



## **AHJSA Player Support Policy** (Revised March 2014)

The AHJSA supports players to extend and enhance their capabilities as a player, beginning with grass roots development through to state and national level development. In doing this, the AHJSA offers financial support to players in receiving enhanced development training.

Support for coach development is detailed in the *AHJSA Coach Support Policy* document. Support for referee development is detailed in the *AHJSA Referee Support Policy* document.

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

For the purposes of this policy, the AHJSA season is from the official AHJSA Player Registration Day in the current year to the following registration day. This is typically held in mid-February.

- 1) The AHJSA sets a budget for the total amount of sponsorship per season, with half available in each of six months of the season. Money that has not been allocated in the first semester will roll over to the following semester but not to the following season. Access to funding is on a first come basis, and is limited to the budgeted allocation.
- 2) Notwithstanding any other criteria, the AHJSA may decide to offer any amount up to the maximum (including no support) at its discretion.
- 3) Support is available to players who are properly registered with the AHJSA in the current season. Proper registration means being registered with the AHJSA in the FFSA MyFootballClub database (or equivalent) for the current season.
- 4) The applicant must be registered in an AHJSA competitive age group in the current season.
- 5) The applicant must have paid in full all fees and charges owing to the AHJSA and to their affiliated club prior to application. We will require a letter of support from their club indicating that all club fees and charges have been paid.
- 6) The activity must be officially sponsored by the FFA or FFSA, and not an activity of an affiliated organisation such as the AHJSA, SAPSASA, or other organisation such as FNSW, FFVIC etc.
- 7) The activity must commence within the current season. The commencement of formal training prior to a competition is acceptable. We will require a letter of offer/support from the organising body indicating what type of activity is being undertaken, when the activity commences, and the cost of the activity.
- 8) Sponsorship is limited to at most the minimum of (1) 50% of the cost as indicated by the organising body and (2) \$200.

- 9) The applicant cannot receive sponsorship more than once within any two consecutive seasons, irrespective of the amount given.
- 10) If the applicant is unable to attend and has not already paid the full amount then they agree to repay any money provided by the AHJSA.
- 11) The AHJSA will not make any decision on an application earlier than two months prior to the commencement of the activity.
- 12) The AHJSA will preferentially support applicants who have not previously received financial support from the AHJSA.
- 13) The applicant/guardian accepts that the AHJSA may use their name and photograph in promotional activities, including the AHJSA and affiliate club websites, and newspapers, and they must make themselves available for this prior to commencement of the main activity.
- 14) All applications must be in writing to the AHJSA Secretary (email is acceptable), with supporting documentation included. Applications must be received prior to the start of the activity.