

KIDSPORT



FACT SHEET

UP TO
\$200
TOWARDS CLUB
FEES FOR KIDS!

From the Premier

Sport is not a luxury. It should be part of every child's day and is a vital part of a well-rounded and long, healthy life.

KidSport is important because active children are more likely to mature into physically-active adults. Sport and recreation is fun, but just as importantly, participation gives your child a better chance of doing well at school, improves coordination and balance, helps them sleep better, improves social and life skills and creates a greater sense of well-being.

Sport builds stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities. When kids play sport, the whole community wins. I encourage you to sign-up for KidSport and tell your friends.



Hon Colin Barnett MLA
Premier





KIDSPORT OVERVIEW

KidSport enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5–18 years to participate in community sport and recreation by offering them financial assistance towards club fees. The fees go directly from the local government to the registered KidSport clubs participating in the project.

What are the eligibility criteria?

- Applicant must be aged 5–18 years.
- Applicant must have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card OR be referred by a recognised referral agent. (local government discretion on referral agent)
- Applicant's primary place of residence must be in the local government area where they are applying.

What else?

- Funding will cover the cost of fees to join the nominated sport or recreation club and this may include other related costs identified by the club).
- Maximum of up to \$200 per child per calendar year.
- Fees are only for the nominated registered season.
- No retrospective fees will be paid.
- No limitation to applications per family as long as the criteria is met.

Referral agents - who they are, what they do:

- Referral agents identify those who would benefit from KidSport.
- They can include, but are not limited to school teachers, doctors, police, social workers, local area coordinators and other community organisations and agencies.
- Referral agents can assist with the completion and lodgement of KidSport application forms with participating local governments on behalf of parents/guardians.
- Referral agents are ideal to promote KidSport to their community, but if wanting to refer children to the program should contact local governments to register.
- Local governments can advise where KidSport application forms are available and supply further information.

Schools - How can they be involved?

As referral agents, school teachers can identify children who would benefit from KidSport as well as complete and lodge application forms with local governments. Teachers can also assist in identifying suitable clubs and sport or recreation activities for children to be involved in. Schools can obtain KidSport application forms from participating local governments.

There are numerous benefits for children and their families getting involved and participating in sport and recreation clubs:

- Physical activity improves children's health, school performance and decision making skills.
- Club membership provides positive role models and opportunities for new friendships and community engagement.

Sport and recreation club criteria:

Sport and recreation clubs can get involved in KidSport by registering as a KidSport club with their participating local government. To be eligible clubs can be a:

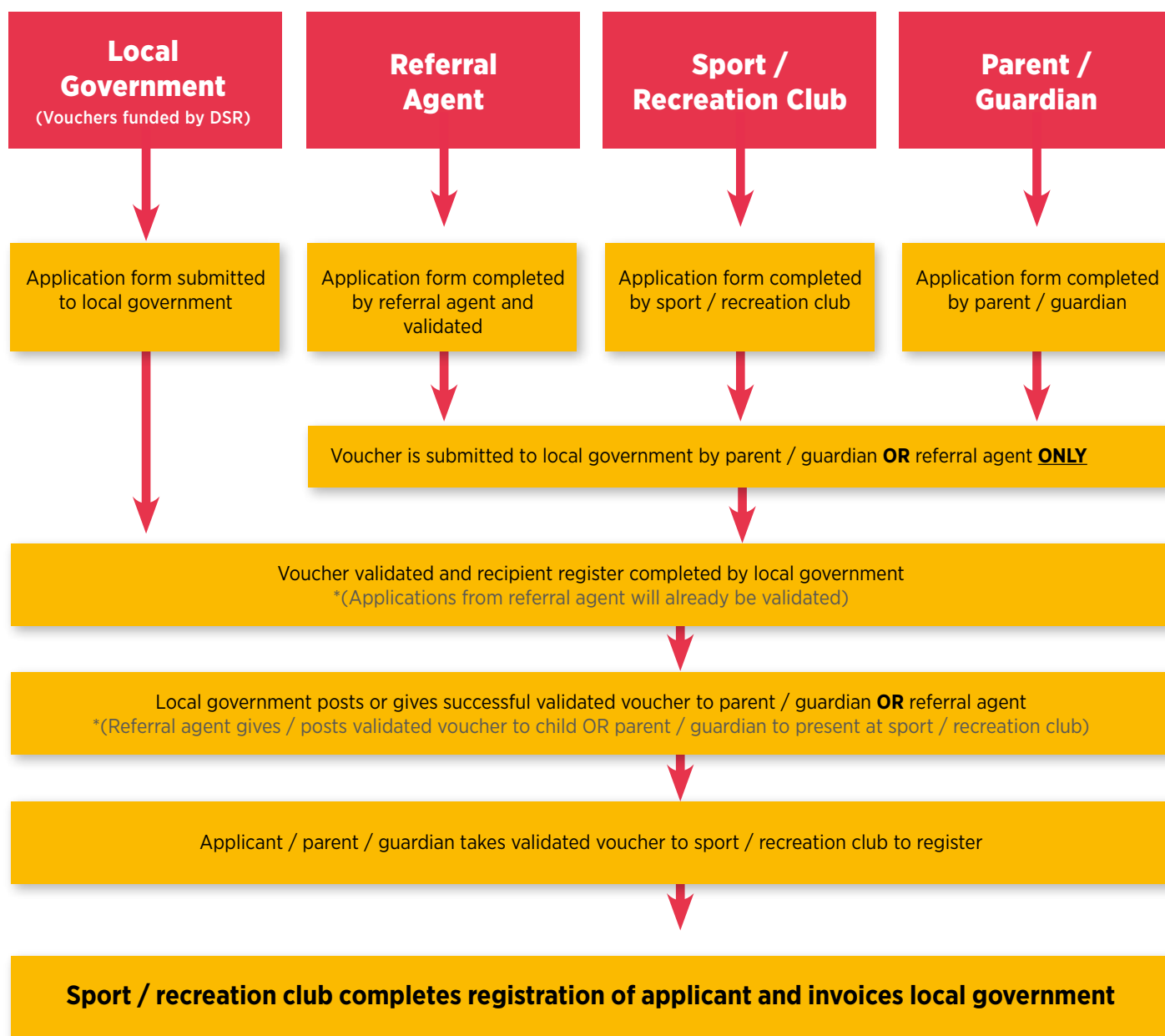
- Not-for-profit sport or recreation club and affiliated with a recognised State Sporting Association or have affiliation through a State organisation.
- Business/privately owned BUT individual members MUST be affiliated with a recognised State Sporting Association or have affiliation through a State organisation.

When we play sport the whole community wins

Once registered, KidSport clubs receive applications and then invoice the local government for the cost of the applicant's fees and other identified costs. All KidSport vouchers must be submitted and validated by the local government before being accepted by the club as payment for fees. Local governments can assist with the invoicing process for KidSport vouchers.

Clubs can promote KidSport to their members by linking with their participating local government to access application forms. Hand them out at registration days, during workshops or by directing parents/guardians to the KidSport website. Information can also be distributed via club newsletters and through club and State Sporting Association websites. Ask your local government for promotional material.

PROCESS FLOWCHART



KidSport application forms have been translated into alternative languages, please contact the department at kidsport@dsr.wa.gov.au

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I get a KidSport application?

Contact your local government to find out where you can pick up an application form OR visit the Department's website for a generic application form and contact your local government to validate.

What if the club fees for the season are more or less than \$200?

KidSport funding is up to \$200 per applicant per calendar year. Clubs can only invoice the local government for the total amount of their set fees. If these fees are less than \$200 then the lesser amount should be invoiced.

Can an applicant use the KidSport funding to play more than one sport?

Yes, as long as the total applied for is not more than \$200 per calendar year.

What if an applicant requires a uniform or some equipment to take part in the activity?

This needs to be approved by the local government prior to invoicing by the club and is on a case-by-case basis. Many local governments are happy to receive applications that include the cost of uniform and equipment, but this is an Individual local government decision, so contact yours before applying.

What if the child turns 19 during the season?

If the eligible applicant is 18 at the time of registration they can apply for KidSport funding for that whole season.

Can an applicant register halfway through the season?

Applicants can access KidSport funding at any time of the year. Clubs should use discretion in registering applicants to participate within a season (i.e. it would not be beneficial to the applicant to register with only a few games left). They may be encouraged to register the following season.

When do clubs invoice the local government?

This is decided by the local government. The club must contact their local government to arrange the invoicing process and is usually within 30 days.

How do clubs check if the applicant is eligible to access KidSport funding?

Clubs should only accept application forms that have first been validated by local government. They will confirm if applicants are eligible by validating and registering the voucher.

Can an applicant participate at a club that is not in the local government area they reside in?

Yes, but the KidSport application must be lodged with the local government where the applicant lives.

Does the applicant have to provide a copy of their Health Care Card or Pension Card?

Yes, this must be attached to the voucher when submitting to the local government unless the voucher is completed and signed by a referral agent. The applicant's name must be listed on the card and the card must be current.

**For more information contact your local government office
or visit www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport
or email kidsport@dsr.wa.gov.au.**