

# HWCC Junior/Young Rider Sponsorship Policy

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Hamilton Wheelers Cycling Club strongly encourages junior and younger riders to reach the highest levels of our sport.

HWCC provides support for all juniors via our junior coaching program and initiatives like free race entry trials.

Occasionally HWCC juniors and younger riders are selected to compete in higher level State and National events.

This policy sets guidelines for HWCC members requesting financial sponsorship, to partly cover riders' expenses while representing the club.

The following criteria shall be used by the club executive in assessing requests for whether HWCC club funds should be allocated to subsidise expenses in these circumstances. At any time the club executive has the option to expend club funds on a discretionary basis.

1. Riders should be solely representing the club at championship level events. Riders should compete in HWCC kit whenever possible and provide a report on their results/activities to the club.
2. Riders representing their State (Queensland) or country (Australia) should also be seeking financial assistance from those levels of Government.
3. Riders representing AusCycling should also be seeking financial assistance from that body.
4. Riders competing as a member or participant of a commercial club or professional race team will not be eligible for HWCC financial assistance.
5. Applications for financial sponsorship shall be made in writing to the club no less than 2 months before a decision is required.
6. Applications must include full details of the events/training programs of what is proposed, details of guardianship during the event (if the rider is under 18 years of age), details of travel, details of accommodation and approximate full cost of expenses of the activity.

NB: Please note that if HWCC provides any financial assistance to a rider for an event, there is an understanding that HWCC shall in no way be responsible for any misadventure, accidents or personal loss that may be suffered by the rider.

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