

SPORTS VOUCHERS

Fact Sheet for Parents/Caregivers

What is the Sports Vouchers program?

The Sports Vouchers program is a State Government initiative administered by the Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS). It is an opportunity for primary school age children from Reception to Year 7 to receive a \$50 discount off sports club/membership fees. All families with eligible children in South Australia will receive a letter through school (or home if home-schooled) informing them of the Sports Vouchers program and how it works. Sport providers can then offer a \$50 discount on fees and subsequently be reimbursed by the Office for Recreation and Sport.

What can the \$50 be used for?

Each eligible child can access a \$50 voucher which can be redeemed to offset the cost of membership fees for participation in a minimum 10 week sports program. The discount cannot be used for equipment purchase or a one-off 'come and try' type event.

When will the program start?

The letters will be sent to schools during **weeks 2-4 of Term 1 2015**. Sport providers will register to be involved from November 2014. You will be able to claim your \$50 subsidy at any time until to 31 December 2015.

Who is eligible?

- Children who are at Reception to Year 7 age during the 2015 school year
- Children who are residents of South Australia

Note: only one \$50 subsidy can be claimed per child per year.

Who are the providers?

Incorporated not-for-profit sport clubs and registered businesses affiliated with State/National Sport Organisations are eligible to register for the Sports Vouchers Program. Sport providers will need to demonstrate that they comply with the Children's Protection Act 1993 and provide a Child Safe Environment. Registered organisations will also be subject to random audits of membership, financial reporting and Child Safe Compliance Statement.

Which sports will be included?

The Sports Voucher can be used for fees associated with any sport recognised by the Australian Sports Commission. Organisations for people with disabilities recognised by the Australian Sports Commission are also eligible.



Recognised Sports

Archery	Athletics	Australian Rules Football	Badminton
Baseball	Basketball	Baton Twirling	Biathlon
Billiards	BMX	Bobsleigh / Skeleton	Bocce
Bowls	Boxing	Calisthenics	Campdraft
Canoeing	Cricket	Croquet	Cycling
Dancesport	Darts	Diving	Dragon Boat ing
Eight-Ball	Equestrian	Fencing	Floorball
Flying Disc	Football (Soccer)	Gaelic Football / Hurling	Gliding
Golf	Gridiron	Gymnastics	Handball
Hang Gliding	Hockey	Ice Hockey	Ice Racing
Ice Skating	Ju Jitsu	Judo	Karate
Kung Fu (Wu Shu)	Lacrosse	Modern Pentathlon	Motor Sport
Motorcycling	Muay Thai	Netball	Orienteering
Parachuting	Paralympics	Polo	Polocrosse
Pony Clubs	Powerlifting	Roller Sports	Rowing
Rugby League	Rugby Union	Sailing	Shooting
Skiing	Softball	Squash	Surf Life Saving
Surf Riding	Swimming	Synchronised Swimming	Table Tennis
Taekwondo	Tennis	Tenpin Bowling	Touch Football
Triathlon	Underwater Sports	University Sport	Volleyball
Water Polo	Water Skiing	Weightlifting	Australian Sport and Recreation Association for Persons with an Intellectual Disability
Disability (Inclusive Sport SA)	Australian Athletes With a Disability	Blind Sport Australia	Deaf Sports Australia
Disabled Wintersport Australia	Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia	Special Olympics Australia	Transplant Australia

What do I need to do?

Once you have received your letter, follow the instructions on how to search online for providers in your area or in the sport you are interested in. There will also be information on how to gain free access to computers and the internet via SA public libraries.

Then take your Medicare card (or Australian Visa if you don't have one) to a provider registered with the Sports Vouchers program to receive your \$50 subsidy. When registering your child with a sport provider you will need to provide the following information:

- Name, age, date of birth, address
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Information on whether your child has played sport previously
- Medicare number (or Australian Visa if no Medicare number is held)
- Confirmation that you consent to share this information with the Office for Recreation and Sport
- Confirmation that you have not previously claimed a Sports Vouchers \$50 subsidy with another provider for the same child.

For further information on the Sports Vouchers Program please email SportsVouchers@sa.gov.au

