



## Policy Title: Program of Merit

Policy Owner: Training & Development

Policy Code: T&DPM1001

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### Key Objective

Program

Eligibility

Process

Amount of Funding

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A key objective of South of Perth Yacht Club is encouraging the development of top-level sailors, coaches, and officials. In a broader framework this is part of the club's commitment to the development of its members and the sport of sailing in Western Australia and Australia.

Program of Merit is an annual funding assistance from the club and is implemented by the T&D committee.

### Programs should:

1. Be targeted to reach elite level and selections to National and International events and National Teams/Squads.
2. State achievable milestones and goals, including a sport technical plan and Planning outlining how the candidate will achieve those milestones and goals.
3. Outline how the applicant will use the program to further their sportive development in a maximum 300-word summary.
4. The program shall be sailing related as either a:
  - a. Competitor
  - b. Official
  - c. Coach or Trainer

### Eligibility:

1. Any SoPYC Junior, Family, Centreboard or Ordinary Member may apply for the Program of Merit.
2. Applicants must be in their 2nd consecutive year of membership.
3. During this time, they should have demonstrated active participation in regular Club activities such as training programs and/or performance development training programs, Club racing, and represented the club at state and/or national events.
4. Applicants must be financial members.
5. Applicants must acknowledge the Club in their event registrations, acknowledge and promote the Club via all related media.
6. The application shall be accompanied by a Sport Technical Plan (STP) approved by the Training and Development Chair and supported by the Head Coach and a brief budget.
7. Previous recipients of the grant will remain eligible for future grants based on their merit.

### Process:

1. Lodge an application with the Club.
2. The Head Coach checks that all requirements have been met and all submissions provided.
3. The Training and Development Chair and Head Coach consider the applications.
4. The Training and Development Chair will recommend applications to the Training and Development Committee.
5. The Training and Development Committee approve applications and recommend the proportion of the grant to be given to each successful applicant.
6. Applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application within 7 days of the Management Committee final decision.
7. If application is successful, the funds in full to be paid via EFT into a bank account or credited towards Club account.
8. Follow up and final acquittal of the Program of Merit shall include a statement by the applicant including results for major events and a maximum 300-word summary of the program including all major achievements.



**Amount of Funding:**

A cap for total funding for the Program of Merit is set yearly in the Annual budget. All grant approvals are discretionary decisions of the Club and are subject to the limits of the Club budget and its financial position at the time.

Distribution of funds will be decided by the Training and Development Committee, with the final approval given by the Management Committee.

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