

ALPINE CYCLING CLUB ATHLETE SPONSORSHIP POLICY



INTRODUCTION

This policy has been developed to provide a framework to ensure a consistent and fair approach to decision making around supporting club members in attaining their goals.

Alpine Cycling Club (the Club) exists to provide opportunities for cycling in the local community and specifically to support club members.

From time to time club members may seek the support of the club to compete in races or skills development for the benefit of the club.

Having club members racing at a high level improves the image of the club within the local community and the broader cycling community and provides inspiration for other members of the club.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are to:

1. Provide a framework to assist with facilitating financial support of club members with the cost of competing at high level cycling events
2. Provide a framework to assist with facilitating financial support of club members with the cost of undertaking training or skills development
3. Provide parameters for athletes wanting to apply for financial support
4. Provide an outline for the conditions to which an athlete must adhere in order to receive financial support from the club.

POLICY DETAILS

The following conditions have been developed to provide guidance for financial support of club members:

1. Support will be offered to athletes competing in official State, National or World Championship events
2. Support may be granted to athletes competing in other major / high profile cycling events after consideration of the athlete's contribution to the club and the positive outcomes of having a club member competing at the particular event
3. Members participating in coach training will be considered if they can demonstrate how their qualifications will benefit the Club
4. Members wishing to undertake Commissaire training will be granted support provided they can demonstrate how their training will benefit the Club
5. Support to assist with travel expenses for World Championship events up to \$1000 may be granted after consideration of the athlete's contribution to the club and the positive outcomes of having a club member compete at World Championships
6. Support may be granted to a team coach, manager or chaperone who is travelling to support a team of junior athletes (minimum 3 athletes) from the Club at an official State, National or World Championship event up to the sum of \$1000.

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Provided:

1. Applicants have been members of the Club for a minimum of 1 year prior to application for support
2. Applicants must live in North East Victoria
3. Applicants are able to demonstrate active support of the Club through volunteering for the Club
4. Applicants apply for support in writing (email secretary@alpinecyclingclub.com.au) at least one month prior to the proposed event
5. Athletes compete in club kit or approved state or national representative kit
6. Maximum support per applicant for skills development and entry fees is \$200 per year with a total limit of \$1000 per applicant
7. Members who receive financial support from the Club will represent the Club in a positive manner and promote cycling in the local region
8. Athletes must acknowledge the support of Alpine Cycling Club on social media posts and in any radio, television, newspaper or magazine interviews
9. Athletes may be required to provide a verbal or written report of their event at a club meeting, AGM or other club event
10. Applicants who are reported to have behaved in an unsporting manner, display bullying, harassment or anti-social behaviour at a cycling event or to have defamed the Club will not be eligible to receive support from the Club
11. Applicants under the age of 18 must have parental consent to apply for support from the Club
12. Applicants will acknowledge acceptance of these conditions before financial support is finalised.

APPROVAL PROCESS

1. All decisions will be made by agreement of at least 80% of the Committee of the Club
2. Submissions by club members will be considered by the Committee
3. Committee members must declare a conflict of interest if they are directly related to the applicant as a family member, guardian, coach, manager or if they have a personal relationship which may affect the outcome of the process
4. Committee members who declare a conflict of interest must withdraw from the process and not exert influence over the decision
5. Committee members who withdraw from the appraisal process or who do not participate will effectively reduce the number of committee eligible to vote
6. The decision of the committee will be recorded in the minutes of the Club meeting
7. The applicant will be advised of the outcome by email within a week of the Club meeting.
8. If accepted, the applicant will receive payment from the Club by direct debit into their nominated bank account

This Policy should be reviewed annually.

Approved at Alpine Cycling Club Meeting 11 May 2017.

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To apply for sponsorship by the Alpine Cycling Club please email these details to secretary@alpinecyclingclub.com.au

Applicant Name: **Address:**

Age: **Are you a current club member?**

How long have you been a member of Alpine Cycling Club?

What support are you seeking? *travel / entry fees / training*

How much support are you applying for? \$

Which event are you seeking support for:

State Championship: *MTB – DH* *MTB – XCO* *MTB – Enduro*
Road *Other*

National Championship: *MTB – DH* *MTB – XCO* *MTB – Enduro*
Road *Other*

World Championship *MTB – DH* *MTB – XCO* *MTB – Enduro*
Road *Other*

Other Event – please give details

What is the benefit to the club of supporting you to compete in this event?
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Official Training – please give details

Please explain how you will use this qualification to assist the club
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Are you a member of an official team? *Athlete / Manager / Coach*

What is the date of the event? **Location of Event?**

Please detail any other sponsorship or financial support you receive:

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Please explain how you have contributed to the club:

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I have read and accept the conditions of the policy as set out in the ACC Athlete Sponsorship policy.

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Applicant Signature *Date*

For applicants under 18 years of age: I have read and understand the ACC Athlete Sponsorship policy and give permission for my child to apply for sponsorship by Alpine Cycling Club.

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Name: *Signature:*