



Individual Player Development Policy & Procedures

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline how the TGA may support individual Taranaki club members further their golfing ambitions. Support may include advocacy, guidance, or monetary assistance through the Player Development Fund.

2. Overview

Affiliated members of TGA golf clubs may seek support for national/international competition or professional pathways. Following a change to the organisational structure of the TGA, a review of the Player Development Policy has been carried out.

3. Purpose

The aim is to support emerging golfers to help achieve their goals. Monetary support must provide mutual benefit to both the players and the TGA. It is anticipated that successful applicants would make themselves available to support the TGA in a voluntary capacity as deemed appropriate by the applicant and TGA staff.

4. Eligibility Criteria

1. A Golfer representing or seeking to represent Taranaki at either Age Group or Senior (excludes Masters) Level.
2. A current financial member of a Taranaki club.
3. Application submitted to the CEO of the TGA, within the established application window.
4. Represented Taranaki and committed for next two years or recognised as a potential representative.
5. Total funds received have not exceeded \$6,000.
6. Not available to professional golfers (current or former)



5. Types of Support

5.1. Golf NZ High Performance Development

TGA may facilitate introductions, advocate for inclusion, and consider existing support.

5.2. General Monetary Grants

TGA may assist with identifying funders, preparing applications, and providing endorsements.

5.3. Fundraising Support

TGA may assist with golf-related fundraising activities.

5.4. Financial Support

TGA may provide financial support through the player development fund

6. Player Development Fund Grants

Applications will only be accepted if received within the designated time frames set out. Applications will be open twice yearly. 1st April -30th April and October 1st – October 31st. Applications outside of these times will not be considered. Applicants will be informed whether or not their application is successful by the 31st May and 30th November, respectively.

7. Grant Applications

All applications to be received on a TGA application form. Applicants are encouraged to provide supporting documentation – achievements, goals, project/event budget, letter of support from their home club, hardship explanation (if applicable).

8. Grant Application Deliberation Panel

All applications received shall be discussed between the CEO, Men's, Women's & Junior Golf Directors. A minimum of three of these people must be involved in the deliberations. If this is not possible, an appointed board member will be co-opted on to the panel to assist in the deliberation process. Funds totaling \$3000 per annum may be distributed at the discretion of the CEO. The CEO will then provide the TGA board with details of the distributions. Funding applications over the annual total of \$3000 will need to be approved by the board. This may be through a scheduled meeting or an open email chain. In all instances the timeline for this must be within the dates noted above.

9. Grant Distributions

Individual applications of a maximum of \$3,000 per annum may be considered. These may be made up of either one single application or two separate applications. A lifetime maximum of \$6,000 may be distributed to any individual. Payments via bank transfer or



direct supplier payment. The payment schedule will be communicated to the recipient. Conditions may include receipts, reports, or participation evidence.

10. Accountability

TGA determines accountability requirements. Successful applicants will be expected to provide details of what outcomes were achieved from receiving funding. Contracts may be required. Non-compliance may result in withholding funds, repayment, or disqualification.

11. Record Keeping

Applicants will receive written notification of the decision regarding their application. Successful applicants receive grant details and conditions. CEO will keep a detailed record of all applications.

12. Player Development Fund Management

The funds will be held in an on-call interest-bearing account. The funds only source of income from the TGA, shall be the interest received from the Taranaki Foundation and the \$50,000 term deposit held with the TSB. Third party contributions may be made to the fund. A maximum of 80% of the fund's balance may be distributed during any funding window (third party contributions excluded).

13. Conflict of Interest

Any Staff, Directors or Board Members must declare any conflicts of interest and withdraw from the decision-making process.

14. Decisions

All decisions are final. Feedback may be provided, but correspondence will not be entered into regarding a decision.

15. Policy Review

Reviewed annually by the TGA Board.