



# KIDSPORT™

Because every WA kid deserves a fair go

## FACT SHEET

## KidSport overview

KidSport will enable Western Australian children to participate in community sport and recreation, no matter their financial circumstances. Eligible youth aged 5–18 years can apply for financial assistance to contribute towards club fees. The fees will go directly to the registered KidSport clubs through their participating local government. While the primary objective of KidSport is to ensure all Western Australian children can participate in sport and recreation clubs, its secondary objective is to engage these children and their families in the community.

### What are the eligibility criteria?

- Applicant must be aged 5–18 years.
- Applicant must have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card OR be referred by a 'recognised' referral agent.
- Applicant's primary place of residence must be in the local government area they are applying to (exceptions may apply).
- It is preferred that applicants register with a club that is in their local government area (exceptions may apply).

### What else?

- Funding will cover the cost of fees to join the nominated sport or recreation club (this may include other related costs as identified by the club).
- Maximum of up to \$200 per child per calendar year.
- Fees are only for the nominated registered season.
- No retrospective fees will be paid (exceptions may apply).
- No limitation to applications per family as long as the criteria is met.




### Minister's introduction

KidSport is a partnership between the Department of Sport and Recreation and local governments.

The program is important because we believe that all kids should have the opportunity to take part in sport and recreation. Yes, because it is fun, but just as importantly, participation in sport and recreation gives your child a better chance of doing well at school and being physically and mentally healthier.

This program will pay up to \$200 towards club fees for children whose families could not normally afford it.

  
Hon Terry Waldron MLA  
Minister for Sport and Recreation



Department of  
Sport and Recreation

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## Referral agents

Referral agents assist with the identification of children and youth who would benefit from KidSport through the payment of club fees. They can include, but are not limited to, school teachers, doctors, police, social workers, local area coordinators and other community organisations and agencies. Referral agents can assist with the completion of KidSport application forms and their lodgement with participating local governments on behalf of parents/guardians.

Referral agents wanting to refer children to the program should contact their local government to register. When completing a KidSport application form the referral agent must ensure their details are completed on the voucher. The local government may contact you for further information or clarification.

Referral agents can also help promote KidSport to their community by working with their participating local government. The local government can advise where KidSport application forms are available and also provide further information about the program.

## How can schools be involved?

There are numerous benefits for children and their families getting involved and participating in sport and recreation clubs. Physical activity improves children's health, school performance and decision making skills. Club membership provides positive role models and opportunities for new friendships and community engagement.

School teachers, as referral agents, can identify children who would benefit from KidSport. They can assist with the completion of application forms and their lodgement with local governments, like other referral agents. School teachers can also assist with identification of suitable clubs and sport or recreation activities for children to be involved in. It is important that parents/guardians sign the KidSport application form before lodgement with the local government. Schools can obtain KidSport application forms for their students from participating local governments.



## Sport and recreation clubs

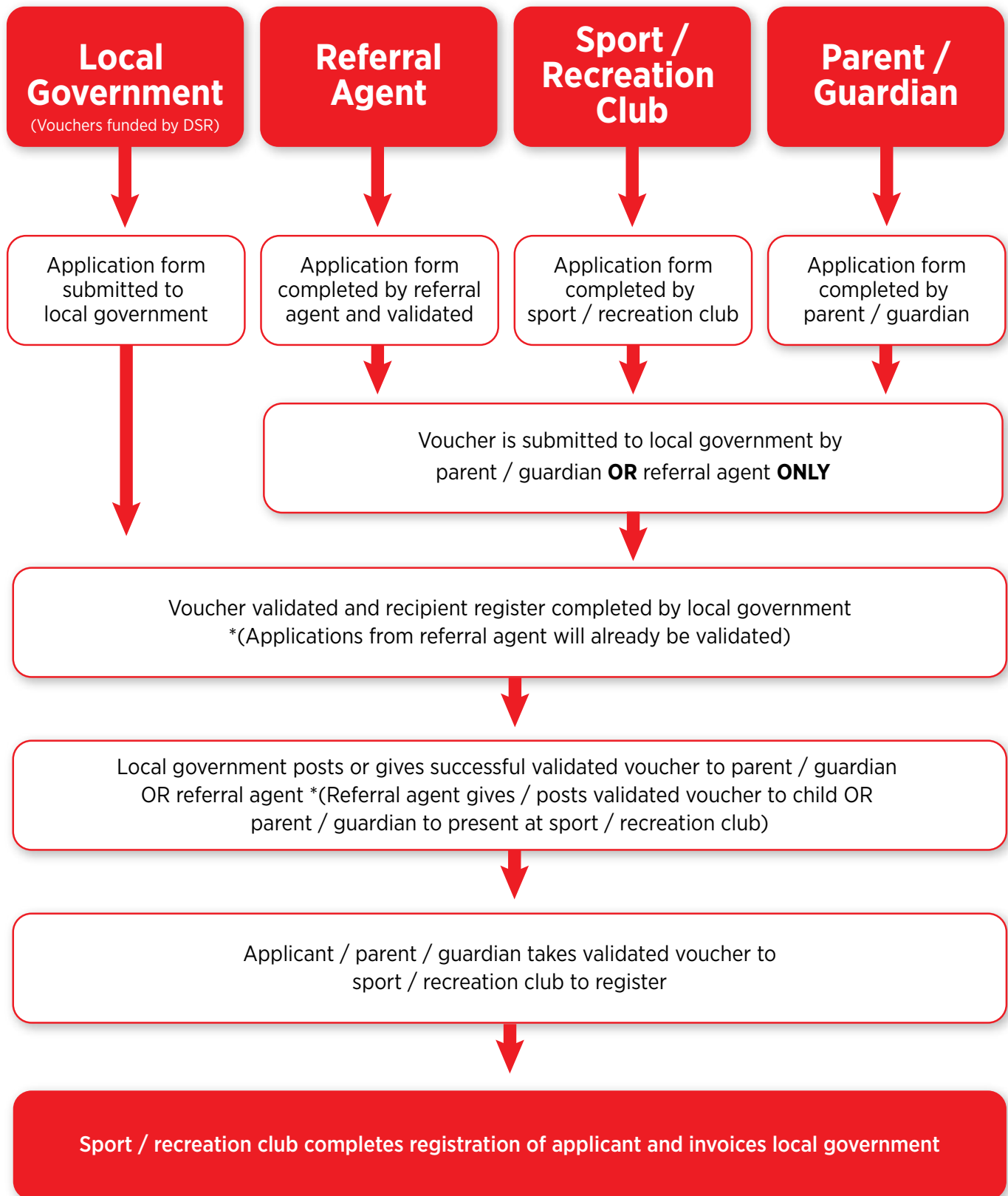
Sport and recreation clubs wishing to be involved in the KidSport program can register as a KidSport club with their participating local government. To be eligible clubs need to be not-for-profit organisations, and if applicable, a member of their State sporting association. Once registered, KidSport clubs can start to receive applications and invoice the local government for the cost of the applicant's fees and other related costs as identified. All KidSport vouchers must be submitted to the local government before being accepted by the club as payment for fees.

Local governments can provide clubs with promotional material and assist with the invoicing process for KidSport vouchers. Clubs can help to promote KidSport to their members by linking with their participating local government to access application forms. These can be handed out at registration days, during workshops or by directing parents/guardians to the KidSport website for links to their local government sites. Information can also be distributed in club newsletters and through club and state sporting association websites.

The KidSport voucher must be lodged at the local government in which the applicant resides, although there may be exceptions to this. Local governments can provide further information.



# PROCESS FLOWCHART



**KidSport application forms have been translated into alternative languages,  
please visit the ClubsOnline website to access.**





## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **How do applicants obtain a Kidsport application form?**

Contact your local government to find out where you can pick up an application form.

### **What if the club fees for the season are more or less than \$200?**

KidSport funding is up to \$200 per applicant per calendar year. Clubs can only invoice the local government for the total amount of their set fees. If these fees are less than \$200 then the lesser amount should be invoiced.

### **Can an applicant use the KidSport funding to play more than one sport?**

Yes, as long as the total applied for is not more than \$200 per calendar year.

### **What if an applicant requires a uniform or some equipment to take part in the activity?**

The club can include the cost of uniforms and equipment in the club fees. This needs to be 'approved' by the local government prior to invoicing by the club and is on a case-by-case basis.

### **What if the child turns 19 during the season?**

If the eligible applicant is 18 at the time of registration they can apply for KidSport funding for that whole season.

### **Can an applicant register halfway through the season?**

Applicants can access KidSport funding at any stage. Clubs should use discretion in registering applicants to participate within a season (i.e. it would not be beneficial to the applicant to register with only a few games left). They may be encouraged to register the following season.

### **When do clubs invoice the local government?**

This is decided by the local government. The club must contact their local government to arrange the invoicing process.

### **How do clubs check if the applicant is eligible to access KidSport funding?**

Clubs should only accept application forms that have been validated by the local government first. The local government will confirm if applicants are eligible by validating and registering the voucher.

### **Can an applicant participate at a club that is not in the local government area they reside in?**

Yes, but the KidSport application must be lodged with the local government area the applicant resides in. If the residential local government is not participating in KidSport then the applicant may be able to apply where the club is situated.

### **Does the applicant have to provide a copy of their Health Care Card or Pension Card?**

Yes, this must be attached to the voucher when submitting to the local government unless the voucher is completed and signed by a referral agent.

**For more information contact your local government**

**or visit: [www.clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport](http://www.clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport)**

**Email: [kidsport@dsr.wa.gov.au](mailto:kidsport@dsr.wa.gov.au)**

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