



Memorandum

From: Marayke Jonkers
To: Athletes
Date: 01 June, 2008
Subject: Call for Sporting Dreams Fund Applications

In June, 2008 we are launching a promising new initiative, the Sporting Dreams Fund, which will assist in contributing to our overall goal of encouraging participation in wheelchair sports.

The Sporting Dreams fund aims to provide financial assistance to athletes with a disability that have been identified at introductory and development levels of sport.

The fund has grown from a dream of Paralympian Swimmer Marayke Jonkers. In 2007 Marayke won the inaugural Female and Fearless Cosmopolitan competition. This prize of \$10 000 has enabled her to set up an opportunity for future athletes. It has been her dream to one day give back to sport.

Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association are pleased to be working with Marayke to provide this opportunity for her to give back. The fund is responding to a perceived need in the community of supporting new athletes in their initial stages of development in sport. The idea is to give them the best opportunities to start a long sporting career.

In the first year the award will have two levels of distribution – Introduction and Developing.

The main objective is to identify athletes who may have some potential in a particular sport and to encourage them with financial assistance for initial coaching experience and perhaps taking part in some form of competition.

Conditions of Entry

- Applications must be made on the official Sporting Dreams Application form.
- All applications become the property of the Sporting Dreams Fund.
- Applications must be received by the due date (Applications postmarked the due date day will be accepted).

- Athlete must be a Queensland resident and a member of Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association
- Athlete must be enrolled/enrolling in a local competition/club if applying for the Introductory level fund
- Athlete must represent Queensland in competitions if applying for the Development level fund.
- Applicants must agree to the terms and agreements specified in the grant application.
- **Applicants must have a physical disability and/or vision impairment.**
- Applicants are eligible to receive funds once every two years. This is at the discretion of the Selection Panel.

Selection Criteria

- Introductory athletes must demonstrate an intention to commit to the sport through regular training with a coach.
- Introductory athletes must demonstrate an intention to compete at a local/state level during the term of the grant.
- Developing athlete grants will be based on the performance/results from competitions held before the closing date of the fund as well as the expected competition/training schedule for the following year.
- Please note there are no age restrictions.
- Athletes must be classified eligible to compete in sports for athletes with physical impairment or vision impairment.

I look forward to receipt of the nominations and to the continued growth of this fund.

With best wishes.

Marayke Jonkers