

Get in the Game Get Started Vouchers

Funding to help kids participate

Fact Sheet for Clubs

What is *Get Started Vouchers*?

Get Started Vouchers is one of the funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government's *Get in the Game* initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level.

Get Started Vouchers assist children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or active recreation club. Eligible children and young people can apply for a voucher¹ valued up to \$150, which can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club that is registered for *Get Started Vouchers*.

Who is eligible?

Applicants

Individuals eligible to receive a voucher are:

- children and young people who are aged from five to 17 (inclusive) at the time of application who hold or whose parent, carer or guardian hold a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card with the child's name on it, and who are residents of Queensland
- other children or young people identified by two referral agents².

Sport and recreation clubs

Not-for-profit sport and recreation clubs and registered businesses affiliated with one of the listed State/National Level Organisations are eligible to register for *Get Started Vouchers*.

Incorporated not-for-profit sport and recreation clubs that are not affiliated with a listed State/National Level Organisation will need to meet particular criteria to be registered to receive the *Get Started Vouchers*³.

¹ The funding will be distributed in two rounds each year on a first come, first served basis. Once the allocation for each round is exhausted, the program will close and no further vouchers will be offered for that round

² Refer to the *Get Started Vouchers* Referral Agents Fact Sheet for information on referral agents.

Visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame to view the State/National Level Organisations listed for *Get Started Vouchers*.

What funding is available?

A maximum of \$150 per voucher is available to help pay the cost of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees⁴. There is a limit of one voucher per child/young person per calendar year.

When will the program open?

The following table provides round dates for the next three years.

	Applications Open	Applications close (or earlier if fully allocated)	Vouchers expire (must present to registered club by)	Voucher redemptions close (clubs must redeem by)
Round 7	27-Jan-16	30-Mar-16	06-May-16	20-May-16
Round 8	13-Jul-16	28-Sept-16	14-Nov-16	28-Nov-16
Round 9	25-Jan-17	29-Mar-17	12-May-17	26-May-17
Round 10	12-Jul-17	27-Sep-17	15-Nov-17	30-Nov-17
Round 11	24-Jan-18	28-Mar-18	11-May-18	25-May-18

³ Not-for-profit sport and recreation clubs not affiliated with a State/National Level Organisation funded or recognised by the department will need to satisfy the following criteria:

- provide individual/team insurance for participants
- undertake child protection checks as required by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian
- ensure coaches, referees, first aid officers and other relevant staff and volunteers are accredited (where required).

⁴ If the membership/participation fees are more than \$150, the parent/guardian/carers is required to pay the difference. If the membership/participation fees are less than \$150, the department will pay the club for the membership/participation fees only. The balance is not redeemable in cash or as payment for individual items to participate in the activity (such as jerseys, boots etc.).

How do I register my club?

To register for *Get Started Vouchers*:

- visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/clubs/
- enter your club's details
- if your club meets the eligibility criteria you will be included on the list of registered clubs
- if your club's eligibility requires further consideration, the department will contact your club representative to discuss this further.

There is no closing date for registrations (registrations can be made at any time until the program closes).

When will my club receive a voucher from a parent/guardian/carer?

Vouchers must be collected from the parent/guardian/carer at the same time they are paying for membership and/or participation fees.

Ensure the child's name matches the name on the voucher, and that it has not expired.

How do I claim the fees for the vouchers?

To claim the fees for the vouchers your club has received:

- visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/clubs/
- follow the instructions under 'How does my club claim the voucher fees'
- the child's name and voucher number will be required.

All voucher fees for the round (including expired vouchers if redeeming after the vouchers expire) must be claimed by the final claim date for the relevant round.

Payments will appear in the club's bank account within two to seven business days, depending on your club's financial institution, unless there are issues with your banking details.

Need further information?

For further information about *Get Started Vouchers*, telephone 13QGOV, email getstarted@npsr.qld.gov.au or visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/