

## **SPORTING CLUB REBATE GUIDELINES**

### **1. Objective**

The objective of the guideline is to provide a rates incentive to the properties owned by, or leased to recreational and sporting associations that are registered as 'not for profit' and operate for the benefit of members and are open to the whole community.

### **2. Guideline Statement**

This guideline is designed to assist those involved in sporting and recreational activities and to help continuation of those activities. Sports Club means Australian sporting clubs organised for the purposes of playing sports (either individually or as teams) with a registered Australian Business Number. The terms 'game' and 'sport' are not defined and take their ordinary meaning. Games and sports extend to athletic games or sports (such as football and swimming) and non-athletic games (such as chess and bridge). They do not extend to stamp-collecting, keeping and showing pets, making model railways, maintaining vintage cars, various social and recreational pursuits.

### **3. Applications**

Annual applications for the sporting club concession will only be approved in the following circumstances:

1. The land must be wholly used for sporting or recreational activities.
2. It is a not-for-profit society, association or club
3. It is established for the purpose of encouragement of either a game or sport
4. The main sporting and recreational activities involve individual or team games and competitions and does not relate to any of the **not** allowable activities.

**The following activities, but not limited to, are not allowable:**

- Rod Clubs/Associations
- Car Racing Clubs/Associations
- Shooting Clubs/Associations
- Animal Keeping/Racing Clubs/Associations
- Model Railway Clubs/Associations
- Model Aircraft Clubs/Associations

The owner or lessee is required to apply in writing using the approved application form. It is a requirement to provide the following documents to support your claim:

- A cover letter
- Completed application
- The association's constitution
- Current audited financial statements
- ASIC Not for profit registration
- Any additional documents if requested by the City

A 75% rebate of rates applies as a donation to recreational and sporting associations upon application to Council each year. Please complete the attached sporting club concession application form. The association's constitution and current audited financial statements along with a covering letter must be submitted to verify that the association is not conducted for the financial profit of members and accordingly qualifies as a "sporting association" in accordance with section 6.47 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Rates assessments are required to be paid by the due date, irrespective of whether a concession application has been lodged. Overdue rates and charges will incur penalty interest after the due date. Any credit balances may be refunded on request, please note proof of payment will be required.

#### **4. Delegation**

The Manager, Financial Services and Rates has delegated authority to approve applications in accordance with this guideline without reference to Council.

#### **5. Objection**

Any objections or appeals by owners or lessees of properties regarding the decision of the Manager, Financial Services and Rates will be referred to Council for determination.