

# **Netball Community Support Fund Guidelines**

## 1. Purpose

The Netball Queensland Community Support Fund aims to remove financial barriers to participation in netball by providing financial assistance for player registration fees to individuals or families experiencing financial hardship. This fund ensures that everyone in our community has the opportunity to play and enjoy netball, regardless of their personal or financial circumstances.

#### 2. What the Fund Covers

The fund may be used to cover:

- Individual Player registration fees for a Netball Queensland affiliated competition
- Individual Player registration for a Netball Queensland affiliated carnival

**Note:** The fund does not cover optional extras such as uniforms, equipment, travel, or social event costs.

## 3. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a current or prospective player within a Netball Queensland affiliated Association or Club.
- Demonstrate financial hardship or exceptional circumstances that impact their ability to pay registration fees.
- Priority may be given to:
  - Families with multiple players
  - New participants from disadvantaged backgrounds
  - Existing members facing sudden hardship (e.g., job loss, illness, family crisis)



### 4. Application Process for Individual Player Fee Funding

- 1. **Application Period:** Applications for the 2026 season are open from 1 November 2025 until 30 April 2026.
- 2. **Complete an** Application Form Applications can be made by the player, parent/guardian, Association, Club, team coach, or team manager (with consent)
- 3. **Submit** to Netball Queensland via <a href="mailto:community@netballq.org.au">community@netballq.org.au</a> within the application period.
- 4. **Assessment** Netball Queensland will review applications confidentially.
- 5. **Notification** Applicants will be informed of the outcome within 14 days of submission.
- 6. **Payment** Approved funds will be arranged through NetballConnect to cover a player's fees (not paid in cash to individuals).

#### 5. Confidentiality

All applications and related information will be treated with strict confidence. Only members appointed at Netball Queensland will have access to applicant details, and all discussions will remain confidential.

## 6. Funding Limits & Availability

- Assistance may cover up to 100% of registration fees, depending on circumstances and available funds.
- Funding is limited and may not be available to all applicants.
- The Fund has been made available by Netball Queensland and is available until exhausted.

#### 8. Contact

For more information or to request an application form, please contact:

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