

SNOWSPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The purpose of this program is to facilitate the development of an active snow sport culture within Club membership in order to:

- Provide a resource of capable performers from which the Club can field representatives for inter-club, regional and national events
- Build a core of experience that can be passed on, via clinics and coaching sessions, to less practised members.
- Allow individual club members to enrich their snow sports experience through participation in training programs and competition.

This program is supported by an annual budget of \$8,500 and there is also provision for a maximum of 140 bed nights discounted accommodation as part of the snowsports development program

Members may only receive funding for elite / nationally ranked athletes or competition level athletes in any given calendar year – not both.

Throughout these guidelines, “the sub-committee” refers to the snowsports sub-committee.

ELITE / NATIONALLY RANKED ATHLETES

FUNDING LIMITS

The current budget is \$3,000, excluding discounted accommodation.

Individual assistance may include:

- Up to \$1,000 reimbursement of race entry and/or training fees;
- Up to fourteen nights discounted accommodation for members seriously engaged in training or voluntary coaching (Adults and youths at junior rates and juniors free);
- Early confirmation of more than 2 Saturday night bookings in advance.

The grant paid per person will depend on the amount expended, and the number of people in the Program that year.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for assistance applicants must be:

- A current member of the CAC
- Selected to compete/train overseas as part of a national team or national training squad in the year for which they are seeking assistance.

Applicants must be able to provide evidence of eligibility and/or expenditure upon request.

Applicants should note that in the year of the ski season for which funding will be provided applicants are required to:

- Submit an article for Frozen Acres
- Upon request, and where practicable, participate in events in which the CAC is represented.

APPLICATION

Applicants should write to the sub-committee during the year for which they are seeking assistance. Applications should include:

- A description of the national team or national training squad that the applicant is a member of.
- An indication of the anticipated use of funds
- Acknowledgement of the requirement to submit an article for publication in Frozen Acres
- Acknowledgment of the requirement to, where practicable, participate in events in which the CAC is represented.
- A summary of which, if any, accommodation nights the applicant wishes to apply for subsidisation of.

COMPETITION LEVEL ATHLETES

FUNDING LIMITS

The current budget is \$2,500, excluding discounted accommodation.

Individual assistance may include:

- Up to \$500 reimbursement of race entry and/or training fees;
- Up to fourteen nights discounted accommodation for members seriously engaged in training or voluntary coaching (youths at junior rates and juniors free);
- Early confirmation of more than 2 Saturday night bookings in advance.

The grant paid per person will depend on the amount expended, and the number of people in the Program that year.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for assistance applicants must be:

- A current Junior or Youth member of the CAC
- Undertaking a formal training program designed to develop the applicant's snowsports capabilities to a competitive level.

Applicants must be able to provide evidence of this upon request.

Applicants should note that in the year of the ski season for which funding will be provided applicants are required to:

- Submit an article for Frozen Acres¹
- Upon request, and where practicable, participate in events in which the CAC is represented.
- Where possible, demonstrate Club spirit by participating in or helping at Club events (E.g. by organising, gate keeping, or officiating at events), or by providing assistance to Club members (E.g. by the way of voluntary coaching, or being a mountain guide).

APPLICATION

Applicants must complete the Snowsports Development Program Application Form. This should be submitted to the sub-committee before the start of the ski season in the year for which the application is being made. Applications may be made after the start of the ski season and will be considered at the discretion of the sub-committee.

Following consideration by the sub-committee, applicants will be notified as soon as practicable as to whether their application has been granted approval in principle.

During the month of October the applicant must complete a Snowsports Development Program Acquittal Form. This provides information covering:

- Confirmation that the applicant did participate in the anticipated training program designed to develop the applicant's snowsports capabilities.
- Confirmation that expenses were incurred during the course of the season for race entry and/or training fees equal to or in excess of the amount applied for in the original application. Specific costs (to at least the value of reimbursement sought) are required to be listed.
- Confirmation that the applicant has submitted an article for publication in Frozen Acres
- The applicant's participation in Club events.
- Which, if any, accommodation nights the applicant wishes to apply for subsidisation

Reimbursements will then be made by the 31st of November at the discretion of the sub-committee and the CAC Committee.

RECREATIONAL LEVEL EVENTS

FUNDING LIMITS

The Current budget is \$3,000, excluding discounted accommodation.

¹ Where applicants are unable to submit an article they should consult with the sub-committee to make other arrangements.

INTRA-CLUB RACES

The sub-committee is to run the Alpine/Snowboard Championships and the less serious Brumby and Presidents Cups for its members each year. These races are to be offered free of charge to members and where possible, free of charge to members' guests.

The traditional format for the Alpine/Snowboard Championships is two timed runs on a giant slalom course.

The traditional format for Brumby and Presidents Cups is two timed runs on a dual slalom course, followed by a women's and men's knockout competition.

The format for these races may be altered at the discretion of the sub-committee or where required by race officials.

INTER-CLUB RACES

The CAC has a standing invitation to participate in the following events:

- Balmain Cup
- Perisher Cup/Plate/Bowl

The sub-committee will organise the CAC representative teams and event staff (E.g. gate keepers or team organisers) for participation in these events. CAC funding for these events will be limited to:

- Complimentary lift tickets for those selected to race for the Club in the Balmain Cup
- Complimentary lift tickets for the members of up to three teams selected to race in the and Perisher Cup/Plate/Bowl (Downhill events only)
- Complimentary lift tickets for up to 4 event officials assisting with the organisation of the Balmain Cup
- Complimentary lift tickets for up to 3 event officials (1 per team) assisting with the organisation of the Perisher Cup/Plate/Bowl (Downhill events only)
- Complimentary Accommodation in accordance with the Subsidised Accommodation Guidelines (In addition to funding limits stated above)
- Fully or partial subsidisation for the afore mentioned people's costs associated with post event presentations and celebrations

Costs associated with occasional hosting responsibilities associated with participation in the Balmain Cup will be incurred as part of Social annual expenditure for the club.

Any foreseeable plans to reduce or eliminate these subsidies will be advertised in *Frozen Acres* by the sub-committee at the earliest convenience.

The sub-committee may choose to enter similar arrangements for additional interclub races, as well as sponsor and/or make donations to races run by other clubs and Snowsports ACT, providing that such arrangements remain within budget.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER SUBSIDISED RACES

The CAC will fully subsidise the entry fee for club members participating in either the:

- Snowy Mountains Classic (Used as the CAC Junior Cross Country Championships)
- KAC Classic (Used as the CAC open Cross Country Championships)
- NSW Night Relays

For the Snowy Mountains Classic and the KAC Classic, the sub-committee will use race results and standard entry fees to determine who should get reimbursement and how much. The sub-committee will then notify the Admin officer, the Treasurer and racers of reimbursements. Racers who have been missed or those who withdrew prior to the race may apply to the sub-committee for reimbursement. Withdrawals due to injury or weather conditions will be reimbursed (but need to be notified to the sub-committee); other withdrawals are at the discretion of the sub-committee.

Where appropriate, entry fees for the NSW Night Relays will be paid directly to race organisers. As such, the sub-committee will liaise with race organisers and instruct participating CAC members that they are to notify race organisers of their club membership.

Any foreseeable plans to reduce or eliminate this subsidy will be advertised in *Frozen Acres* by the sub-committee at the earliest convenience.

SKILLS CLINICS

The Club may choose to also subsidise up to two skills clinics each year in each of the three main disciplines - downhill, cross country and snowboard.

Participants are required to pay a nominal fee of \$10 per head for each clinic, unless otherwise decided in advance by the sub-committee.

The clinics are scheduled at the convenience of the sub-committee and dates and booking information are advertised in *Frozen Acres* throughout the season.

These clinics are separate from the clinics run as part of youth and juniors weeks, which are entirely self funded.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to the above, the Club may choose to financially support any number of other snow-based activities throughout the season including member led tours and camps providing that such support remains within budget.

EXTRA FUNDING

The snowsports budget may be supplemented by extra funding from fundraising or where a member has indicated that a donation is specifically for snowsports

development. Extra funding may be used to increase the amount of grants or other support beyond the normal limits, or may be used to fund activities that do not fall directly within these guidelines.

AUTHORISATION

The snowsports sub-committee has delegation to approve snowsports development grants according to policy, where these fall within guidelines and budget. If the total amount being granted (including any extra funding expenditure²) is more than the snowsports development budget then the sub-committee should make a recommendation to the Committee either for the grants as a whole, or for an amount over budget.

² Note that regardless of the amount of extra funding available, expenditure over the normal budget needs to be approved by the Committee in order to manage the overall budget.