

Policy: Facility Access Assistance Policy
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Basketball ACT ('BACT') Facility Access Assistance Policy

1. Purpose:

One of the most significant challenges BACT faces is access to appropriate, suitable and affordable competition and training facilities for basketball activities in the ACT. This policy has been created to assist Community-based Clubs and School-based clubs in facilitating access to new and/or alternate venues for basketball activities, including training and competitions.

2. Eligibility:

To be eligible for facility access assistance under this policy, the applicant must:

- a) Be a "Community-based Club" or "School-based club" as defined under the [BACT Club Structure Document](#) (Clause 2), AND;
- b) Have no outstanding or overdue debt and/or monies owing to BACT, AND;
- c) Be applying for assistance to access a suitable/appropriate facility that BACT, or a BACT-affiliated body, does not currently (at the time of the application) have access to for basketball activities.

3. Types of assistance provided under this policy:

BACT, at its absolute sole discretion and if the applicant is eligible under Clause 2 of this policy, may provide assistance in the following ways:

- a) *Written support of the applicant:* BACT may draft correspondence addressed to the facility operator in support of the applicant accessing the facility.
- b) *Financial assistance:* An amount of no more than \$2,000.00 (exc. GST) may be provided to facilitate the applicant's access to the facility. This amount **MUST** be used for maintenance and/or facility upgrades, or some other purpose as approved by BACT that facilitates access (i.e. alarm system upgrades, line marking/floor maintenance, lock upgrades, etc.), and cannot be used to pay for facility hire. Evidence, such as quotes or a letter from the facility operator, may be requested by BACT prior to the provision of financial assistance. In

special circumstances, BACT may consider amounts greater than \$2,000.00 if the applicant can match the amount dollar-for-dollar.

4. Applications for assistance:

Applications will be assessed under the following provisions:

- a) Any given applicant organisation can only utilise the financial assistance component under this policy ONCE in any given financial year, which currently runs from 1 October – 30 September.
- b) Applications will be reviewed on a “first-come, first-served” basis in any given financial year.
- c) BACT will only allocate a set amount of pooled funding for this policy in any given annual budget. Once this allocation has been exhausted there will be no further financial assistance provided to any applicant, irrespective of whether or not each Community-based Club and/or School-based club has obtained such.
- d) BACT reserves the right to withdraw the pooled funding amount at any moment, with or without prior notice.
- e) Preference may be given to applications in which BACT is able to build a relationship with the facility operator, and/or utilise the facility for its own purposes.

Applications must be provided in the format as determined by BACT from time to time.

BACT maintains sole discretion when assessing applications, and approving or denying such as it deems appropriate. The determination of the Chief Executive Officer is final in any application, and there will be no avenue for appeal.