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Financial hardship policy in relation to registration fees

In certain circumstances where an athlete is not able to pay the annual registration fee, he/she can apply for financial support based on the following guidelines.

Option 1

Athlete advises Club Membership Officer that due to financial circumstances they are unable to pay the full upfront registration fee. Club Membership Officer after consultation with the Club Treasurer can at their discretion agree to a payment plan subject to the terms and conditions that are determined by the club.

Club will pay to SOA the appropriate upfront amount in full at the time the athlete's registration papers are lodged.

Club has responsibility to follow up with Athlete as to payment of each instalment amount at the agreed dates.

Option 2

In cases where an athlete is unable to commit to a payment plan due to extreme financial circumstances the following can apply.

Athlete advises Club Membership Officer as to reasons why they are unable to commit to a payment plan. After consultation with the Club Treasurer both agree that athlete qualifies for financial support.

Club Membership Officer advises SOA's Sport Development Manager as to circumstances and requests support.

Subject to approval by Sports Development Officer the following fee split will be agreed to

- Athlete to pay first \$15
- Club pays to SOA 30% (to nearest dollar) of the full registration fee
- SOA agrees to write-off any remaining balance owing.

By way of example – registration fee @ \$85.

- Athlete pays \$15
- Club pays \$26 to SOA
- SOA covers the balance remaining – i.e. \$44

If you require any further information please contact your relevant SOA Sports Development Manager.

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