

# **Representative Scholarship Guideline**

### **Purpose**

The aim of the Orange Thunder Touch football Scholarship Program is to provide one-off, short-term relief to families who are experiencing financial hardship to enable children selected in an Orange Thunder representative team to be able participate regardless of financial status.

#### **Scholarship Criteria**

Limited scholarships are available to families who need financial assistance during the Representative Touch Football Season. The hardship experienced could include personal circumstances such as:

- sole parent or carer
- · parent or carer has recently lost their job
- impacted by a long-term medical condition/terminal illness
- impacted by Family and Domestic Violence
- has a disability or parent/carer has a disability
- · refugee status
- · regional/remote disadvantage

#### **Application process**

Families who meet one or multiple of the criteria above may apply for the scholarship via the <u>Junior Representative Scholarship application form</u> following the selection of your child. In exceptional circumstances the Committee may consider applications made during the representative season. Assistance completing this form can be provided by a member of Orange Thunder Touch Football Executive (Executive).

All applications will be assessed by the Executive on a case-by-case basis. Decisions will be made at the Executives discretion on the merits and circumstances of each case and are dependent on availability of funds.

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in writing with the Executives decision being final. Successful applicants will receive details of the amount of the scholarship and how it will be applied.

All applications and information about applicants' financial situations will be treated with strict confidentiality and will only be discussed at the Executive Committee level. Only general/broad information on the scholarships will be discussed at the Committee meetings such as numbers of scholarship applicants, costs and funds available, names or details of applicants will not be disclosed or discussed.

## **Payment of Scholarships**

Depending on your circumstances and the number of scholarship applications received, the financial support may be available as:

- a one off lump sum deduction to be applied to the Representative Player Levy of up to \$200; and/or
- a personal loan for the player levy with a schedule of repayments to be negotiated by Executive with you





