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(Formerly Victorian Winter Baseball League)

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## MWBL Junior Funding Application Process

The MWBL Junior Funding grants are a result of the 2008 levy placed on senior registrations to further develop the junior competition by providing funds specifically for the purpose of attracting new junior participants to the sport of baseball. The scope of the grants allows for recruitment of NEW players to tee-ball competition, as well as all underage competition being run domestically by the MWBL or affiliated leagues.

The funds are available through application by any league, club or team that is affiliated with the MWBL and who therefore meets the prescribed criteria for eligibility.

The outlined format for grant applications will be the method of application by clubs or a group of member clubs requesting financial assistance.

### OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the MWBL Junior Development grants are:

- To provide individuals and teams with support that will assist them to develop their full potential within their chosen sport of baseball during winter.
- To provide financial assistance to teams and clubs within the MWBL to meet recruitment and financial needs.
- To encourage greater participation in junior baseball by helping to raise the standard and profile of local clubs and teams throughout the MWBL.

The Grant(s) is not provided for the following purposes;

- Uniforms or equipment for existing teams,
- representative team financial costs,
- coaching qualifications,
- travel allowances,
- recruitment of players registered within the MWBL or competing leagues.

### ELIGIBILITY

The MWBL Junior Development Grants are available to individuals or teams who meet the below criteria:

- Individual applicants must be competing member league or clubs of the MWBL.
- Clubs, teams or individual applicants that have not received a subsidy in the last 12 months.
- Applicants must have a letter of support and confirmation from their sporting club or League / Association detailing their action plan. This letter must also outline how the grant will assist the individual/or team.
- Applicants can only apply for one financial grant per application.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Proposal or letter must demonstrate how the sports grant will assist the league, individual club or team in their development of NEW junior baseballers.

Applicants applying for an equipment grant for new players under the development criteria must submit evidence of costs incurred/ to be incurred i.e., receipt or proof of purchase. Please attach to application.

Applications will be assessed by the Executive Officers of the MWBL. In assessing the applications, the selection panel will, where necessary, consult with the applicant's club, coach or junior or senior league.

Unsuccessful applicants can re-apply, however they must re-submit another application for consideration.

All applicants will receive notification of the outcome in writing within three weeks of the respective closing application date.

## **REVIEW AND EVALUATION**

Leagues, Clubs or Teams successful in their application for a MWBL Junior Development grant must provide evidence of outcome of the program which will include;

- New recruitment numbers
- Benefit to league, clubs or teams participating in program.
- Budget analysis
- Future programs

## **FURTHER EVIDENCE**

The Board of the MWBL can ask for evidence of timeline and activity of program at any time deemed appropriate. Evidence of action plan and schedule will be required.

The MWBL Junior Development grant program is designed to encourage the stakeholders and members of the MWBL to actively pursue and encourage new participants to the sport of baseball, and for these participants to become long term, active members of a competing MWBL club.