



Financial Hardship Policy

1. Purpose

As a community sporting club, Cessnock Basketball Association aims to keep children and families involved in playing and supporting junior basketball. The purpose of this Policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for players experiencing financial hardship to ensure that every player has the opportunity to participate.

2. Key Considerations

The key considerations of this policy are:

- All financial assistance is at the discretion of the Cessnock Basketball Association Board of Directors and subject to available resources.

3. Available Assistance

- Reduction of fees (part or total).
- Personal playing equipment (e.g., basketball).
- Cessnock Basketball uniform items.

4. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for financial you must be experiencing financial hardship due to personal circumstances such as job loss, illness or other significant life events.

5. How to Apply

To apply for financial assistance, you need to submit a letter no longer than one page to president@cessnockbasketball.com.au outlining the following:

- Circumstances of hardship.
- Type of support requested (e.g., fees, uniform etc.).
- Supporting documentation (as available)
- Contact details.

6. Assessment Criteria

- Applicants must be current members of the Cessnock Basketball Association.
- Applications will be assessed on a needs basis, not first come first serve.
- All applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Board.
- The Board consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.



- A response with the application outcome will be issued within three (2) weeks of receipt.
- In interview with a member of the Board may be required if further information relating to your application is required.

7. Privacy

Cessnock Basketball appreciates the sensitive nature of details relating to applications for financial assistance. Further, Cessnock Basketball respects the privacy of all applicants and will only request the minimum amount of information required to assess the application.

Applications will only be viewed by the following Executive members of the Cessnock Association Board:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

The broader Cessnock Basketball Board will be advised about the overall decisions made in respect to this policy. The nature of this information will be limited to the total type and amount of support distributed. Should there be a need to deviate from this process the applicant will be informed, and consent requested prior to the distribution of any personal information more widely.

This policy applies to all Club members, players, volunteers, and supporters of Cessnock Basketball. This policy shall be displayed on the Cessnock Basketball website and is endorsed by the Board.

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