GROWING CRICKET FOR GIRLS FUND

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: WHAT’S NEXT?

community.cricket.com.au/clubs/a-sport-for-all
How will the funding get distributed?

As per the email to each successful local cricket association, regional cricket council, school sporting association, cricket club or secondary school, you will need to download the funding agreement and complete it on line or print out a hard copy to complete. The details about the invoice process are in the email. The funding amount is plus GST. If your organisation is not registered for GST, please ensure you make your State or Territory aware when submitting your invoice. If you have any questions please contact your Female Participation Specialist.

We don’t have an accredited coach.

Each cricket club or secondary school receiving funding needs to have an accredited Community Coach, as per the funding conditions outlined on Page 9 of the Growing Cricket for Girls Fund Guidelines.

Community Coach courses are run regularly by State and Territory Cricket Associations. To view course dates and register for a Community Coach course, please visit community.cricket.com.au/coach/courses for more details.

Australian Cricket is offering fully subsidised Community Coach accreditation courses for females and people from a diverse and/or Indigenous background (conditions apply). Please visit community.cricket.com.au/clubs/a-sport-for-all/free-accreditation for more details.

I need an accredited umpire.

To contact your State or Territory Umpire Manager, please click here.

Please visit community.cricket.com.au/umpire/courses for more information on upcoming umpire courses, accreditation and pathway opportunities.

In addition, Australian Cricket is offering fully subsidised Community Officiating courses for females and people from a diverse and/or Indigenous background (conditions apply). Please visit community.cricket.com.au/clubs/a-sport-for-all/free-accreditation for more details.

Where can we find out more about Member Protection policies?

1. Implement a Member Protection Policy.

   A template Club Member Protection Policy can be found here. Organisations will need to update the template to reflect their specific arrangements.

   The organisation is required to update its Member Protection Policy in line with any update issued by Cricket Australia. The organisation will be notified of any updates to the Member Protection Policy as soon as they become available.

2. Appoint a Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO).

   The MPIO is appointed by the organisation to be the point of contact in relation to member protection issues. The MPIO provides impartial information regarding the policy, processes and procedures to any person within the organisation that has a concern with regard to child protection, discrimination, harassment, bullying and inclusive practices arising under the Member Protection Policy. The MPIO provides support and procedural advice, but is not responsible for determining complaints or imposing disciplinary action.

   The MPIO is required to undertake the Play By The Rules online training available here, and attend MPIO face-to-face training.

   In addition, please contact your State or Territory Association, as they can provide specific details that will meet
with State or Territory Government requirements.

Where can I find out about the *A Sport For All* workshops?

All information regarding the *A Sport For All* Resource and Training Program, including the workshops, webinars, and case studies, can be found at community.cricket.com.au/clubs/a-sport-for-all. The 10 minute inclusion survey and completing the Action Plan is a great way to get a head start on understanding how inclusive your club is. The survey and action plan can be found at community.cricket.com.au/clubs/a-sport-for-all/take-action.

How can I promote my competition or team?

Cricket Australia has developed girl’s competition specific marketing collateral, including flyers and social media adverts. This has been developed with key messaging, based on findings from research conducted by Roy Morgan. We recommend local cricket associations, regional cricket councils, cricket clubs, school sporting associations and secondary schools use this, as it will link with other marketing campaigns that Cricket Australia is undertaking. The collateral is themed with WBBL club colours e.g. red for Renegades, teal for Heat. The flyers have space for clubs to add in their logos as well details about how to register and club contact information.

How do I attract more players?

Cricket Australia is coordinating a marketing campaign focused on social and digital media to promote girls competitions to the 11-18 year olds. In addition, local cricket associations, regional cricket councils, cricket clubs, school sporting associations and secondary schools have access to marketing collateral, including flyers and social media adverts, that they can use locally to attract more players.

Your Female Participation Specialists and other State and Territory staff can assist cricket clubs make links with local secondary schools, and vice versa.

Where can I get advice about managing our girls competition?

The first people to talk to are your Regional Cricket Manager and Female Participation Specialists. Along with other specialist State and Territory staff they will be able to assist with questions and provide support and advice around managing competitions.

As a secondary school, what programs do I need to be involved in?

To be successful in the funding, secondary schools must have a registered School Ambassador, and participate in either a MILO in2CRICKET Skills Program, a MILO T20 Blast School Cup, a Sporting Schools Program or Cricket Smart.

The **School Ambassador** Program aims to recruit, recognise and support a teacher in each Australian school who is committed to ensuring their students have every opportunity to get involved in cricket.

The **MILO in2CRICKET Skills** Program is a four week curriculum aligned program that is fun and exciting for students of all abilities, and is simple for teachers to deliver, no matter what your current knowledge of cricket is.

The **MILO T20 Blast School Cup** gives girls and boys the opportunity to play four action packed games of cricket in an active and social setting – all on the one day in a gala day format.

The **Sporting Schools** Program is a partnership between Cricket Australian and the Australian Sports

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*Image of the A Sport For All logo*
Commission, which aims to get more children playing sport. The programs offerings are made up of practical cricket activities that focus on fun, fitness and friendships.

**Cricket Smart** is a free teaching resource aligned to the Australian school curriculum, in which teachers have access to free cricket themed lesson plans, including high quality tools and resources to enhance their students learning experience.

Please visit [community.cricket.com.au/schools](http://community.cricket.com.au/schools) for more details on these programs.

**We have girls younger than 11 years or older than 18 years that wish to play in our team. Does that mean we will not be funded?**

Cricket Australia is always encouraging female participation at any level of community cricket. In regards to the Growing Cricket for Girls Fund, the majority of the team members should be from within the 11-18 year age group. In line with Cricket Australia recommendations, players should be allocated to teams based on skill ability, rather than purely on age.

**What happens if our local cricket association, regional cricket council, school sporting association, cricket club or secondary school does not succeed in getting teams registered or a competition running this season?**

If the local cricket association, regional cricket council, school sporting association, cricket club or secondary school was unsuccessful in getting teams registered or a competition running this season, Cricket Australia will complete a review of the project to determine whether or not the funding will continue. At its discretion, Cricket Australia may elect to have the funds returned.

**Our competition uses a different format that has been successful for a number of years, are we able to continue to run that and still receive funding?**

As per the funding conditions for local cricket associations, regional cricket councils and school sporting associations, the format of the competition must meet the applicable junior game formats (as per the Australian Cricket Pathway). To ensure the correct format is chosen for your competition, please visit [community.cricket.com.au/clubs/junior-formats](http://community.cricket.com.au/clubs/junior-formats). Please note the age on the format information is indicative and for new competitions we recommend using the stage 1 format to ensure all players have an enjoyable and successful experience ensuring they return.

**Is there a preferred competition structure and format?**

All competitions must comply with the recommended junior formats, as detailed at [community.cricket.com.au/clubs/junior-formats](http://community.cricket.com.au/clubs/junior-formats). As per the funding conditions, competitions must be split into two separate competitions; a Term 4 or Spring competition and a Term 1 or Summer competition.

For more information on the preferred competition structure and format, please contact your Female Participation Specialist in your State or Territory, who will be able to assist you in selecting the correct formats.
What is the competition development plan, and where can I access it from?

The competition development plan is a document that is focused on setting up the competition for success. It will be the responsibility of your Regional Cricket Manager, the Female Participation Specialist and the local cricket association, regional cricket council or school sporting association, to work together to complete the plan.

The plan will form part of the acquittal process and will include competition format, budget, number of teams, fixture, entry level program participation as well as other elements connected to the funding guidelines.

The plan template will be provided by your Female Participation Specialist.

What is the team development plan, and where can I access it from?

The team development plan is a document that is focused on setting up the team for success. It will be the responsibility of the Regional Cricket Manager, the Female Participation Specialist and the cricket club or secondary school, to work together to complete the plan.

The plan will form part of the acquittal process and will include current and forecast numbers for entry level programs, budget, connection to schools, promotion and marketing, coaching and club facilities as well as other elements connected to the funding guidelines.

The plan template will be provided by your Female Participation Specialist.

What is the acquittal process?

The acquittal process is a key part of receiving the full funding. Each local cricket association, regional cricket council, school sporting association, cricket club and secondary school will be asked to do the following as part of the acquittal process in order to access the remaining funding:

• Complete and submit the competition or team development plan including budget
• Provide a breakdown of what the funding was spent on including copies of receipts or invoices.
• Competitions and scores must be available on MyCricket by 30 March 2018.
• Complete acquittal form provided by Cricket Australia.
If I have further questions, who can I contact?

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