Fact Sheet for Parents/Carers/Guardians

What is Get Started?

Get Started is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government’s Get in the Game initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level.

Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. Eligible children and young people can apply for a voucher valued up to $150, which can be redeemed at a registered sport or recreation club.

Who is eligible?

Individuals eligible to apply for 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 agents.

What funding is available?

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

When will the vouchers be available?

**Round 1**
- 15 Jan 2013 Applications open
- 15 Apr 2013 Applications close
- 15 May 2013 Vouchers expire

**Round 2**
- 15 Jul 2013 Applications open
- 15 Oct 2013 Applications close
- 15 Nov 2013 Vouchers expire

The program opens for two rounds each year until 2015.

How do I get a voucher?

To obtain a Get Started voucher:
- 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. 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 off the club’s membership/participation fees.

Where can I redeem the voucher?


Need further information?

For further information about Get Started, contact a local Sport and Recreation Services office on 1300 656 191 or visit [www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame).

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1 The funding will be distributed in two rounds each year on a first come, first serve basis. Once the allocation for each round is exhausted, the program will close and no further vouchers will be offered for that round.

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

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**Referral agent contact details**

This section is for children/young people who are being referred to *Get Started* by two referral agents. Information provided here will be required when applying for a voucher.

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**Please note**

Referral agents may be contacted by the department to confirm the referral of the child/young person.