

SAILING POLICY

Australian Championship Travel Assistance

PREAMBLE Belmont 16ft Sailing Club has a commission to assist talented sailors to compete in major national level events and achieve high standard results.

Grants are available to assist with the costs associated with boat transport and travel, often interstate, to compete in Recognised Class Australian Championships.

CRITERIA

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 "Competitor" means a person who competes in an event whether as the person who helms the boat or as a crew member.
- 1.2 "Crew" means, where a class requires more than one person to sail the boat, the Competitors who sail together from time to time.
- 1.3 "Active" means compliance with the 75% Club Participation Policy.
- 1.4 "Season" means from 1 September to 31 August.
- 1.5 "Club" means Belmont 16ft Sailing Club Ltd.
- 1.6 "Board" means the Board of Directors of Belmont 16ft Sailing Club Ltd.

2. APPLICATIONS

- 2.1 The Boat Owner or Crew must declare their intention to compete at the Australian Championship by 1st December in the season for which assistance money is sought.
- 2.2 All declarations and nominations for funding must be received, either verbally or via e-mail, at the Sailing Office of the Club no later than 5:00 pm on 1st December.

3. CLASS ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The class sailed at the Class Australian Championship must be a class sailed at Belmont 16ft Sailing Club at the time of the application.
- 3.2 If a crew from a class sailed at the Club qualifies for assistance in that class they may be eligible for assistance in another class sailed at the Club; (eg. a Cherub crew that complies with the criteria may be eligible to receive Skiff assistance and compete in the Skiff Championships). A Competitor is only eligible to receive assistance to attend one Australian Championship.

4. BOAT OWNER & COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The Boat Owner(s) and all Competitor(s) must be current financial members of the Club
- 4.2 The Boat Owner(s) must be current Registered Boat Owner(s) with the Club.
- 4.3 A Competitor must be a current Registered Sailor with the Club.
- 4.4 Except in exceptional circumstances being circumstances outside of the control of the Competitors:
 - 4.4.1 The Boat must comply with the 75% Club Participation Policy. The Boat must have achieved a minimum 75% participation rate as at 1st December of the season for which assistance money is sought.
 - 4.4.2 If the Boat hasn't complied with the 75% policy at this time but does have 75% participation over the Summer Point Score at the season's end the payment may be made then.
 - 4.4.3 **For Skiffs only.** At least two thirds of the competitors must have achieved a minimum 75% participation rate as at 1st December of the sailing season for which assistance money is sought.

NOTE: The 75% participation can be achieved by individual competitors on a different boat or boats than the one for which assistance is sought. For example, if two sailors sail on different boats in the Flying 11 class but propose to compete at the Australian Championships together, provided they have both individually achieved 75% participation during the period to 1st December they will be eligible for assistance.

- 4.5 Except in exceptional circumstances, being circumstances outside of the control of the competitors, the boat must have competed in all class State Championship heats that have been conducted prior to 1st December. **For Skiffs only:** at least two-thirds of the competitors must have competed in all class State Championship heats that have been conducted prior to 1st December in the sailing season for which assistance money is sought.
- 4.6 The boat and all competitors must exclusively represent the Club at the Australian Championship and actively promote their association with the Club. The Club recorded on the official results shall be deemed the Club which the boat is representing.
- 4.7 The Board may take into account, at their absolute discretion, the number of years the boat owner and competitor(s) have been registered with the Club. Funding may be allocated on a percentage basis relative to the length of registration.
- 4.8 The Board may consider applications from those who do not meet all of the stipulated criteria. Unless the Board is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist, any boat or crew who do not meet the criteria will not be eligible for assistance. The Board may impose further conditions on any boats or competitors who do not meet the criteria before considering the provision of assistance.

5. GRANT PAYMENT

- 5.1 Funding granted to a registered skipper, crew or boat owner shall be paid into the individual bank accounts as nominated on the Boat Registration Form. Requests to pay others will not be allowed, except in the case of under 18 years old applicants, where the money will be paid to the Guardian or parent.
- 5.2 Funding shall be paid by 24th December in the sailing season for which assistance money is granted for those with 75% participation in the Point Score and Spring Point Score combined.
- 5.3 Non-compliance with any of the stipulated criteria of the policy may result in the Board requiring the repayment, in full or part, of the funding grant.
- 5.4 Funding shall be paid at the seasons end for those with 75% participation in the Summer Point Score only.

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