

HOBIE CAT ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR ASSISTING MEMBERS FINANCIALLY

1. ATTENDING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1.1 RATIONALE:

Given that the National Championships will occur in W.A. only once every five years, W.A. skippers and crews are at considerable disadvantage in those other years, due to the daunting cost of transport and travel expenses to eastern states venues.

1.2 OBJECTIVES:

It is the objective of this statement to lay down procedure to enhance opportunity for members to attend National Championships.

1.3 GENERAL RULE:

The general rule is to apply when nominating members for Government assistance, or allocating funds from the Hobie Cat Association of Western Australia (HCAWA), is equal consideration to classes, fairness to members and regard to achievement in qualifying events. The specific rules which follow endeavour to set out in detail the procedures that will be followed. However, it is possible that unexpected circumstances may exist, in which case the Management Committee will make decisions in accordance with the spirit of this general rule.

1.4 SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE:

Finance is available from two sources, (1) The Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, and (2) HCAWA.

It is likely that the amount of funds available from the Department will be unknown prior to the championships as will any qualifying conditions. Each year will probably be different. It is therefore necessary to separate the guidelines according to source of assistance.

1.5 DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE:

If funds are distributed direct by the Department, then the rules of the Department will prevail. The HCAWA will endeavour to maximise the grant and influence a fair distribution between members.

If funds are transferred to the HCAWA for distribution without qualification or conditions, they are to be divided equally between all fleets and in turn up to three qualifying skippers from each fleet so that the final distribution is of equal value.

Qualification is gained at the last State titles and according to final placing, without limitations. Skippers who compete in more than one fleet at the Nationals may only rank once for assistance.

1.6 HCAWA ASSISTANCE:

Assistance from the HCAWA is additional to any assistance from the Department.

All members attending the Nationals will qualify for assistance, subject to:

- ◆ being a financial member by the 1st of September

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- ◆ a limit of \$250 per boat
- ◆ the accumulated profits from the Cat Classic events conducted by the HCAWA.

1.7 OTHER ASSISTANCE:

The proceeds from any special fund raising activities other than the Cat Classics, or from general funds, held by the HCAWA will be divided equally between all members attending the Nationals.

2. ATTENDING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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2.1 RATIONALE:

World Hobie Championships will generally be held at venues which could involve considerable travel and expense to members of the Hobie Cat Association of Western Australia (HCAWA). Assistance is to be maximised and fairly distributed.

2.2 OBJECTIVES:

To lay down procedures to guide the Management Committee in allocating available funds.

2.3 GENERAL RULE:

The general rule is to apply when nominating members for Government assistance, or allocating funds from the Hobie Cat Association of Western Australia (HCAWA), is equal consideration to classes, fairness to members and regard to achievement in qualifying events. The specific rules which follow endeavour to set out in detail the procedures that will be followed. However, it is possible that unexpected circumstances may exist, in which case the Management Committee will make decisions in accordance with the spirit of this general rule. In particular, the timing of the World Championships for different classes, and their relationship to the HCAWA financial year, may cause other difficulties.

2.4 SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE:

Finance is available from three sources, (1) The Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, (2) HCAWA and (3) the Australian National Hobie Cat Association (ANHCA). Each source is to be treated separately.

2.5 DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE:

If funds are distributed direct by the Department, then the rules of the Department will prevail. The HCAWA will endeavour to maximise the grant and influence a fair distribution between members.

If funds are transferred to the HCAWA for distribution without qualification or conditions, they are to be divided equally between all fleets and in turn up to three qualifying skippers from each fleet so that the final distribution is of equal value.

Qualification is gained at the last State titles and according to final placing, without limitations. In the event that World Championships for different fleets are held at the same location and at the same time, skippers will only rank once for assistance.

2.6 HCAWA ASSISTANCE:

All prequalifying members attending World Championships will qualify equally for assistance. Funds may be raised at a special event, or appropriated from general funds. members must be financial by the 1st of September and funding is limited to \$500 per member.

2.7 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL HOBIE CAT ASSOCIATION ASSISTANCE:

Assistance may be provided according to the rules and conditions prevailing.

3. ATTENDING SPECIAL EVENTS

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3.1 RATIONALE:

W.A. skippers and crews are at a considerable disadvantage in attending special events outside W.A. and these events are not covered in the policy for financial assistance to attend National Championships and World Titles.

3.2 OBJECTIVES:

It is the objective of this statement to lay down procedure to enhance opportunity for members to attend Special Events outside W.A..

3.3 GENERAL RULE:

The general rule is to apply funds with equal consideration to classes and fairness to members. The goal is to promote and encourage sailors to represent Western Australia in that Hobie class. These funds are only available for events outside W.A.. The Management Committee of the HCAWA will consider each application on its merits and subject to budget constraints.

3.4 SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE:

Funds shall be from the HCAWA general account.

Funds from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and proceeds from the Catamaran Classic shall not be used.

3.5 QUALIFICATION:

Qualification is gained at the last State titles and according to final outright placing. Only the top three outright placegetters shall be eligible for funds from this policy.

3.6 HCAWA ASSISTANCE:

All members shall qualify for assistance from the HCAWA subject to:

- ◆ being a financial member by the 1st of September;
- ◆ a maximum of \$200 per event to be shared between attending skippers OR a maximum of \$150 for the first boat attending;
- ◆ outright ranking at the last state titles in the top three places;
- ◆ displaying the state logo on the sail or hull; and
- ◆ a detailed report and photos to be submitted to the HCAWA within thirty days upon return from the event.

3.7 OTHER ASSISTANCE:

The HCAWA will offer a bonus of up to \$200 for the successful member winning the event outright (championship only)