



WIMMERA SPORTS FOUNDATION

**ACCESS ALL ABILITIES SPORTS
FOUNDATION**

IAN NIBLETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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WIMMERA REGIONAL SPORTS ASSEMBLY INC.

**WIMMERA SPORTS FOUNDATION, ACCESS ALL ABILITIES SPORTS FOUNDATION
AND IAN NIBLETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
Terms & Conditions

1. INTRODUCTION

The Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly recognises the personal and financial sacrifices talented local athletes, coaches and their families make to achieve high levels of performance in their chosen sport.

With sponsorship from the Horsham Sports and Community Club and other funds raised by the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly, eligible candidates can gain financial assistance to offset travelling, training and competition expenses.

Three categories of funding are available:

Category 1 – Wimmera Sports Foundation – Grants of up to \$1000.

Category 2 – Access All Abilities Sports Foundation – Grants of up to \$500.

Category 3 – Ian Niblett Scholarship Fund – Awarded once per year - \$500.

2. AIMS/OBJECTIVES

2.1 To assist Wimmera sportspersons/coaches with outstanding ability to fully develop their sporting potential.

2.2 To increase the participation level of Wimmera athletes/coaches in state, national and international competitions.

2.3 To provide such persons with the opportunity to reach the highest possible levels without leaving their permanent homes in the Wimmera.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR SUPPORT (ALL CATEGORIES)

3.1 Only Wimmera residents will be eligible for support from the Foundation.

3.2 The Wimmera includes Horsham Rural City, Hindmarsh, Northern Grampians, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack Shires.

3.3 The term sport covers all those activities defined and recognised by [Sport and Recreation Victoria](#).

3.4 Applicants must be able to show that they have the potential and the dedication to reach a high level of achievement.

3.5 There should be a realistic probability that the support provided will lead to significant chance of success.

3.6 Applications will be taken all year round.

3.7 There is no limit to the scope of an application although the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly may see fit to grant only part of an application.

3.8 Support will be allocated by decision of the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly on an application submitted on behalf of a sportsperson.

3.9 Applications for support are restricted to one per calendar year, for one program or event only.

3.10 There is no guarantee of funding for future programs. Additional funding would be the subject of further application.

3.11 Each application will be considered on its merits by the Assembly.

To be eligible to apply applicants must

a. be at least 12 years of age.

b. be an active member of a Wimmera club or association.

c. live in a town in the Wimmera catchment.

4. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY (ACCESS ALL ABILITIES SPORTS FOUNDATION)

4.1 To be eligible for a grant from the Access All Abilities Sports Foundation, athletes/coaches must meet one or more of the below criteria:

- Registered with Sports Inclusion Australia
- Receive Disability Support Pension
- Registered with a Disability Service Provider
- Participating in a disability focused event.

4.2 Individuals with a disability participating in a mainstream event are eligible for funding through Category 1 – Wimmera Sports Foundation.

5. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY (IAN NIBLETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND)

5.1 The Ian Niblett Scholarship Fund has been established to support an aspiring junior athlete or coach assisting junior development.

5.2 The successful applicant will use the scholarship to assist with their ongoing development and leadership skills in their chosen sporting field.

5.3 The Ian Niblett Scholarship Fund is open to athletes or coaches from any sport.

5.4 Applications will be taken all year round with one \$500 scholarship awarded on Sports Star of the Year night in February each year.

5.5 Athletes must be between 12 and 17 years of age to be eligible to apply. Coaches can be any age but must be a resident of the catchment and an active member of a club/association in the catchment.

6. ASSESMENT CRITERIA

The determination of grants will not be solely based on the applicant's performance in the previous year. Applications will be assessed by the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly against the following criteria (in no particular order):

- the athlete's/coach's sporting organisations/club's assessment of the athlete's potential and commitment to maintain or improve rankings and performance levels.
- the athlete's/coach's projected costs associated with their training and competitive program for the following year.
- the athlete's/coach's potential for improvement in their sport
- the amount of financial assistance received from other sources plus.
- the athlete's/coach's performance results achieved in previous years.
- any financial disadvantages that may limit the athlete's ability to realise their full potential.

7. ELIGIBLE ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

Under the Wimmera Sports Foundation, Access All Abilities Sports Foundation and Ian Niblett Scholarship Fund, grants may be used towards the following costs:

- travel and accommodation costs associated with training or competition which are not normally paid for by the State Sporting Organisation or any other agency or organisation.
- equipment (purchase, hire, transport of)
- performance/fitness testing
- medical, physiotherapy, chiropractic, massage and special dietary requirements
- costs associated with coaching.
- such other expenses as may be deemed appropriate by the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly.

8. ADMINISTRATION OF THE WIMMERA SPORTS FOUNDATION

8.1 The Foundation is administered by the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly.

8.2 Athletes will be required to return their completed application forms to the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly or complete the [online form](#).

8.3 Applications will be considered all year round.

8.4 In assessing the applications, the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly will, where necessary, consult with the applicants, their coach and the sporting organisation/s concerned.

9. STATEMENT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Grants under the Wimmera Sports Foundation, Access All Abilities Sports Foundation and Ian Niblett Scholarship Fund are provided on the understanding that recipients:

- will continue their sporting careers at the current level of participation and performance, or better, for 12 months following receipt of the grant.
- agree to spend the grant on legitimate training and competition expenses.
- agree to report as required on expenditure of grant and training and competition programs/costs.
- do not use performance improving drugs as prohibited by international sporting regulations.
- will advise the Wimmera Sports Assembly of any change in circumstances which might affect the eligibility for the continuation of the grant.

10. EVALUATION REPORT

10.1 Each person receiving aid from the Foundation will be expected to provide a written evaluation of their participation at the completion of the program.

10.2 The completed evaluation/report sheet must be forwarded to the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly.

11. PAYMENT OF GRANT

11.1 Recipients of financial assistance will be advised in writing of the success of their application.

11.2 Payment of the grant is via the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly Inc.

12. CANCELLATION OF GRANTS

Circumstances under which the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly may require the cancellation of a grant and the refund of monies include:

- suspension of a grant recipient from competition by the relevant sporting organisation
- false information provided by a grant recipient or sporting organisation related to expenditure of the grant, training/competition costs and competitive results.
- failure to submit reports as required under the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly.
- the use of performance improving drugs by grant recipients as prohibited by international sporting regulations.
- lack of commitment to training or competition by the grant recipient.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you require additional information on the terms and conditions of the grant please contact:

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