



Information and Criteria

The WS NSW Athlete Grant Program is a form of funding to athletes for competition and training purposes.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Grants will be made available to Full Members of WS NSW at the beginning of our financial year namely 1st April. All forms must be submitted by the specified closing date.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

GRANT TERMS

The term of a Grant will be one year commencing 1st April 2010 and concluding 31st March 2011. Grants will be based on performance/results from competitions held before 31st March 2010 as well as a 2010/2011 expected competition schedule.

GRANT CONDITIONS

Applicants must;

- ◆ Be an Australian Permanent Resident
- ◆ Be a full WS NSW member who is eligible to be classified internationally
- ◆ Be a resident of New South Wales and a WS NSW member for at least six months
- ◆ Be a current financial member of WS NSW
- ◆ Have no outstanding debts with WS NSW
- ◆ Compete in WS NSW events or WS NSW endorsed events
- ◆ Compete in wheelchair specific and multi-disability competitions as a Wheelchair Sports NSW representative
- ◆ Agree to the terms and conditions as specified in a Grant Agreement (issued upon successful application)
- ◆ Compete in relevant WSNSW administered sports i.e. basketball (all classes), rugby (all classes), wheelchair tennis, fencing (all classes) cue sports (all classes), archery (classes ARST, ARW1, ARW2), athletics (classes T51-T54 and F51-F58), handcycling (divisions A, B and C), shooting (classes SH1, SH2), table tennis (classes TT1-TT5), powerlifting (all weight divisions), swimming (classes S1-S10), lawn bowls (classes B4-B8)
- ◆ Other sports may be considered on application

GRANT BENEFITS

- ◆ The grant will be put directly into the Athletes Levy Accounts and will be accessible at any time during the grant period for the purposes of their sporting competition.
- ◆ The athlete will receive a **gift** as recognition of being a Team 2010/11 member.

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LEVELS OF ATHLETE GRANTS

- ◆ The WS NSW Athlete Grants will be awarded on 3 levels.
- ◆ Grant amounts will be determined following the establishment of WS NSW Budgets.
- ◆ Special consideration may be given to those athletes living in remote or rural areas.

CRITERIA FOR ATHLETE GRANTS

Note: Athletes must meet all criteria for each Level. The Grants Committee retains discretionary power in awarding the 2010/2011 Athlete Grants. The Grants Committee's decision is final.

MONETARY GRANTS FOR LEVELS 1, 2 AND 3

The WS NSW Athlete Grants are a major item of the WS NSW annual budget. Because of the challenging financial environment for WS NSW, for this year the amount of grant monies available has been reduced. Therefore the 3 levels of grant funding for 2010 – 2011 will be as follows:

Level 1	-	\$1,000
Level 2	-	\$ 750
Level 3	-	\$ 500

Level 1

- ◆ International Senior Ranking of: Individual Top 10 or Team Top 5 within the past 12 months (where applicable). Note: The strength and depth of competitors in your chosen sport will be taken into account.
- ◆ Australian representation at World Championships, Paralympic Games or other sanctioned World events
- ◆ Current member of Australian team
- ◆ Demonstrated plan to compete in regular international competitions during the term of the grant

Note: Athletes will not be granted Level 1 funding until they have achieved consistent Australian team representation. If this occurs during the grant period, an upgrade to Level 1 will be considered, following a written application to the Manager-Sports. Upgrades will not be considered for any other levels.

Level 2

- ◆ National Ranking of: Where applicable Individual Top 5 or Team Top 3 (or has the potential) in the past 12 months. Note: The strength and depth of competitors in your chosen sport will be taken into account.
- ◆ Competing internationally or have the potential to compete internationally.
- ◆ State representation at National Championships or National League competitions.
- ◆ Demonstrated plan to compete in regular international and/or national competitions during the grant term.

Level 3

- ◆ State and/or Club representation.
- ◆ Potential to compete nationally and internationally.
- ◆ Demonstrated level of commitment to the sport through regular training and competition.
- ◆ Demonstrated intention to compete in regular national and/or state competitions during the term of the grant.
- ◆ Demonstrated intention to compete in WS NSW Regional Wheelchair Games (if applicable).

