

## Great Southern Sports Talent Association (GSSTA)

### Financial Support Scheme Guidelines and Criteria

These 'Guidelines' are to assist in completing the GSSTA Athlete, Coach and Program financial support applications and for details of the submission process.

Please be advised Applications need to be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Month to be considered at the monthly GSSTA Management Committee meetings held on the last Monday of the month.

How to submit your Application:

Post: GSSTA

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Email: [gssta@sportshouse.net.au](mailto:gssta@sportshouse.net.au)

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#### **Please note:**

To be eligible for support under the GSSTA:

- Individuals must demonstrate that they either:
  - Reside permanently in the Great Southern region; and
  - Actively participate as a member of a club or association within the Great Southern region.
- Organisations must demonstrate that they service the Great Southern region.

The Great Southern region is defined as the eleven local government areas of Albany, Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Denmark, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Katanning, Kent, Kojonup, Plantagenet and Woodanilling.

There are three types of support available under the GSSTA:

1. Athlete Support
2. Coach Support
3. Regional Program Support

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

Please note that the GSSTA support should not be used to fully fund an individual athlete's or coach's activities or an organisation's program or initiative. The support is a competitive grant program and as such, applications which demonstrate a financial or in-kind contribution from an individual or club will be viewed favourably.

## **1. Athlete Financial Support Scheme**

The GSSTA Athlete Financial Support Scheme (AFSS) is to assist talented athletes within the Great Southern Region gain access to quality specialist coaching, sports services and facilities. The funding is designed to enhance the athlete's daily training environment such as:

- Gain access to quality facilities and trainers i.e. Gym memberships and personal trainers
- Support access to specialist sports services
- Specialist coaching such as sprint, running, core strength training

To be eligible for the GSSTA AFSS, an athlete must:

- Be part of a national or state team, regional talent program or regional squad
- Be between the ages of 13-21
- Have a letter of support from your State Sporting Association or Regional Sporting Association

The GSSTA AFSS is **NOT** to assist athlete travel costs for sport specific training or competition, equipment or uniform costs.

AFSS Applications can be made for between **\$250 and \$1000**.

## **2. Coach Financial Support Scheme**

The GSSTA Coach Financial Support Scheme (CFSS) is to help talented and driven coaches to undertake professional development opportunities that will improve their coaching knowledge and skills, whilst increasing the coaching capacity for the region and allowing athletes access to quality coaching.

To be eligible for the GSSTA CFSS you must:

- Be currently coaching a Regional Talent Development Squad/Program or talented athlete(s) in the Great Southern region
- Be an appropriately qualified and accredited coach within your sport
- Have a letter of support from your Regional and/or State Sporting Association

The GSSTA CFSS is to assist coaches with the costs associated in identified and approved professional development opportunities:

CFSS is available for between **\$250 and \$2000** and is to assist the professional development of coaches who are involved in their sport talent development pathway.

An example would be an application to assist a coach gaining a higher level of accreditation, or attend a coaching conference.

CFSS cannot be used for purchase of equipment

All coaches who receive support will be required to:

1. Acquit the funds appropriately as set down by the GSSTA
2. Provide a summary report of the learning outcomes and how they will be applied to your sport within the region
3. Present or share your learning's at a Great Southern Coaches club event

### **Regional Association Financial Support Scheme**

The GSSTA Regional Association Financial Support Scheme (RAFSS) is to assist the enhancement of regional talent development programs within the Great Southern Region. The Support will help regional Sporting Associations to provide access to additional sport specialist services for athletes in their talented programs and to help facilitate access to additional regional level competitions.

Examples of program components eligible for support:

- Access to sports specialist coaching and programs such as core strength training, sprint training and running technique work
- Support to attend regional talent access to competition which will support regional athletes to gain state and national exposure.

To be eligible for RAFSS the organisation must be:

- A regional state sporting association or high performance program, exception where no regional association is present a club can apply
- Letter of support from the relevant State Sporting Association
- RAFSS will not exceed more than 50% of the total program costs,
- RAFSS will be available between **\$500 and \$5,000** for each application
- Regional associations can only apply once per annum

Components of programs that will **NOT** be eligible for support include:

- Sports specific training
- Equipment
- Uniforms