

**EASTERN SUBURBS ATHLETIC CLUB
TRAVEL SUBSIDY POLICY (outside Tasmania)
(as at 18 October 2018)**

Eastern Suburbs Athletic Club (ESAC) encourages all athletes and officials to pursue competition at the highest level available, and makes all attempts to limit the financial stress imposed on athletes and their families. ESAC shall do this by making financial contributions to members selected in teams selected by Athletics Tasmania and those appointed to officials' positions by Athletics Australia.

For an athlete/official to be eligible to receive travel subsidies from ESAC, they must be a financial member of ESAC at the time they are named in the team. Any person joining subsequent to being named in a team shall not be eligible for any subsidy.

Any athlete/official applying for a travel subsidy shall be ranked on a scale from 1 to 5, based on support to club activities, including fund raising, coaching, committee, regular competition and any other club events. Subsidies shall then be paid as a base for level 1 (currently \$50), with an equal increment (currently \$50) per level with a current maximum of \$250. *Please note that to be eligible for a subsidy any higher than Level 2, you or a family member will need to have helped out in some way on one of the events which bring funds to ESAC (Round the River, Point to Pinnacle, City to Casino or Cadbury Marathon are the main ones).*

If an athlete/official applies for subsequent subsidies in a year (a year deemed to start at 1 October), their maximum ranking shall be one lower than the previous subsidy (for example, a person who receives a level 5 subsidy for December All Schools, can receive a maximum of level 4 for National Juniors, and Level 3 for National Cross Country if they attended all 3). An athlete/official on Level 1 will still receive subsequent Level 1 subsidies. Application needs to be made prior to the travel taking place, using the form of the ESAC website. Where circumstances occur where team members have not had sufficient notice of their selection/appointment, the committee may, at its discretion, still pay subsidies to team members, subject to later application.

Any person selected for a team at U/18 level or above, prior to applying for a subsidy shall complete the Level 1 Anti-Doping Course on www.asada.gov.au to be eligible for subsidy levels above level 1. The certificate shall be attached to the application.

Subsidies will normally only be paid for teams named by Athletics Tasmania for Athletics Australia run events** (See note). Events at a higher level for athletes and officials shall be on an individual case basis. The committee may vary from the above policy if extenuating circumstances exist. Applicants seeking a variation are requested to outline their request in writing and submit through the President, who, in consultation with the Executive, will consider these matters and advise the applicant of the decision. Should the application be successful, the Treasurer will record that a decision was made by the Executive to provide a subsidy. No further details are required to be recorded in the minutes.

** In relation to the School Sports Track and Field and Primary Cross Country, where teams are selected by Athletics Tasmania, but the events are not specifically held by Athletics Australia, ESAC will pay a subsidy (currently \$75) to any selected athlete who is already a registered member of ESAC at the time of the designated selection trial. There will be no application required, these shall be automatic.