

Support for Representative Athlete Policy

Summary

The Support for Representative Athlete Policy provides guidance to anyone associated with the Vikings Triathlon Club (Vikings). Vikings will work with club members who have been selected at representative level or have qualified for major championships to seek funding to support their costs to compete.

Principle

Viking's mission is to promote the sport of triathlon and multi-sports by encouraging involvement and participation. The club aims to support members developing their skills and fostering a friendly and inclusive community.

Vikings encourages and supports its athletes in achieving representative selection or qualification for major championships in triathlon or multi-sport events. In recognising the costs involved with competing in such events, Vikings will provide advice and support athletes in applying for funding support.

What Vikings will do

Vikings Group

Our club's affiliated, parent club is the Vikings Group. The Vikings Group provides financial support to the club and also provides opportunities to recognise and support athletes within its sporting programs.

Any Vikings member who is selected to represent either:

- The ACT at national championships or Australia at international championships; or
- Otherwise **qualifies** as an individual to compete at national or international championships in accredited triathlon or multi-sport events

is able to apply to the Vikings Group for financial support.

The process to apply is as follows:

- In most circumstances an athlete selected or qualifying for a major event as listed above will be contacted by the club to congratulate them and invite them to prepare a submission for funding. If this does not occur but you think you may qualify contact the Secretary or President to advise your circumstances.
- Meet the following criteria and prepare the following information:
 - You must be a current financial member of the licensed club (Vikings Group) and have been so for the past 12 months. If you under the age of 18 your parent/guardian must have been members;
 - You must be from the Tuggeranong Valley Region or participate in your chosen sport with one of the Vikings Groups affiliated clubs (which clearly you qualify as you are a member of the Vikings Triathlon Club);

- You must have been chosen to represent either the ACT or Australia or are competing as an invited individual at a National Competition;
- You must provide an accurate account of the costs you will incur to compete; and
- You must also provide a summary of specific details relating to the event (date, location, event costs and information on the actual event).
- Provide this information to the Secretary or President who will forward on to the Vikings Group on your behalf.
- If successful, you will be notified by Vikings Group or Vikings. You must then meet all conditions as required by Vikings Group.

Other funding sources

If any Vikings athlete is selected or qualifies for a major event as noted in this policy and are aware of other potential funding sources (i.e. sponsorship opportunities, government grants, etc.), Vikings will assist the member in applying for funding on the basis that:

- It does not conflict with sponsorship / partnership agreement in place with Vikings;
- It does not conflict with Triathlon Australia (TA) / Triathlon ACT (TACT) interests or regulations;
- It does not conflict with Vikings relationship with the Vikings Group.