

# Multicultural and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Player Subsidy

As part of the AFL's strategy to encourage diversity in our game, AFL NSW/ACT's Multicultural and Indigenous Programs offer financial assistance to young people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) backgrounds to get involved in Australian football, where the cost of participating is prohibitive.

The criteria below defines player eligibility.

## **Criteria**

To apply for the Player Subsidy, participants must comply with the following criteria:

- Players must be Multicultural or Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander – see definition for multicultural below
- Players must be aged between 5-18 years
- Players must be registered in Club Football (NSW/ACT)
- Players must be financially disadvantaged – see below for an explanation
- Subsidy application forms plus letters of support must be submitted by a Club Representative
- Subsidy must only cover club registration fees and/or player uniforms (shorts, jersey, socks)
- Subsidy application forms must be submitted by July 1, 2016
- The AFL NSW/ACT will accept a maximum of 5 applications from each club

## **Multicultural definition**

Multicultural is defined as a player born overseas in a non-English speaking country

## **Financially Disadvantaged**

The AFL NSW/ACT defines financially disadvantaged as:

- Parent/Guardians who receive government benefits
- Low income earners & single parents receiving less than \$40K per annum
- Refugees/Asylum Seekers

Consideration will be given to other circumstances on a case by case basis.

Letters of support outlining each applicants financial circumstances must be submitted with each application. The letter must be signed by the Club President and Parent/Guardian.

## **Subsidy Payment(s) Structure**

AFL NSW/ACT will provide subsidises to individual players involved in club football for up to three years. New applications must be submitted each year.

Please refer to the below table for an explanation of the payment structure:

Year	Subsidy
1st year	Registration Fees + Uniform = \$100 per application
2nd year	Registration Fees + Uniform = \$75 per application
3rd year	Registration Fees + Uniform = \$50 per application

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## **Application & Payment Process**

The Subsidy Application Process will open on February 8, 2016 and close on July 1, 2016.

No applications will be accepted after the closing date except under special circumstances.

To apply, please follow the process below:

- Step 1: Download Subsidy Application Form
- Step 2: Submit a completed Subsidy Application Form plus supporting letter to [subsidy@aflnswact.com.au](mailto:subsidy@aflnswact.com.au)
- Step 3: Successful applicants will be notified via email within 4 weeks of submitting the form
- Step 4: AFL Clubs will be required to provide a tax invoice, if successful
- Step 5: AFL NSW/ACT will process payment once the tax invoice has been received
- Step 6: All successful applications will be notified on combine testing in their region

## **Further Information**

If you have questions or require further information, please contact:

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