



Memorandum

TO : ALL CLUBS

FROM : Daniel Gatt

DATE : 3 October 2008

SUBJECT : NSW Sport and Recreation

NSW Country Athletes Scheme 2009

Please find enclosed with this memo a copy of the NSW Sport and Recreation 'NSW Country Athletes Scheme (CCOTS) 2009' brochure.

We ask that you notify your club members of these schemes so any person who feels they can benefit from applying may do so. The enclosed application form should be completed and returned to NSW Sport and Recreation before 31st December 2008.

**NSW Sport and Recreation
Country Athletes Scheme 2009
Locked Bag 1422
SILVERWATER NSW 2128**

Please note that this is a NSW Sport and Recreation initiative and all applications and correspondence should be forwarded to them. Do not return to MNSW.

If you need more brochures or have any enquires please contact NSW Sport and Recreation on phone number **9006 3837**. You can download these forms from their website at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or from MNSW website www.motorcycling.com.au.

Regards

Daniel Gatt

NSW Sport and Recreation

Country Athletes Scheme

Closing date
31 December

For more information call

13 13 02

www.dsr.nsw.gov.au



Country Athletes Scheme

The Country Athletes Scheme is designed to assist talented young athletes from country areas of NSW access training, coaching and competitions similar to those enjoyed by athletes from the city.

Assistance may also be available to athletes from the city who participate in sports that involve specific venues that are only available in country areas. Such sports are orienteering and snow skiing.

Grants are provided for one calendar year.

Who is eligible to apply?

Athletes eligible to apply for the Country Athletes Scheme must meet each of these criteria:

- be 17 years of age or under as at the 31 December
- be competing at state-age level in their sport
- be permanent residents of NSW
- reside more than 150km radial distance from the old Sydney GPO and
- be registered, affiliated or have reciprocal rights with the recognised state body for the sport in NSW.

Activities that are eligible for funding

Travel and accommodation associated with training, competitions and accessing coaching where the travel required is more than 150km each way.

Activities that are not eligible for funding

- Travel and accommodation associated with international competitions
- Interstate travel and accommodation associated with national championships (travel from your home to Sydney may qualify)
- Travel and accommodation for school sporting activities such as Combined High School events and regional school selection trials
- Travel and accommodation for events conducted by sporting organisations that are not recognised by NSW Sport and Recreation
- Travel and accommodation for events conducted prior to the closing date for applications
- Fees for competition, registration and coaching
- Purchase of uniforms and equipment.

How much funding is available to me?

The maximum amount of the grant depends on how far in radial kilometres you live from Sydney:

- A maximum amount of \$600 if you live 150-250km from the old Sydney GPO
- A maximum amount of \$800 if you live 250-400km from the old Sydney GPO
- A maximum amount of \$1000 if you live more than 400km from the old Sydney GPO.

What happens when I submit my application?

- Your application will be assessed by your state sporting organisation to confirm that you are an affiliated member who has reached state-age standard and received a priority rating
- A panel reviews all applications and makes recommendations to the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- All applicants are advised whether their application has been successful or not
- If successful, the grant is paid directly to you by cheque.

Note, the application process can take some time. Applicants should understand that lodging an application does not guarantee them funding. Additionally, there is no guarantee that funding will be provided prior to travel, so applicants should be prepared to use their own resources to travel to events in the interim.

Country Athletes Scheme application form

All details in this section must be completed.

Personal details

Surname/family name

Given names

Date of birth

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Age in years/months

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Sex (please tick)

Male Female

Do you have a brother or sister also applying for a Country Athlete Scheme grant this year? (please tick)

Yes No

For statistical purposes only

Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? (please tick)

Yes No

Are you from a culturally diverse background? (please tick)

Yes No

Do you have a disability? (please tick)

Yes No

Contact details

Home address

Postcode

Postal address (if different from home address)

Postcode

Home telephone

Parent/Guardian name/s

Parent/Guardian daytime telephone

Name of nearest major town or city

State electorate

Distance from Sydney GPO

Kilometres

Sporting club information

Sport

Name of NSW association

Local club/association name

Privacy statement

The NSW Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation (DASR) of 6 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127 will collect and store the information you voluntarily provide to enable processing of enrolments for the Country Athletes Scheme. The information will be provided to the assessment panel state sporting organisations, staff involved in the program and the Minister, where necessary, and you consent to this disclosure. If you have been asked for information regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent and cultural background, this information is voluntary and is being compiled for statistical purposes only. Any information provided by you will be stored on a database that will only be accessed by authorised personnel and is subject to privacy restrictions. The information will only be used for the purpose for which it was collected. Any information provided by you to the department can be accessed by you during standard office hours and updated by writing to us or by contacting us on 13 13 02.

Parent/Guardian consent to disclosure

The department may wish to provide certain information, with your consent, to the media and Members of Parliament for promotional purposes. The information will only include the applicant's first name, surname, electorate, town, sport and grant. If you consent to the information being disclosed, please sign below.

I consent to the above information being released for promotional purposes

_____ / /
Date

Athlete signature

I certify that the information supplied is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct and agree, if successful to maintain the proposed program and conduct myself in a manner benefitting my sport.

_____ / /
Date

Country Athletes Scheme application form (continued)

Anticipated program costs for the year

In this table, estimate your program costs for the calendar year.

We realise that the location of some camps and competitions may not have been announced at the time of application and that selections into teams may not have occurred.

Therefore, base your estimates on the anticipated cost of all known fixtures and the cost of eligible travel and accommodation from the previous year.

Activities eligible under the Country Athletes Scheme	Estimated total cost for the year
Travel for training (travel must be over 150km each way)	\$
Accommodation for training	\$
Travel to access coaching and development camps (travel must be over 150km each way)	\$
Accommodation at development camps	\$
Travel associated with local and regional competition (travel must be over 150km each way)	\$
Accommodation associated with local and regional competition	\$
Travel associated with competing at state titles (travel must be over 150km each way)	\$
Accommodation associated with competing at state titles	\$
Travel/accommodation to Sydney to join a state team travelling to national championships	\$
Total	\$

Submitting your application

Ensure you have completed all sections of the form and it is signed by you and your parent or guardian.

Return the form to:

**NSW Sport and Recreation
Country Athletes Scheme
Locked Bag 1422
Silverwater NSW 2128**

Applications must be lodged by 31 December.