



## AHJSA Coach Support Policy (Revised May 2014)

That AHJSA has an objective of providing quality coaching to our member players. As an affiliate of the FFSA, we are aligned with the FFA coaching requirements and guidelines and have set minimum coaching requirements for AHJSA and affiliated club activities. As such we provide support to those undertaking coaching development courses.

The following criteria and conditions will be used to determine what level of support will be offered.

Normal Applications:

- 1) Support will be offered to members and associates of clubs, including junior players and adults, to undertake coaching development training.
- 2) In all cases, funding is provided against course costs and not ancillary costs such as accommodation, travel or food.
- 3) We will provide support for coaches to undertake certifications consistent with the coaching requirements described in the *AHJSA Coaching Standards Policy* document.
- 4) Funding will be provided as follows
  - a) Representative Team coaches: 100% cost of the course by AHJSA.
  - b) Coaches sitting on an AHJSA coaching sub-committee: 100% cost of the course by AHJSA.
  - c) Club coaches: 50% cost of the course by AHJSA. The club is expected to pay the remaining 50%.
- 5) All courses must be officially sanctioned courses of the FFSA or FFA.
- 6) We will reimburse individuals directly and after the completion of the course, and not collect any monies owing for the course.
- 7) We require that where there is a pass or fail assessment, the applicant attains a pass. The applicant is required to provide evidence of successful completion before we will provide support.
- 8) For club coaches the following information is required in the application:
  - a) Details of the course and cost
  - b) A letter from their club indicating that the coach is coaching in the current or upcoming season, the age group of the team they are coaching, and that the club agrees to pay 50% of the cost of the course.
- 9) For representative team and sub-committee member coaches the following information is required in the application:
  - a) Details of the course and cost

- 10) All applications must be in writing to the AHJSA Secretary (email is OK), with supporting documentation included. Applications must be received prior to the start of the course.

Special Applications:

- 1) Support will be offered to members and associates of clubs to undertake advanced coaching certifications which are not part of the normal coaching requirements of the AHJSA.
- 2) In all cases, funding is provided against course costs and not ancillary costs such as accommodation, travel or food.
- 3) Sponsorship is limited to at most the minimum of (1) 50% of the cost of the course and (2) \$500.
- 4) Notwithstanding any other criteria, the AHJSA may decide to offer any amount up to the maximum (including no support) at its discretion.
- 5) Special applications will be considered on merit and at the discretion of the AHJSA.
- 6) All courses must be officially sanctioned courses of the FFSA or FFA.
- 7) We will reimburse individuals directly and after the completion of the course, and not collect any monies owing for the course.
- 8) We require that where there is a pass or fail assessment, the applicant attains a pass. The applicant is required to provide evidence of successful completion before we will provide support.
- 9) The application must include details of the course and cost.
- 10) The applicant must already hold the highest level certifications required in the *AHJSA Coaching Standards Policy* document.
- 11) The applicant must indicate how they see the certification as a benefit to the AHJSA (eg intending to become coaching director, or some higher level coaching development role within the AHJSA, or to complement a current role in which this would be advantageous). We will use this when making our decision.
- 12) All applications must be in writing to the AHJSA Secretary (email is OK), with supporting documentation included. Applications must be received prior to the start of the course.