

# Media Release

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## GRASSROOTS SPORTS GRANTS EXTENDED AS WE RETURN TO PLAY

Sports and recreation clubs, associations and leagues in Victoria now have extra time to apply for a funding boost under the Victorian Government's *Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package*.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced that the cut-off for applications for \$1,000 grants for clubs and up to \$15,000 for associations and leagues had been extended for 12 days, to 11.59pm on 30 June 2020.

The grants are helping clubs to meet costs to ensure they can remain operational and ready to return to play as coronavirus restrictions are gradually eased based on the directions of the Chief Health Officer.

This month to date, some 2,077 club grants for \$1,000 have been paid across Victoria, and a further 2,152 are being processed.

Since the start of the coronavirus shutdown, the community sport and active recreation sector has suffered significant revenue losses. With training and competition returning, it has never been more important for players, officials and volunteers to be supported.

Juniors will be able to return to full-contact training and competition from Monday, 22 June and adults will return to full-contact training on 13 July, ahead of a competition start date of 20 July.

The grants are part of the Government's \$40 million *Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package* which is helping state sporting associations, regional sports assemblies and academies, state sport and recreational bodies, associations and leagues, and clubs in these challenging times.

The Government is investing a further \$68 million in shovel-ready community sport and active recreation infrastructure projects across the state, to stimulate jobs and economic activity and deliver fantastic new projects to local communities

Further information on the club, league and association grants can be found at [sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package](https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

*"We're helping clubs to keep their heads above water and prepare so that their members are ready to get back playing the sport they love when it is safe to do so."*

*"I know that club members will be cheering every player, every umpire, every coach and every volunteer as they return to competition and with these grants we're trying to make that transition a little bit easier."*