

Get in the Game Get Started



Funding to help kids participate

Fact Sheet for Parents/Carers/Guardians

What is *Get Started*?

Get Started is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government's *Get in the Game* initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level.

Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford, or may otherwise benefit from, joining a sport or recreation club.

When will the program open?

Round 2 opens for online voucher applications at **10am on Monday 15 July 2013**. Vouchers are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Applications close on 15 October 2013 or earlier, if the allocation is fully subscribed. Vouchers must be presented to a registered club by 15 November 2013. The program opens for two rounds each year until 2015.

What funding is available?

A maximum of \$150 per voucher is available to help pay the cost of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees¹.

Who is eligible to apply?

Individuals eligible to apply for a voucher are children and young people from the age of five and under the age of 18 who are residents of Queensland and:

- hold or whose parent, carer or guardian holds a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- other children or young people identified by two referral agents.

Note: Limit of one voucher per child/young person per calendar year. If a child received a voucher in Round 1, they are not eligible for another voucher until Round 3.

¹ If the membership/participation fees are more than \$150, the parent/guardian/carer is required to pay the difference. If the membership/participation fees are less than \$150, the department will pay the club for the membership/participation fees only. The balance is not redeemable in cash or as payment for individual items to participate in the activity (such as jerseys, boots etc.).

Before applying for a voucher

- Confirm that the club your child/young person is interested in joining is registered for *Get Started* by checking the club locator available on our website.
- Contact the club to find out details of the activity – cost of membership and/or participation fees, and any additional costs and equipment required for the activity.
- Read and understand the terms and conditions on our website.

Visit www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame to get started.

How do I apply for a voucher?

A QGrants account is required to apply for a voucher. You can register for a QGrants account at any time.

I don't have a QGrants account

- Create a user account by clicking on the link on our website – you will need your own email address.
- Enter the required details and click 'Submit'.
- You will receive a validation email – open the email and click on the validation link.
- Enter required details to apply for a voucher, which will include:
 - name, address, telephone number and email address of the parent, carer or guardian
 - a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card number, or if the child or young person is being referred, the contact details of two referral agents
 - name, age and date of birth of child/young person.

I have a QGrants account

Log into your QGrants account by clicking on the link on our website and enter required application information.

If you are eligible, a voucher with a unique reference number will be generated. The voucher will also be emailed to the email address you used to register.

Visit www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame to create a QGrants account and apply.

Where can I present the voucher?

Print the voucher and take it to a Get Started sport or recreation club (prior to the expiry date) to receive up to \$150 off the club's membership/participation fees². A list of Get Started recreation clubs is available in the club locator on our website.

Need further information?

For further information about *Get Started* and to create a QGrants account and apply for a voucher, visit our website at www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame.

If you require further information or assistance, check out the Frequently Asked Questions section and Help Tools on our website first. If you are unable to find what you need on our website, email us at getstarted@nprsr.qld.gov.au or contact a local Sport and Recreation Services office on 1300 656 191.

Referral agents

Referral agents assist with identifying children and young people who would most benefit from the payment of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees, but do not have access to a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card. Referral agents are people who hold the following positions:

- police officer/police liaison officer
- local government councillor/council youth development officer
- school teacher/principal/guidance counsellor
- state and federal members of parliament.

To be eligible, an application must be supported by two referral agents who hold different positions, e.g. a police officer and a member of parliament, or a school teacher and school principal. Refer to the Fact Sheet for Referral Agents for more information.

The information below is required when applying for a voucher.

Referral agent one

Name	
Position title	
Organisation name	
Phone number	
Email address	

Referral agent two

Name	
Position title	
Organisation name	
Phone number	
Email address	

Note: Referral agents may be contacted by the department to confirm the referral of the child/young person and the reason/s why they were referred.

² You will still be required to complete and comply with the sport or recreation club's registration process.