

## Association & National Championship Funding

**PREAMBLE** Belmont 16ft Sailing Club has a commission to assist where possible talented young sailors to reach their potential.

Funding is available, in the form of reimbursement of entries fees paid, to compete in Recognized Class Australian and State Championships and other major events.

### 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 All applications for funding must be received at the Sailing Office of the Club no later than 5:00 pm on the last scheduled race day of the season.
- 2.2 Applications must be in writing on the *Association & National Championship Funding Application Form* (Appendix A) with full details of the nominated event(s), the Entry Fee(s) paid and the date and location of the event(s).
- 2.3 Funding will not be provided for late entry fees, on-line booking fees or other additional costs. Where an Early-bird fee is less than the regular fee, only the Early-bird fee will be reimbursed.
- 2.4 Applications shall be submitted by the Registered Boat Owner and shall include details of their and the registered Crew's current and past registration and Club membership.
- 2.5 Any funding granted shall be paid into the bank account of the Registered Boat Owner as nominated on the application form.

#### 3. CLASS ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The class sailed at the Class Australian and State Championship and/or the other major events must be a class sailed at Belmont 16ft Sailing Club at the time of the application.

#### 4. EVENT ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 A "Class Australian Championship" must be contested by a minimum of two (2) States or Territories.
- 4.2 A "Class State Championship" must be contested by a minimum of four (4) clubs.
- 4.3 "Other Major Events" may include, but is not limited to, the Australian Youth Championship, the State [NSW] Youth Championship.
- 4.4 The Board will decide in its absolute discretion which events to support in any one application, in any one year.
- 4.5 Where an event is not constituted in accordance with the rules of that event, the Board will decide in its absolute discretion whether to award funding and, if so, to what amount.

## **5. BOAT OWNER & COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1 The Boat Owner(s) and all Competitor(s) must be current financial members of the Club.
  - 5.2 The Boat Owner(s) must be current Registered Boat Owner(s) with the Club.
  - 5.3 A Competitor must be a current Registered Sailor with the Club.
  - 5.4 Except in exceptional circumstances being circumstances outside of the control of the Competitors:
    - 5.4.1 The Boat must comply with the 75% Club Participation Policy. The Boat must have achieved a minimum 75% participation rate as at 1<sup>st</sup> December of the season for which assistance money is sought; and
    - 5.4.2 At least two-thirds of the competitors must have achieved a minimum 75% participation rate as at 1<sup>st</sup> December of the 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 1<sup>st</sup> December they will be eligible for assistance.
- 5.5 Except in exceptional circumstances being circumstances outside of the control of the competitors, the boat and at least two-thirds of the competitors must have competed in all class State Championship heats that have been conducted prior to 1<sup>st</sup> December in the season for which assistance money is sought.
  - 5.6 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.
  - 5.7 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.
  - 5.8 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.

### **POLICY DETAIL:**

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