

# Ticket to Play



*The Tasmanian Government has committed to invest up to \$3 million over one year to establish Ticket to Play, a sports voucher system for young Tasmanians.*

Cost is one of the major barriers to children participating in organised sport. Under Ticket to Play, vouchers of up to \$100 towards sporting club membership will be available to Tasmanians aged between 5 and 17, and who are on a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The voucher can be used at sports clubs that are:

1. Affiliated to the relevant State sporting organisation; and
2. A sport recognised by the Sport Australia.

The voucher can also be used at Tasmanian Scout, Girl Guide and Cadet organisations.

Ticket to Play will be administered by Communities, Sport and Recreation.

## Objectives

The key objective of Ticket to Play is to increase the number of young Tasmanians playing sport, recognising that playing sport has a number of individual benefits, including:

- Establishing lifelong healthy habits
- Improving physical and mental health
- Fostering social skills
- Building teamwork and leadership skills

Ticket to Play also supports the Tasmanian Government's objective of Tasmania being the healthiest population by 2025.

## **Program Launch**

Ticket to Play will launch in February 2019 to align with the commencement of Term One for school and pre-season training for winter sport. Vouchers will be issued until the funding is exhausted and will be able to be used/redeemed until late 2019.

The following process will apply:

1. Communities, Sport and Recreation (CSR) will seek applications from sporting, Scout, Girl Guide and Cadet organisations that wish to register as activity providers.
2. CSR will evaluate applications and will approve organisations who meet the required eligibility criteria as activity providers. Approved providers are granted registration for 12 months.
3. Parents/carers/guardians or participants apply online for voucher. Parents can apply for one voucher per child.
4. An eligibility assessment is undertaken and, if eligible, the applicant is issued with a unique voucher code.
5. The applicant redeems the unique voucher code with one of the approved activity providers and pays any difference in fees (if required). If the registration is less than \$100, the voucher can only be used for that dollar amount (e.g. if registration is \$75, the voucher's value is for \$75 only).
6. Sporting organisations log into the website and upload their voucher details for reimbursement.
7. CSR reimburses activity providers within 10 business days of upload.
8. Activity providers will be responsible for ensuring their information is up to date.



## Eligibility criteria for activity providers

Sporting Clubs, Scouts, Girl Guide and Cadet organisations are eligible to be activity providers where they meet the following criteria.

All organisations must be:

- incorporated, not-for-profit entities; and
- have appropriate processes in place to ensure compliance with the *Working with Vulnerable People Act 2013*.

In addition, sporting clubs must be:

- a provider of a sport recognised by Sport Australia;
- affiliated to the relevant state or national sporting organisation; and
- charge a membership fee for a minimum six week sporting activity run in Tasmania.

At this stage the program is only funded for one year. However, should it be ongoing, organisations will not be reapproved as providers where:

- it is found that they set their registration fees to maximise benefit from the program; and
- CSR receives multiple complaints about the experience provided by the organisation.