



FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide financial and other forms of assistance to basketball players who are experiencing severe financial hardship, in order to enable them to continue participating in basketball activities at Shoalhaven Basketball Association (SBA).

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for hardship assistance, a basketball player must meet the following criteria:

- a. The player must be a current member of SBA.
- b. The player or their immediate family must be experiencing severe financial hardship due to circumstances such as job loss, illness, or other significant life events.
- c. The player must have a demonstrated commitment to the sport and to SBA.

3. Assistance

SBA will provide assistance to eligible players in the following forms:

- a. Reviewing competition or registration fees.
- b. Providing financial assistance for travel expenses associated with attending basketball games or tournaments.
- c. Providing financial assistance for necessary equipment, such as uniforms or basketball shoes.

4. Application Process

Players who wish to apply for hardship assistance must complete an application form which can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/d7acEvxCULBmocuK7> . The form must include the following information:

- a. Details of the player's financial situation, including income and expenses.
- b. A description of the hardship the player or their family is experiencing.
- c. A statement from the player outlining their commitment to basketball and SBA.
- d. Any other relevant information.

The application will be reviewed by the SBA Financial Director, who will make a determination as to whether the player is eligible for assistance and, if so, what form that assistance should take.

5. Confidentiality

All information provided by the player in the application process will be treated as confidential and will only be shared with those who need to know in order to make a determination on the application.

6. Appeals

A player who is not satisfied with the determination made by the SBA Financial Director, may appeal the decision to the SBA Board.

7. Exclusions

Applying for hardship does not cover

1. Fee reductions due to a player being unable to play games due to injury.
2. Fee reductions due to a player being unable to participate due to work or study commitments.

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