

Media Release

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MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS TO PLAY SPORT THIS SUMMER

More vouchers to help pay for sporting equipment, uniforms and memberships are on offer for young Victorians to lap up more activity this summer as restrictions continue to ease.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced applications for the third round of the \$21 million *Get Active Kids Voucher Program* will open at 10:00am on Monday 4 October.

For the first time kids under four will be eligible, providing an opportunity to enroll toddlers in a range of activities including life-saving learn to swim classes.

Recipients in previous rounds are also eligible meaning young Victorians can continue playing sports like basketball throughout the year or switch seasonal sports from football to cricket.

With almost 23,000 vouchers snapped up the program has helped 31 per cent of voucher recipients join a local sports club for the first time.

Importantly, 43 per cent of voucher recipients to date have indicated they would not have been able to participate in their chosen sport or activity without this financial support provided by the Victorian Government.

The *Get Active Kids Voucher Program* helps young Victorians facing barriers to participating in sport and recreation.

To be eligible, kids need to be aged 0 to 18, a Victorian resident, named on a valid Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and named on a valid Medicare Card at the time of application.

The program also provides a special consideration stream to support temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants and international students aged up to 18 years at the time of application.

Eligible expenditure dates (for membership, uniform and equipment costs) in round three are from 1 January 2021 – 30 November 2021.

Applications close at 5pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021. To apply or for more information visit getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"Community sport should be a part of every child's life regardless of their circumstances and this will help make it more affordable and accessible."

"By removing financial barriers, even more kids can join their friends at local pools and playing the sports they love."

"This program will provide vital support to kids wanting to get out there and give sport a go as we prepare to return to play."