

# RURAL Travel Fund

2017 - 2018 GUIDELINES



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## **Guidelines**

### **1) Background**

Geographical isolation, urban drift, lack of employment opportunities, and lack of access to other funding sources have been identified as barriers to participation in sports by young people in rural communities. The Rural Travel Fund was launched by Sport New Zealand in response to concerns raised by Territorial Authorities about the lack of participation in sports by young people living in rural communities.

The Rural Travel Fund subsidises travel for junior teams participating in local sports competitions outside of school time.

Sport New Zealand provides Rural Travel Funding to Territorial Authorities that have less than 10 people per square kilometre, and who wish to participate in the Rural Travel Fund. Those Territorial Authorities then provide the funding to junior teams, and administer the funding.

Sport New Zealand is making Rural Travel Funding available to Territorial Authorities in 2017/2018, so that they can allocate funding to eligible teams to use for travel to sports competitions.

### **2) Eligible teams**

Applications for funding from the Rural Travel Fund can be made by rural sport club teams and rural school club teams within the Territorial Authority region, with members aged between 5 and 19 years, who require financial assistance with transport costs so that they can participate in local sports competitions.

### **3) Eligible travel**

The following criteria will be applied by Territorial Authorities when considering applications for funding made by eligible teams (along with any other criteria that the Authority considers appropriate).

A rural school club team will be eligible for funding if it is participating in a regular local sports competition out of school time, which excludes inter-school and intra-school competitions run during school time.

A rural sports club team will be eligible for funding if it is participating in an organised, regular sports competition through club membership outside of school time.

**Please note:** Funding will **not** be provided for, and may not be used for, the purpose of travel to **regional** or **national** sports competition.

#### **4) Accountability for funding**

You must only use the funding for travel costs that arise from the team participating in a local competition, and as agreed with the relevant Territorial Authority.

You must return an accountability form to the Territorial Authority administering your funding that shows how the funding was spent, including by providing proof of purchases made and any receipts.

**Please note:** Accountability forms must be returned by 30 May 2018. If you do not return your accountability form by the date specified above, it may jeopardise the provision of future funding to your team.

#### **5) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

##### *GST registered organisations*

If you are a GST registered organisation, the Territorial Authority administering your funding will pay your funding plus GST. You must then account for the GST to the Inland Revenue Department (IRD).

##### *Non-registered GST organisations*

If you are not GST registered, the Territorial Authority administering your funding will not add GST to your funding.

#### **6) Return of unspent funds**

You must return any funds you have not spent as at 30 June 2018 to the Territorial Authority administering your funding.

#### **7) Further information**

If you have any questions regarding the Rural Travel Fund, there are FAQs at the back of these Guidelines. Sport New Zealand also has a FAQ section on its website at <http://www.sportnz.org.nz/managing-sport/programmes-and-projects/sport-new-zealand-rural-travel-fund>.

If you would like to speak to someone in person, please contact Fiona Ramsay at Sport New Zealand on 04 472 8058 – extension 3012 or email [fiona.ramsay@sportnz.org.nz](mailto:fiona.ramsay@sportnz.org.nz).

## 8) FAQs

### **Q. What is the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund?**

- A. The Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund is a partnership between Sport New Zealand and Territorial Authorities that assists the development of junior sport in rural communities by providing funding to subsidise travel.

### **Q. Who administers this funding?**

- A. Sport New Zealand provides Rural Travel Funding to Territorial Authorities who administer and allocate the funding in their regions.

### **Q. Can individuals apply for funding?**

- A. No, all applications must come from sport club teams or school club teams. Funding will not be provided to individual players, coaches or officials for the purpose of travel.

### **Q. How are Territorial Authorities selected to participate in the Rural Travel Fund?**

- A. Sport New Zealand has selected Territorial Authorities based on a formula that takes into account population density. Eligible Territorial Authorities have a population density of less than 10 people per square kilometre.

### **Q. Where can I get an application form?**

- A. Application forms can be obtained from your local Territorial Authority.

### **Q. Who can apply for funding?**

- A. Sport club teams and school club teams within a Territorial Authority that receives Rural Travel Funding, who have members aged between 5 and 19 years, and who meet the Rural Travel Fund eligibility criteria.

### **Q. Our team has applied for funding to help pay for travel expenses to get to National Champs. Are we eligible?**

- A. No, you are not. Funding is only available for travel to regular, local competition. For example, Saturday morning or week night games.

### **Q. Can we get funding for our school team for a one off or annual inter school competition?**

- A. No, funding is only available for travel to regular, local competition.

### **Q. How can I find out about the application process for the Rural Travel Fund?**

- A. Contact your local Territorial Authority for more information.

**Q. Who should I contact at Sport New Zealand for more information?**

A. Please contact Fiona Ramsay at Sport New Zealand on 04 472 8058 or email [fiona.ramsay@sportnz.org.nz](mailto:fiona.ramsay@sportnz.org.nz)