



AUSTRALIAN RUGBY
FOUNDATION

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Australian Rugby Foundation 'Player Welfare Fund'

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Australian Rugby Union

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About the Australia Rugby Foundation

The Australian Rugby Foundation (“ARF Player Welfare Fund”) provides financial and other assistance for the benefit of Participants in the game of Rugby Union Football who are in Australia and who are, in the opinion of the Trustee, in necessitous circumstances by reason of accident, injury, sickness, ill-health, disability, misfortune or disadvantage or for any other reason (“Beneficiaries”).

Beneficiaries of the ARF Player Welfare Fund

Beneficiaries of the fund are persons, residing in Australia, and who are players or former players (or their dependents) or other Participants in the game of Rugby Union played under the jurisdiction of the Australian Rugby Union (“ARU”) or one of its affiliate bodies.

Participants include a current or former player, trainer, referee, touch judge, coach, selector or individual involved in the organisation, administration or promotion of the game of Rugby Union or an individual involved in the game of Rugby Union in any other capacity, and includes their Dependents.

Purpose of the ARF Player Welfare Fund

The purpose of the fund is to provide assistance to Rugby Union Participants, in necessitous circumstances, by reason of accident, injury, sickness, ill-health, disability, misfortune or disadvantage.

Such assistance may be way of funding or contribution to maintenance, housing, education, advancement in life, legal and financial advice, or contribution to another fund established in support of the Beneficiary.

In a case of costs associated with an injury from Rugby Union, consideration will be given only to costs not recoverable under existing ARU or other insurance schemes.

Application Guidelines

Please note: Beneficiaries who are eligible for assistance through State or Territory Government Schemes (i.e. Enable NSW) are expected to first pursue any assistance available to them, at which point, any surplus expenses can be applied for through this Application.

The decisions made by the ARF Player Welfare Fund Trustees are final.

In most cases, financial assistance must be paid directly to the supplier or provider of equipment and cannot be paid directly to the beneficiary.

Application Process

Applications are to be made in writing and by using the Application Form (attached) outlining the circumstances and nature of injury / illness / misfortune and a concise statement of financial and other assistance sought, including type of aide, equipment and/or service. Quotations should be supplied.

A supporting letter from your Medical Specialist, Spinal Specialist or Health Service may be required for an Applicant that has not previously applied for funding, or as requested by the ARF Player Welfare Fund Trustees.

The Application Form and supporting documentation are to be marked confidential and emailed or faxed to:

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Release of Personal Information & Images

The applicant understands that for promotional purposes the ARF Player Welfare Fund and/or the ARU may release to the public personal information and images regarding the applicant (eg, name, nature of injury & assistance provided) if their Application is successful.



ARF Relationship with Hearts in Union

Hearts in Union Rugby Foundation Australia ("Hearts in Union") is an independent charitable trust, separate to the ARF Player Welfare Fund & the ARU. However, the ARF Player Welfare Fund and the ARU share a working relationship with Hearts in Union.

Hearts in Union was established to provide financial and other assistance to Australian Rugby Union players of all levels who have suffered a severe spinal cord injury (quadriplegia, tetraplegia and paraplegia) as a result of playing Rugby Union and are in necessitous circumstances.

Hearts in Union may also be able to provide you with assistance, potentially in addition to any assistance you receive from the ARF Player Welfare Fund.

If you believe you may be eligible to receive assistance from Hearts in Union, we encourage you to contact Hearts in Union and also complete one of their Application Forms, in addition to completing this ARF Player Welfare Fund Application Form.

Depending on the circumstances of your Application, you may be eligible to receive assistance from either the ARF Player Welfare Fund or Hearts in Union, or in some cases both.

All decisions are made separately and independently by the Trustees of each organisation on an individual basis.

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ARF PLAYER WELFARE FUND

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1	Name of Applicant:			
2	Address of Applicant:			
3	State:		Postcode:	
4	Date of Birth:		E-mail address:	
5	Contact Telephone:		Mobile Number:	
6	Carer/Guardian- Name:		Contact Telephone:	
7	Date of Injury:			
8	Nature & circumstances of injury:			
9	Club or School Rugby Club Representing when injury occurred:			
10	Location of injury incident:			
11	Type of Injury & details of subsequent improvement/deterioration of paralysis:			
12	Spinal Injury Grade:		Incomplete	Complete

13	Please supply a concise statement of the financial support being sought (i.e. If you are requesting financial support for educational course/s or purchase of mobility equipment, details of estimated costs, type of equipment and/ or quotations obtained should be supplied):		
14	If you are applying for financial assistance for a mobility aid, when did you last purchase a mobility aid and how much did it cost?	YEAR	COST \$
15	Are you in necessitous circumstances?	YES	NO
16	Are you the beneficiary of any trusts, benefits or financial assistance which may mean that you are not in necessitous circumstances?	YES	NO
17	Any other matters to be considered (such as family dependents etc):		

Applicant's Declaration:

I, _____ (insert name), do declare that the contents of the above application are true and correct and to the best of my recollection an accurate account of my current financial statement and needs.

I also provide my consent for the ARF Player Welfare Fund and/or the ARU to release information and images regarding my application to the public for promotional purposes.

Signature of Applicant

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Dated