

ARU Welfare Fund

The ARU Welfare Fund is an independent Trust, separate to the Australian Rugby Union (ARU), established to provide financial and other assistance to persons who have been involved in the game of Rugby and are in necessitous circumstances. Three independent Trustees consider applications and determine the extent of any such funding or assistance.

Beneficiaries of the Fund

Beneficiaries of the fund are persons, residing in Australia, and who are players or former players (or their dependants) or other participants in the game of Rugby Union played under the jurisdiction of the Australian Rugby Union or one of its affiliated bodies.

Participants include a player, referee, touch judge, coach, trainer, selector or other individual involved in the organisation, administration, promotion or in any other capacity associated with the game of Rugby Union.

Purpose of the Fund

The purpose of the fund is to provide assistance to Rugby participants in need by reason of injury, accident, ill health, disability or other misfortune.

Such assistance may be way of funding or contribution to education, medical equipment, advancement in life, assistance with mobility, legal advice or contribution to another fund established to support the applicant beneficiary.

In a case of costs associated with an injury from Rugby, consideration will be given only to costs not recoverable under existing ARU or other insurance schemes.

Application Process to the Fund

The following are to be supplied:-

- 1) A letter of support from an official of the State or Territory Union, if possible confirming the details of the application.
- 2) A letter from the players club or other participants association with brief details of playing career or other involvement.
- 3) Documentation regarding any injury, setting out:
 - The nature and circumstances of the injury
 - Date of when the injury occurred
 - Location of where the injury occurred
 - Any known details of subsequent progress. This should include a statement from a Medical Officer or Health Care Institution indicating the present condition and possible future problems.
- 4) A concise statement of the support being sought and how any funds will be used. If support for courses or purchase of equipment is being requested, details of estimated costs or quotes obtained should be supplied.
- 5) For situations that are not the result of a Rugby injury, three eminent Rugby persons on behalf of the proposed beneficiary may make applications.

Applications with supporting documentation marked CONFIDENTIAL and mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to:-

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