



Round 1 Guidelines School Sports Equipment

Strategic Investments – Priority Programs

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Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Education acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands from across Queensland. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the state.

A better understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures develops an enriched appreciation of Australia's cultural heritage and can lead to reconciliation. This is essential to the maturity of Australia as a nation and fundamental to the development of an Australian identity.

Purpose

These guidelines are to assist and provide clarification to applicants when applying for the Go for Gold Fund (Round 1: School Sports Equipment).

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[Registration of interest form](#)

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1. Objective

The \$100 million Go for Gold Fund for School Sports Infrastructure (Go for Gold Fund) was established by the Queensland Government as part of the 2022-23 State Budget to encourage greater participation in school sport across the state, getting more children more active, more often. The objective of the Go for Gold Fund is to enhance student activity and participation in sports in preparation for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

2. Overview

The Go for Gold Fund will be administered in two rounds:

- Round 1: School Sports Equipment
- Round 2: School Sports Infrastructure

The purpose of both rounds is to encourage active play, engagement in learning (health and physical education curriculum) and increase participation in sports.

Only one application per school will be accepted for Round 1: School Sports Equipment. Schools may also be eligible to make an application for sports infrastructure project funding in Round 2.

3. Eligible applicants

Eligible applicants for the Go for Gold Fund Round 1: School Sports Equipment are Schools in Queensland including:

- State and non-state schools (including primary, middle and high schools)
- Special Schools
- Schools of Distance Education
- Outdoor and Environmental Education Centre
- Associated Facilities (in a different location) and Campuses

A principal is responsible for applying for funding.¹

Only one Sports Equipment application per school will be accepted.²

The school must be registered in the department's School Appropriation and Payment Application (SAPA).³

¹ Mandatory requirement

² Mandatory requirement. Each campus of a school is eligible to apply, except where located at the same site (suburb) only one application will be accepted.

³ Mandatory requirement

4. Eligible applications

Applications must be for school sports equipment that increases student activity, participation in sports or active engagement in learning (Health and Physical Education (HPE) as part of the Australian Curriculum).

Sports Equipment applications across both traditional and emerging sports are eligible. For example: fitness equipment, nets, balls, bats, gloves, protective equipment, bibs, mats, training accessories, athletics equipment and portable goals.

The Sports Equipment application may include equipment across multiple sports / activities.

5. Ineligible applications

- Applications which include equipment that does not clearly relate to increasing student physical activity, participation in sports or active engagement in learning at schools. Examples of ineligible equipment include the following:
 - Darts, dart boards
 - Billiards, pool cues
 - Dog agility equipment
 - Marching band equipment
 - Camp draft, rodeo or hunting equipment
 - Fishing equipment
 - Drones or remote-controlled equipment
 - Computers or IT equipment for electronic sports
 - Motor sports.

6. Funding available

The amount requested must not exceed the relevant amount based on the school's 2021 Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA).⁴

For schools with an ICSEA equal to or below 992, Sports Equipment applications may be funded up to \$5,000 (excl. GST).

For schools with an ICSEA above 992 and up to and including 1041, Sports Equipment projects may be funded up to \$3,000 (excl. GST).

Schools with an ICSEA above 1041 may be funded for Sports Equipment projects up to \$500 (excl. GST).

Schools can access their 2021 ICSEA from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority's [My School website](#).

⁴ Mandatory requirement

Schools with low student numbers, specific purpose schools and new schools who do not have an ICSEA, will be eligible for Sports Equipment funding up to \$5,000 (excl. GST).

7. How to apply

Applicants must register their interest via the form located at <https://survey.ged.qld.gov.au/n/elOhm38>. Applicants will be sent a link to the application form.

Applicants must submit an application (via the link provided after registering) by 5pm, Friday 31 March 2023. A *confirmation of receipt* email will confirm that the application and attachments have been received. Applicants are responsible for submitting the application and attachments prior to the closing date. Any attachments provided after the closing date may not be considered and the application deemed ineligible at the discretion of the Department of Education.

Applicants intending to submit a Sports Equipment application should note the following:

- A quote or other evidence supporting the cost of the sporting equipment will need to be submitted with the application.
 - State schools are required to comply with the Department of Education's [supply arrangements](#).
 - Applicants should note that funding may be provided up to the relevant limit. In the event of future price rises, the applicant may be required to meet the difference between the grant amount and cost of the sporting equipment.⁵
- State whether the Sports Equipment will increase student physical activity and or sports participation and or engagement in learning (used in an HPE class).
- Project funding terms and conditions will include promoting the Go for Gold Fund. The applicant will be required to promote the Go for Gold Fund using social media and in school newsletters once the Sports Equipment arrives and is in use.

8. Important Dates

Date	Activity
November 2022	Expressions of interest open
March 2023	Applications close
April 2023	Applications screened for eligibility, assessed and prioritised
May 2023	Projects announced, agreements executed and funding transferred (payments may be scheduled through to July).
December 2023	Sports equipment to be purchased and an implementation report submitted.

⁵ In the event that a price rise affects the goods described on the submitted quote and there are remaining funds in the Round 1 allocation, the Department of Education may at its discretion provide some additional funding to applicants so affected. This additional funding will only be available to schools with a 2021 ICSEA at or below 992. The Department of Education may prioritise allocation of such payments using the lowest ICSEA first.

9. Assessment and prioritisation

Applications will be assessed according to these guidelines. Applications will be reviewed by Priority Programs, Infrastructure Services Division to ensure the mandatory requirements set out at Appendix 1 are met. Applications that do not meet the mandatory requirements will not be considered further.

In the event of oversubscription of the fund applications will be prioritised using the school's ICSEA (lowest first) until exhausted. Applicants will be notified by email if the fund is oversubscribed.

Applications may be prioritised to achieve a spread of projects across the State, such that 50% of program funding occurs outside of South East Queensland.⁶

Refer to Appendix 1 Assessment and prioritisation: Go for Gold Sports Equipment

10. Grant implementation and reporting

Successful applicants will be required to enter a contract and comply with the terms and conditions. It is expected that recipients will apply the funds to the purchase of equipment within two months of receipt of funding. Recipients have an obligation to retain records and receipts for purchases of equipment for audit purposes, these should be made available to the department upon request.

The management, delivery and reporting of successful Sports Equipment applications approved under the Go for Gold School Fund is the responsibility of the principal.

11. Payments

Successful Sports Equipment applications will be funded through the Department of Education's financial payment system (SAPA). Sports Equipment funding may be scheduled in either the 2022/23 or 2023/24 financial years.

12. Compliments and complaints

The Department of Education welcomes feedback. If applicants are dissatisfied with how their application has been handled, or a decision about their application, they can find information about the department's customer complaints management framework on our website. [Compliments and customer complaints.](#)

⁶ South East Queensland as defined by the Queensland Government Statisticians Office as including the following Local Government Areas: Brisbane (C), Gold Coast (C), Ipswich (C), Lockyer Valley (R), Logan (C), Moreton Bay (R), Noosa (S), Redland (C), Scenic Rim (R), Somerset (R), Sunshine Coast (R), Toowoomba (R)

Appendix 1 Assessment and prioritisation: Go for Gold Sports Equipment

Mandatory requirements	
Eligibility	
	The application is made by a principal
	The application funding request (excluding GST) does not exceed the relevant limit (\$500, \$3,000 or \$5,000) based on the school's 2021 ICSEA
	Only one application per school will be considered
Project meets program objectives	
	The project improves physical activity opportunities, participation in sport outcomes or active engagement in learning at schools.

Prioritisation process	
I.	Applications will be screened for meeting the mandatory criteria
II.	In the event of oversubscription, applications will be prioritized on the basis of school ICSEA (lowest first) until funding is exhausted.
III.	A geographic criterion may be applied to ensure a spread of projects across the state, including not less than 50% of funds awarded to regional and remote areas.