



AUSTRALIAN ICE RACING

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## International Competition Subsidy Program

### ***Purpose***

The AIR International Competition Subsidy Program is a financial subsidy program to help AIR members to pursue their sporting dreams. It aligns with the AIR Athletes' pathway and AIR's Elite Development Program strategy.

AIR members may find it difficult to meet the ongoing and significant costs associated with participation at speed skating and short track speed skating competitions held internationally.

The International Competition Subsidy Program is an AIR initiative designed to provide financial assistance for AIR elite and potential elite athletes towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, at official ISU endorsed international events and championships.

### ***Who is eligible***

The AIR International Competition Subsidy Program is designed to support AIR members competing in ISU endorsed international level events as an athlete.

In order to be eligible to apply for the AIR International Competition Subsidy, members must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a financial member of AIR and affiliated state associations and clubs for the financial year in which the application is submitted and when the event is held.
2. Be an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent resident status.
3. Be participating as an athlete in an international competition (endorsed by ISU and AIR) as an individual or a member of an official Australian team endorsed by AIR.
4. Have contested or commit to contesting in the current year Australian Open Short Track Championship (for Short Track Speed Skating application only).
5. Make themselves available for individual and relay selection (pursuit in case of speed skating) for Australia in the event, if applicable.
6. For short track applications of subsidy to World Cup, World Championship, Winter Universiade and Youth Winter Olympics, applicants must have achieved Tier 2 or better times for 2 out of 3 distances of the senior men or ladies tiered time (junior men or junior ladies in case of Junior events) as per the current year National Selection Policy. Time can be achieved in:

- a) The current season's Australian Open Short Track Championship.
  - b) The current season's international results.
  - c) Last season's international events (including World Cup and World Championships).
  - d) A sanctioned time trial as per the guidelines set out in the current season's National Selection Policy after the commencement of that policy.
7. For short track applications of subsidy to international events other than those stated in point 6 above, must have achieved qualifying times for 2 out of 3 distances of your applicable aged division tiered time as set out in the table below:

<b>Division</b>	<b>500m</b>	<b>777m</b>	<b>1000m</b>	<b>1500m</b>
Senior Men	46.80		1:34.80	2:27.037
Senior Ladies	49.50		1:39.50	2:35.353
Junior A Men	48.00		1:36.50	2:36.50
Junior A Ladies	50.50		1:42.00	2:42.00
Junior B Men	49.50		1:40.00	2:40.00
Junior B Ladies	51.50		1:46.50	2:46.50
Sub Junior Men	50.50	1:20.50	1:43.50	
Sub Junior Ladies	53.10	1:26.50	1:48.50	

Sub Junior Age – 12 to 14 years old  
 Junior B Age – 15 to 16 years old  
 Junior A Age – 17 to 18 years old  
 Senior Age – over 18 years old

- 8. For speed skating applications of subsidy to World Cup, World Championship, Winter Universiade and Youth Winter Olympics, applicants must have achieved the qualifying time set by the ISU for that event in accordance with the qualification system in place. Qualifying times must be achieved within the time periods indicated by the ISU to qualify for specific events.
- 9. Must be prepared to disclose all funding and sponsorship arrangements on a legal declaration. Any false or misleading information may result in the funds being reimbursed to AIR Inc. and future funding applications denied.
- 10. Must complete and submit application to AIR prior to the nominated championship or event commencing.

## ***Subsidy rounds***

Subsidy applications are assessed 3 times each year. Athletes will be notified of the outcome of the application within 2 weeks of closing date of the funding round.

<b>Round</b>	<b>Round Opening &amp; Closing Dates</b>	<b>Assessment Timeline</b>	<b>Applicants advised of outcome of application</b>
<b>Round 1, 2017-2018</b>	16 May 2017 – 15 Oct 2017	Oct 2017	End of Oct 2017
<b>Round 2, 2017-2018</b>	16 Oct 2017 – 15 Jan 2018	Jan 2018	End of Jan 2018
<b>Round 3, 2017-2018</b>	16 Jan 2018 – 15 May 2018	May 2018	End of May 2018
<b>Round 1, 2018-2019</b>	16 May 2018 – 15 Oct 2018	Oct 2018	End of Oct 2018
<b>Round 2, 2018-2019</b>	16 Oct 2018 – 15 Jan 2019	Jan 2019	End of Jan 2019
<b>Round 3, 2018-2019</b>	16 Jan 2019 – 15 May 2019	May 2019	End of May 2019

## ***Application form***

Please [click here](#) for application form.

## ***Application assessment***

At the conclusion of each subsidy round, all eligible applications will be reviewed by the AIR board. The AIR Board may appoint a Subsidy review Sub Committee to review the applications and make recommendation to the Board. However, the ultimate decision is the AIR Board's responsibility. AIR Board member will abstain from any voting should there be any direct conflict of interest.

If a Subsidy Review Sub Committee is appointed, it will comprise of the presidents of the State Associations from each State and chaired by the AIR Director of Development. The AIR Board/Subsidy Sub committee will use information included in your application as the basis for their assessment. The selection of successful applicants is made using criteria that reflects the alignment of AIR's strategy on athletes' pathway and Elite Development Program.

## ***Terms and Conditions***

1. The Australian Ice Racing Inc (AIR) may accept or reject any application for an International Competition Subsidy in its absolute discretion. AIR is not obliged to provide any explanation for acceptance and rejection of application.
2. If the AIR decides to make a subsidy (Subsidy) to the applicant, the subsidy will be made subject to these terms and conditions.
3. The AIR will make a one-off payment to the successful applicant (Applicant) for each successful application.
4. The Applicant must:
  - a) Meet all eligibility criteria (as set out in the application form) for application and receipt of the subsidy and must promptly notify the AIR if the Applicant no longer fulfils all of those eligibility criteria;
  - b) Only use the Subsidy towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment for the nominated sporting competition, or where the competition has taken place, as a reimbursement for those purposes;
  - c) Keep records detailing the use and expenditure of the Subsidy, and allow the AIR or its authorised representatives to assess these records for the purpose of auditing the use of the Subsidy;
  - d) When attending the nominated sporting competition, conduct him or herself in a dignified and reputable manner; and
  - e) When attending the nominated sporting competition, ensure that he or she agrees to be bound by, and comply with the AIR's Anti-Doping Policy and Codes of Behaviour available on the AIR's website.
5. Without limitation to any other rights of the AIR, if the AIR reasonably believes, at any time following the award of the Subsidy, that the Applicant:
  - a) Has provided false or misleading information in the application;
  - b) Has not attended, or will not attend the nominated sporting competition; or
  - c) Has otherwise breached any of its obligations set out in these terms and conditions, then the AIR may by written notice require the Applicant to repay the AIR, at the AIR's absolute discretion, all or part of the Subsidy. The amount notified must be repaid within 30 days of any such notice.
6. Before or after the award of the Subsidy, the Applicant must, if requested by the AIR, cooperate with the AIR in relation to publicity initiatives regarding the International Competition Subsidy.
7. Any personal information that is submitted via this application form is collected by the AIR for the purpose of considering applications for subsidies and administering the International Competition Subsidy Program.
8. Details of successful Applicants (including: biographical information such as their name, home state, sport, and any photo or video footage of them produced in connection with the International Competition Subsidy Program; the value of the Subsidy awarded; and a brief description of the purpose for the Subsidy) may be released by the AIR to its members and may be placed on the AIR website, including for promotional purposes.

## ***Frequently asked questions***

### **When should I apply?**

Applications should be submitted as soon as your participation has been confirmed. Applications submitted 6 months or more in advance of the competition date may be moved into the following round of assessment at the discretion of the AIR. You must submit your application to the AIR General Secretary ([generalsecretary@australianiceracing.org](mailto:generalsecretary@australianiceracing.org)) before the commencement date of the event. Applications will not be considered if lodged after the commencement of the event.

### **What is the value of the subsidy?**

A minimum subsidy of \$500 will be provided for successful application. However, the value of subsidy may vary on a case by case basis. AIR Board will take into consideration of the total costs, funding and sponsorship already received by individual and the AIR annual budget.

### **What are the subsidies intended for?**

Subsidies can contribute towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment for your participation at the nominated event and championships. The subsidy is intended to align with the AIR Athletes' pathway and AIR's Elite Development Program strategy.

### **Do I have to reside in Australia to apply for a subsidy?**

No, you do not have to reside in Australia to apply for a subsidy. However, you must be an Australian citizen or have permanent residency status.

### **What type of competition is ineligible for a subsidy?**

Applications for participation in the following competitions will not be considered for a subsidy:

- development or training squads and camps
- ongoing seasonal competitions
- local and regional competitions
- competitions run by organisations not endorsed by AIR
- friendship or invitational events

### **How long will it take to receive my subsidy?**

Your subsidy will be deposited in your nominated bank account within 2 weeks after you have been notified of the successful outcome of your application.

### **Does submitting an application guarantee that I will receive a subsidy?**

Unfortunately there are limited funding available and in most cases there are more eligible applications than subsidies available. Applications are assessed every four months and are assessed against criteria that reflect AIR's strategy on athletes' pathway and the elite development of both speed skating and short track speed skating.

### **How many subsidies are available?**

The number of subsidies granted per year may vary and is subject to the AIR annual budget and the criterias met by each application.

### **Can I apply for more than one event?**

Yes, you can apply for more than one event per year but each event will require a separate application and will be assessed individually.

### **Is there an age limit for an applicant?**

There is no age limit but all applications are assessed based on the criteria set out and the event must align closely with AIR's strategy on athletes' pathway and Elite Development Program.

### **The event I will compete at will be held before my application is assessed, can I still apply?**

Yes, you can still apply for a subsidy. If the event has already occurred before the assessment result and you are successful for a subsidy then the subsidy is a reimbursement for costs associated with attending the event. Remember that you must complete and submit your application prior to the event commencing.

### Amendment Certificate

<b>Version</b>	<b>Date Adopted</b>	<b>Amendment Details</b>	<b>Amended By</b>
1	20 Dec, 2013	First release	AIR Board
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