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.

Important dates
The following dates apply for Round 5 of the program.

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<td>Vouchers available</td>
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<td>Vouchers close*</td>
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*Note: The round may close earlier if all available vouchers allocated for that round are issued prior to the advertised closing date.

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.

Who can apply?
Individuals eligible to apply for a voucher are children and young people from the age of five and under the age of 18 who are residents of Queensland and:

- hold or whose parent, carer or guardian holds a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- other children or young people identified by two referral agents.

1 If the membership/participation fees are more than $150, the parent/guardian/carer is required to pay the difference. If the membership/participation fees are less than $150, the department will pay the club for the membership/participation fees only. The balance is not redeemable for cash or as payment for individual items to participate in the activity (such as jerseys, boots etc.).

Note: Limit of one voucher per child/young person per calendar year.

Before applying for a voucher
- Confirm that the club your child/young person is interested in joining is registered for Get Started by checking the club locator available on our website.
- Contact the club to find out details of the activity – cost of membership and/or participation fees, and any additional costs and equipment required for the activity.
- Read and understand the terms and conditions on our website.


How do I apply for a voucher?
A QGrants account is required to apply for a voucher. You can register for a QGrants account at any time.

I don’t have a QGrants account
- Create a user account by following the instructions on our website at http://www.nprs.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/voucher-application.html – you will need your own email address.
- Enter the required details and click ‘Submit’.
- An activation link will be sent to your registered email – open the email and click on the link.
- Enter required details to apply for a voucher, which will include:
  o name, address, telephone number and email address of the parent, carer or guardian
  o a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card number, or if the child or young person is being referred, the contact details of two referral agents and an email, letter or signed fact sheet from the referral agent
  o name, age and date of birth of the child/young person.

I have a QGrants account
Login to your QGrants account and enter the required application information. You can access a link on our website at http://www.nprs.qld.gov.au/getinthegame.

If you are eligible, a voucher with a unique reference number will be generated. The voucher will also be emailed to the email address you used to register.
Where can I present the voucher?
Print the voucher and take it to a Get Started sport or recreation club (prior to the expiry date) to receive up to $150 off the club’s membership/participation fees. A list of Get Started clubs can be viewed using the club locator on our website.

Dance activities supported
Organisations that currently meet the Get Started criteria, such as PCYCs and those affiliated with Queensland Gymnastics Association Inc, DanceSport Ltd Australia and DrillDance Queensland, will now be able to accept vouchers for dance activities as part of the recommendations from the Start Playing, Stay Playing report.

Need further information?
For further information about Get Started and to create a QGrants account and apply for a voucher, visit our website at www.nprs.qld.gov.au/getinthegame.

If you require assistance, check out the Frequently Asked Questions section and Help Tools on our website first. If you are unable to find what you need on our website, email us at getstarted@nprs.qld.gov.au or contact Smart Service Queensland on 13QGOV (137 468). To access the Hearing Impaired National Relay Service phone 133 677.

Referral agents
Referral agents assist with identifying children and young people who would most benefit from becoming a member of a sport or recreation club, but do not have access to a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card. Referral agents are people who hold the following positions:
- police officer/police liaison officer
- local government councillor/council youth development officer
- school teacher/principal/guidance counsellor
- state and federal members of parliament.

To be eligible, an application must be supported by two referral agents who hold different positions, e.g. a police officer and a member of parliament, or a school teacher and school principal. Refer to the Fact Sheet for Referral Agents for more information.

When applying for a voucher using a referral agent, the applicant must upload a copy of this Fact Sheet with the details below completed or an email or letter containing the same information.

Referral agent one statement
I ______________________ (name of referral agent)
agree to refer ______________________ (name of child/person) and believe they will benefit from participating in Get Started. I can confirm the following:
- I have known the child/person for 12 months or more
- the child/person is not an immediate family member
- the child/person is not being referred to a club where I am involved as a member or employee.

Referral agent two statement
I ______________________ (name of referral agent)
agree to refer ______________________ (name of child/person) and believe he/she will benefit from participating in Get Started. I can confirm the following:
- I have known the child/person for 12 months or more
- the child/person is not an immediate family member
- the child/person is not being referred to a club where I am involved as a member or employee.

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2 You will still be required to complete and comply with the sport or recreation club’s registration process.