

# Media Release

**The Hon Ros Spence MP**  
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## MAKING KIDS SPORT MORE AFFORDABLE FOR FAMILIES IN 2023

The Andrews Labor Government is helping thousands of Victorian kids to get in the game and reducing cost of living pressures for families, with the next round of sports vouchers.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence met with junior cricketers at Oak Park Cricket Club to announce that applications for the *Get Active Kids Voucher Program* open today.

Eligible families can apply for vouchers of up to \$200 and use them at their registered Get Active Kids Voucher Activity Provider without having to worry about upfront costs. The vouchers can help pay for sporting equipment, uniforms and memberships in a range of activities – even learn to swim classes for toddlers.

There are more than 1,600 activity providers registered across Victoria. Almost 80,000 vouchers have been snapped up in previous rounds of the program, with nearly a quarter of those helping children join a local sports club for the first time.

Importantly, about half of recipients surveyed indicated they would not have been able to participate in their chosen sport or activity without the voucher.

To be eligible, kids must be aged 18 and under, 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.

A special consideration stream is available to support children residing in Victorian Care Services, temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants and international students aged 18 and under at the time of application.

Clubs, associations and organisations can register as a *Get Active Kids Voucher Activity Provider* to be able to redeem the voucher from the Government. To be eligible they must be affiliated with a recognised state sporting association or equivalent governing body.

Applications for this round of vouchers close on 10 May. Families can also continue to claim reimbursement for expenses already incurred from 28 November 2022 to 10 May. For more information go to [getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers](https://getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers).

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

*“The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is a great opportunity for eligible families to get their kids into sport without breaking the budget.”*

*“We know how passionate Victorians are about their sport and that’s why we are providing these vouchers to make it a little easier for families to get their kids involved in the sport they love.”*

### Quote attributable to Oak Park Cricket Club junior cricket coordinator Tim Branagan

*“We’re delighted to be part of an initiative that gets more kids of all abilities and backgrounds playing cricket at a local level.”*

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