

Get in the Game Get Started



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Fact Sheet for Clubs

What is *Get Started*?

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Who is eligible?

Applicants

Individuals eligible to receive a voucher are:

- children and young people from the age of five and under the age of 18 who hold or whose parent, carer or guardian holds a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and who are residents of Queensland
- other children or young people identified by two referral agents².

Sport and recreation clubs

Incorporated not-for-profit sport and recreation clubs and registered businesses affiliated with one of the State/National Level Organisations listed for *Get Started* are eligible to register for *Get Started*.

Not-for-profit sport and recreation clubs that are not affiliated with a State/National Level Organisation listed for *Get Started* will need to meet particular criteria to be registered for *Get Started*³.

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² Refer to the *Get Started* Referral Agents Fact Sheet for information on referral agents.

Visit www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame to view the list of State/National Level Organisations for *Get Started* or contact a Sport and Recreation advisor on 1300 656 191.

What funding is available?

A maximum of \$150 (GST exclusive) per voucher is available to help pay the cost of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees⁴. There is a limit of one voucher per child/young person per year.

When will the program be opened?

Clubs will be able to register from 29 September 2012.

For applicants, the timeframes are:

Round 1

15 Jan 2013	Applications open
15 Apr 2013	Applications close
15 May 2013	Vouchers expire
31 May 2013	Final claim date

Round 2

15 Jul 2013	Applications open
15 Oct 2013	Applications close
15 Nov 2013	Vouchers expire
30 Nov 2013	Final claim date

The program opens for two rounds each year until 2015.

³ Not-for-profit sport and recreation clubs not affiliated with a State/National Level Organisation funded or recognised by the department will need to satisfy the following criteria:

- provide individual/team insurance for participants
- undertake child protection checks as required by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian
- ensure that coaches, referees, first aid officers and other relevant staff and volunteers are accredited (where required).

⁴ If the membership/participation fees are more than \$150, the parent/guardian/carer would be 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.).

How do I register my club?

To register for *Get Started*:

- visit www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame
- enter your club's details
- if your club meets the eligibility criteria you will be included on the list of registered clubs
- if your club's eligibility requires further consideration, the department will contact your club representative to discuss this further.

There is no closing date for registrations. (Registrations can be made at any time until the program closes in 2015)

When will my club receive a voucher from a parent/guardian/carer?

Vouchers must be collected from the parent/guardian/carer at the same time they are paying for membership and/or participation fees.

Ensure the child's name matches the name on the voucher, and that it has not expired.

How do I claim the fees for the vouchers?

To claim the fees for the vouchers your club has received:

- visit www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame
- go to the 'Claim Vouchers' section and enter the required details (including the child's name and voucher number).

All voucher fees for the round (including expired ones if redeeming after the vouchers expires) must be claimed by the final claim date for the relevant round.

Payments should appear in the club's bank account within two business days.

Need further information?

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Round 2

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How do I get a voucher?

To obtain a *Get Started* voucher:

- visit www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame
- view the list of registered clubs
- confirm that the club your child is interested in joining is a registered club
- contact the club that your child wishes to join to find out details of the activity. You are encouraged to ask about any additional costs, equipment required for the activity, and any additional fees that may not be included in the voucher
- apply for a voucher online by entering your details and the eligible child/young person's details, including a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card number **OR** referral agents' details.

If you are eligible, a voucher with a unique reference number will be generated and emailed to you. Print the voucher and take it to a registered sport or recreation club the child/young person intends to join (prior to the expiry date) to receive up to \$150 (GST exclusive) off the club's membership/participation fees⁴.

Where can I redeem the voucher?

A list of registered sport and recreation clubs is available at www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame.

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⁴ You will still be required to complete and comply with the sport or recreation club's registration process.

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Who are referral agents?

Children and young people who do not or whose parents, carers or guardians do not have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card may be eligible for the program if they are recommended by two referral agents. Referral agents are people who hold the following positions:

- police officer/police liaison officer
- local councillor/council youth development officer
- school teacher/principal/guidance counsellor
- local sport and recreation coordinator (funded under the Queensland Government's Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan)
- state or federal Member of Parliament.

What are the referral criteria?

Referral agents assist with identifying children and young people who would most benefit from payment of membership/participation fees so they can participate in sport/active recreation.

Referral agents must meet the following criteria to refer a child or young person:

- child/young person cannot be an immediate family member
- child/young person cannot be referred to a club where the referral agent is involved as a member or employee
- must know the child/young person for a period of 12 months or longer
- must be able to demonstrate, if requested, the reasons why the child/young person is referred.

To be eligible for referral, an application must be endorsed by two referral agents who hold different positions.

How do I refer someone?

To refer a child/young person, provide them with the *Get Started* Parent/Carers/Guardians Fact Sheet along with the following details (these details will be required when they register for a voucher):

- your name and position title
- your organisation's name
- your contact phone number and email address.

Advise the parent/guardian/carer that they must provide the details of two referral agents to be eligible.

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