

# KiwiSport Waikato Kick Start Fund Information Pack



Sport Waikato on behalf of Sport New Zealand will be administering the KiwiSport Regional Partnership fund for the period September 2015 – September 2018. This document is designed to provide further information about KiwiSport and explain the criteria and application process for the **Kick Start** fund.

## *KiwiSport Waikato Kick Start Fund*

The contestable Kick Start Fund will be distributed to support projects/initiatives that can provide new or increased opportunities of organised sport for children aged 5-18yrs. It is designed to achieve the priorities and outcomes of KiwiSport as well as the community priorities identified during the 2015 consultation.

## *Application Overview*

**Who can apply?** Applications are available for submission from School groups, local clubs, registered community organisations and Waikato Regional Sports Organisations (RSO). It is highly recommended that applicants use the Kick Start project self-check form available at [www.kiwisportwaikato.org.nz](http://www.kiwisportwaikato.org.nz) prior to filling in an application.

**Funding rounds:** There are a total of 6 funding rounds that are open over the period 2015-2018. Each round is separated by 6 months and will align with the lead in to summer and winter sport sessions. Approximate closing dates are listed below

6<sup>th</sup> September 2015 (Confirmed)

February 2016

August 2016

February 2017

August 2017

February 2018

**Available funding:** \$75,000 (plus GST) is able to be allocated to successful projects in each round. A maximum of \$5000 may be applied for with funding being distributed across the greater Waikato region. Priority will be given to applications that include (but are not exclusive to) a minimum of 25% financial contribution (cash or in kind) towards the total project costs.

**Kick Start Project Example:** Below is a brief description of a Kick Start Project

A cluster of 4 schools jointly applied for Kick Start Funding that enabled them to each purchase softball equipment. Softball was identified as a sport of interest to students but there was currently no opportunities for them to be involved in the sport. Each school independently run 10 “have a go” sessions during lunchtime over a 5 week period. This led to interested students attending 5 afterschool practices before a 5 week social interschool softball competition also held afterschool between the cluster of schools. Each school used a proportion of their KiwiSport direct fund to help fund the project as well as in-kind contribution in the form of parent volunteers helping to run sessions.

## *Requirements*

All applications to the Kick Start fund must endeavour to cover the following general requirements. Details on how projects will achieve these requirements will be itemised in the application. Priority will be given to applications that include:-

- Projects that align with KiwiSport objectives and community priorities
- A minimum of 25% financial contribution (cash or in kind) towards the total project costs
- Delivery of sporting opportunities to school age students. (Aged between 5-18) Note: not all ages need to be catered for
- Creating links with local clubs or schools
- Reporting requirements as specified below
- Projects must commence within the funding round in which they are allocated
- Clear and timely communication with Sport Waikato's KiwiSport coordinator
- Project is supported by the relevant Regional or National Sport Organisation

## *Reporting Requirements*

A report is required to be completed on the outcomes of the project. Templates will be provided where appropriate. These include a summary of the impact and overall numbers achieved as a result of the project. A financial breakdown on what cost were associated with the project is also required. These reports are due 2 weeks after the completion of the project.

## *What is KiwiSport?*

KiwiSport is the government funded initiative designed to increase sporting opportunities for school aged students. Regional Sports trusts have administrated this fund on behalf of Sport NZ since 2009. The Waikato 2012-2015 investment model has been formally approved by Sport NZ and commenced in January 2013. Details of KiwiSport specific purposes and community priorities may be found below.

## *KiwiSport Specific Purposes*

Applications for the Kick Start fund must align with specific KiwiSport objectives.

- **More kids playing sport:** to increase the number of school-aged children participating in organised sport – during school, after school and by strengthening links with sports clubs;
- **More opportunities:** to increase the availability and accessibility of sport opportunities for all school-aged children to participate in organised sport; and
- **Better skills:** to support children in developing skills that will enable them to participate effectively in organised sport at both primary and secondary level.

## *KiwiSport Regional Partnership Fund Project Expectations*

In managing the RPF Fund, Sport Waikato is expected to invest in projects which;

- provide increased opportunities for school-aged children to participate in organised sport;
- leverage additional contributions from community groups;
- build and strengthen linkages between schools and community sports clubs; and
- take the wishes of the community into account;

- focus on programmes that support low participating groups getting appropriate community sport opportunities;
- Focus on innovative approaches that enable girls (10-18) to participate, in a way that meets their needs, in community sport.

### *KiwiSport Waikato Key Priorities*

The key priorities identified through the 2015 consultation for the Waikato region are listed below. These characteristics will help to shape new KiwiSport Waikato projects through 2015-2018.

- Providing **cost effective** sporting experiences for all children
- Developing wider **local opportunities** for young people to become involved in sport and **reducing** the amount of time and cost.
- **Encouraging adults** to become more involved in supporting youth sport
- **Fostering positive relationships** between schools and clubs
- Ensuring that competitions and sporting experiences **are developmentally appropriate for young people**
- **Development of Local Coaches** to help enable sport within the community
- Projects to **reflect seasonal nature of the sport**

### *Sport Waikato Support*

Support will be available from Sport Waikato programme staff including the KiwiSport Coordinator and District Coordinators. These teams have well established relationships within schools and clubs which may be invaluable in the planning process of the KiwiSport projects.

### *Applications*

Application forms may be filled in via the KiwiSport Waikato web page, [www.kiwisportwaikato.org.nz](http://www.kiwisportwaikato.org.nz)

Please contact Kerin McDonald if you require help or have questions regarding the application process.

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