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Mr. M. Mansfield
Secretary
Victorian Amateur Volleyball Assoc.
21 Pilcher Street
BENDIGO Vic. 3550

Dear Mr. Mansfield

Please find enclosed a copy of the revised Victorian Sports
Aid Foundation application guidelines.

Should you have any queries regarding this Foundation
please contact Mr Ken Norris, Sports Development Officer,
on the above number.

Yours faithfully



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Director-General

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VICTORIAN SPORTS AID FOUNDATION

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. INTRODUCTION

The Victorian Sports Aid Foundation (VSAP) is a joint project of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the Statewide Building Society.

Applications will be assessed under the following objectives and categories :

- (A) To materially assist the improvement of those Victorian athletes who are currently ranked in the top 15 of international rankings for that particular sport.
- (B) To materially assist those Victorian athletes who are currently internationally ranked in their particular sport.
- (C) To materially assist those Victorian athletes who are not currently internationally ranked but are ranked in the top 8 of Australian rankings.

Rankings to apply to both Junior and Senior athletes.

Funds will be distributed in accordance with the above priorities.

- Category A - Up to \$5,000 (Unless special circumstances)
- B - Up to \$2,500 (Unless special circumstances)
- C - Up to \$1,500 (Unless special circumstances)

2. GENERAL

In submitting the application, sportsmen and women should have regard to the following :-

- (i) When an application for airfares is received from a member of an official Australian team, the achievement of one of the above-mentioned objectives must be very clearly established.
- (ii) Use of the grant or loan by the applicant should result in an improvement in performance and not be merely a small step towards a predetermined goal.
- (iii) When considering a grant, every applicant will be judged as a single person when assessing financial need. Applicants who have dependants or who have extra ordinary financial commitments may be considered for a loan in lieu or addition to the grant.
- (iv) A grant is to extend for the duration of the financial year, after which a review will take place prior to other monies being committed.
- (v) No grants will be made for retrospective expenses.

(vi) As a guideline to establishing financial requirement, the following approach is recommended :

- (a) State objective to be achieved;
- (b) State cost of achieving objective;
- (c) State other sources of financing;
- (d) b minus c should be the requested dollar assistance.

(vii) It is quite likely that a personal interview will be requested.

(viii) No person can be assessed more than once in a 12 month period.

(ix) Assistance to athletes from the one sport will not exceed 20% of the total monies available in any one financial year, unless by special recommendation by the VSAF Advisory Committee.

3. TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

(i) Assistance is available in three categories :-

- (a) Scholarships - for pursuit of sport while still involved in full time study.
- (b) Grants - based on the ability of the individual and his/her plans to further their sporting prowess.
- (c) Loans - interest free where appropriate.

(ii) Equipment sought under this scheme must be for the use of persons being assisted and not for the general use of the relevant sporting association. However, equipment should revert to the association if the grantee ceases to be involved in the sport.

4. INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED

(i) Applicants should include the following in their submission :-

- (a) type and amount of assistance required;
- (b) reasons assistance required;
- (c) plan of their short, immediate and long term goals in the sport;
- (d) endorsement of relevant parent sporting association and/or senior officials;
- (e) sources (if any) of other financial assistance;
- (f) three supportive references as to character, sporting achievements and attitudes;
- (g) record to date in sport;
- (h) any other information which may support the application.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(i) Applications should be received at least three months prior to the time assistance is required.

(ii) Applicants may be required to attend an interview in relation to the application.

(iii) To assist processing, a telephone contact should be provided with the application.

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- (iv) Athletes who are financially assisted through the Victorian Sports Aid Foundation must agree to report to the Advisory Committee on results achieved during and after assistance.
- (v) The Advisory Committee will personally or by nominee, monitor and assist recipients throughout the period of assistance.

6. ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS

- (i) All applications will be assessed by an Advisory Committee who will make recommendations to the Minister regarding the distribution of funds.
- (ii) The Advisory Committee will consist of two (2) State Sports Council representatives, two (2) representatives from Statewide Building Society and one (1) Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer.

7. TO WHOM ASSISTANCE IS PAYABLE

- (i) All approved assistance will be paid through the relevant sporting association.

8. HOW TO APPLY

- (i) Applications are invited from any individual amateur sportsman or sportswoman.
- (ii) Applicants may apply direct to the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and send a copy to his/her association.

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED:-

Director-General
Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation
23rd Floor, Marland House
570 Bourke Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

and should be marked: "Attention - Victorian Sports Aid Foundation Advisory Committee".

Any personal or telephone enquiries should be directed to Mr Ken Morris at the above address or telephone (03) 602 1566.