **\$250** and **\$1,000**

COFS cannot be used for the purchase of equipment.

A MAXIMUM of 20% of the total requested amount of WASP funding can be utilized for travel expenses (ie fuel, accommodation etc).

3. Sport Support Funding

WASP Sport Support Funding (SSF) is accessible by local clubs or associations within the Wheatbelt Region to enhance talent development programs. The SSF will offer regional sporting associations the opportunity to source funding to provide access to additional sport specialist services that support the development of high performance athletes in their talent development programs or squads.

Examples of program components eligible for support:

- Access to sports specialist coaching and programs for high performance athletes

To be eligible for the SSF the organisation must:

- Be a regional state sporting association or high performance program. However clubs may apply where no regional association is present.
- Be affiliated with their relevant State Sporting Association
- Have the endorsement of their affiliated State Sporting Association

SSF will be available between **\$500** and **\$1,000** for each application

Components of programs that will NOT be eligible for support include equipment, uniforms and catering costs.

Acquittal Requirements

All Athletes, Coaches, Officials and Sports who receive funding support through WASP will be required to:

1. Acquit the funds appropriately as determined by the WASP Network
2. Provide details of outcomes including learnings, successes, improvements etc. on a short report at the conclusion of the funding period (template to be provided)
3. Provide a statement of expenditure with supporting documentation (i.e. receipts)

How to submit your applications

Key dates for WASP Funding rounds 2016/17:

- WASP FUNDING ROUND 1
 - Applications open 1 August 2016 to 31 August 2016
 - Eligible programs must be completed between 1 July 2016 to 28 February 2017
- WASP FUNDING ROUND 2
 - Applications open 1 February 2017 to 28 February 2017
 - Eligible programs must be completed between 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017

How to submit your Application:

Please email your application to cdo@narrogin.wa.gov.au

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