

Guidelines for the distribution of Travel Grants

Aim

The aim of this document is to provide guidance to the Western Australia Laser Association (WALA) Executive Committee (hereafter referred to as 'the Committee') in the distribution of Travel Grants.

Introduction

Funds may be available to selected sailors at the discretion of the Committee to subsidise the travel costs associated with international Laser sailing events. Sailors will be selected on their individual merits, and their support and participation in WALA activities.

The concept for awarding Travel grants is to promote PARTICIPATION; performance is of secondary consideration. To facilitate this aim, all successful applicants will receive the same amount of financial support, regardless of the results attained during the event.

Money will not be made available for every event. The Committee will sanction World events for which sailors may apply for financial support.

Application Process

Applications must be lodged in writing to the Committee before travel to the WALA sanctioned event is commenced and by the advertised deadline. Email admin@walaser.org

Applications received by the Committee after the commencement of the event for which financial assistance is sought will NOT be processed.

Sailors will be informed if their application is successful, or not, at the next available opportunity after the Committee decision has been made, by the most practicable means.

Applicant Criteria

Sailors receiving funding support are expected to have contributed to the Western Australian Laser sailing activities and will be expected to continue contributing on their return from the event for which they are receiving funds. Contribution includes:

- Past regular participation in WALA events and regattas is considered MANDATORY for applicants;
- Undertaking administrative functions within WALA; such as appointment to the Executive Committee;
- Attending WALA events and regattas in a support role, such as umpire, starter or rescue boat crew, and
- Conduct of coaching clinics or support of coaching clinics.

OR

The sailor or their direct family have volunteered at WALA level or club level in an official or non official capacity in the previous season on a consistent basis e.g. race day duties, volunteer coaching and other approved tasks assisting the laser class association.

Applicants MUST be current financial members of WALA.

Successful Applicants

Grant money will be paid after the event and upon receipt of a short report with some photos or video for publication on the Associations website and FaceBook site.

Report to describe:

- Their participation and performance throughout the event;
- The organisation of the event including highlights, and lowlights with recommendations, and
- Lessons learnt

Unsuccessful Applicants Appeal

Sailors who are unsuccessful in their application to receive a WALA Travel Grant must first make a written submission to the WALA President stating their intent to appeal. The applicant must then make their appeal in person at the next Committee meeting.

The Committee will make a decision based on the appeal. This decision will be final. No further appeals will be considered.

Sanctioned Events

The Committee will decide for which events sailors may make applications for financial assistance. The events to be considered will include:

- World Championship events;

Events for which funds will be made available will be advertised.

Distribution

The Committee will decide on the funding to be made available for each event, depending on the financial health of the WALA at the time. Sailors will apply for an equal share of the available funds, however the amount received will not exceed the guidelines below:

For World Championships event, A\$600 per applicant;

For example:

If A\$2000 was made available for a World Championship event and 5 sailors had made successful applications, each sailor would receive A\$400. If only 2 sailors made successful applications each would receive A\$600.

Any undistributed funds would be retained by WALA for allocation and/or investment as required.

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