



CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

www.cjca.org.nz

June 2026

CJCA PLAYER AND FAMILY SUPPORT FUND

The Christchurch Junior Cricket Association will continue a fund with a ceiling of \$5,250 for 2026/27 to support families to participate in CJCA events and remain or become members of Clubs.

This will operate in a similar fashion to the Support Fund which was established during the Covid Pandemic in 2020

The **CJCA PLAYER AND FAMILY SUPPORT FUND** has been established to assist children attending primary school or being home schooled, aged between 5 years and 13 years who are from financially disadvantaged families or backgrounds that puts adverse pressure on families to afford fees for programmes, events or memberships.

This is not a fund established to specifically support talented players but is rather about providing children with the opportunity to continue to or begin to participate in cricket.

At the conclusion of the 2025/26 season was reviewed to see if it is meeting its goals and whether the initial funding levels need to be extended or the fund needs to run into future seasons. The uptake of the Fund was below expectations but as the Funds presence becomes more known we expect that more applications will be submitted for consideration.

We understand;

- That cricket talent exists across our Association and we want to ensure opportunities are provided to players who otherwise may miss out.
- The need for kids to “fall in love” with cricket and not to be denied opportunities to do so through no fault of their own.
- The health and well-being advantages of having thousands of healthy active cricket kids

The opportunities provided through direct funding may assist with the following;

- **Club or School Cricket Fees**
- **Boys and Girls Festival Fees incl. CJCA Spring and Summer Festivals and January Festivals**
- **Boys & Girls Pre-season Fees**

DESIRED OUTCOMES OF FUND

To enable more children to participate in cricket through reducing financial barriers.

To download a **CJCA PLAYER AND FAMILY SUPPORT FUND APPLICATION FORM** [CLICK HERE](#)

The criteria for a **CJCA PLAYER AND FAMILY SUPPORT FUND** includes the following:

1. Children must be aged between 5 and 13 years old at the time of application. The applicant's immediate parents/caregivers are unable to fully support the applicant by meeting necessary related costs to enable participation in cricket activity.
2. The applicant must attend be attending primary or be home schooled and must be registered or intending to register at an affiliated Christchurch Junior Cricket Association member club or school.
3. The completed application is genuinely in aid of assisting participation in cricket which would not otherwise take place or would compromise the financial commitments of the families of players.

Applicants may apply for assistance for the following;

- Fees for participation in the CJCA Pre-season Programme – June 2026
- Cricket Club or School Cricket fees for grades cricket from Kiwi grade (Year 1) to Year 8.
- Festival Fees for the CJCA Spring or Summer Festivals and for all events that the CJCA participates in during January 2027.
- Fees for participation in the CJCA Girls Pre-season Skills Programme – October 2026

Applications may be made for all of these at once or during the season in order to reflect each applicants situation at that moment in time. Should a family situation change after a funding decision has been made it is anticipated that the recipient would advise the CJCA so funds could be returned to the funding pool and fees once again become the responsibility of the original recipient.

Decisions on applications are at the discretion of the funding sub-committee. Decisions on applications will be advised within two weeks following the close off dates listed below.

The application due dates for 2026/27 are

- **Friday 26th June** – for CJCA Pre-season Programme -
- **Friday 28th August** – for Club Membership Fees and Spring Festival Fees – Clubs will be paid successful applications directly by the CJCA – **we will require Clubs to invoice the CJCA for this payment in order to meet Audit/Paper Trail requirements** – it is up to clubs to manage the payment of the balance. CJCA Spring Festival Fees will be reduced and payment arrangements made with families which met their circumstances.
- **Friday 18th September** – 2nd Assessment consideration for Club Membership and Spring Fees
- **Friday 30th October** – for January Festival support - fees will be reduced if successful and payment arrangements made with families which met their circumstances.
- **Friday 20th November** - 2nd Assessment consideration for January Festival support
- **Friday 29th January 2026** – for Summer Festival Fees or half season Club Membership Fees - Clubs will be paid successful applications directly by the CJCA– **we will require Clubs to invoice the CJCA for this payment in order to met Audit/Paper Trail requirements** – it is up to clubs to manage the payment of the balance. CJCA Summer Festival Fees will be reduced and payment arrangements made with families which met their circumstances.

These dates will allow for the timely administration of the Fund **but applications may be considered outside these dates.**

FUND SUPPORT GUIDELINE LEVELS

No more than 50% of the total cost will be paid, with the maximum amount for each category being:

- *50% subsidy for participation in **CJCA Pre-season Programme** – August / September – costs \$225*
- *50% subsidy for participation in **CJCA Girls Pre-season Programme** – during holidays in October – costs Mini Mags \$55, Junior Girls \$65, Hardball \$75*
- Max \$80 for Club Fees or 50% (whichever is lower) does not include **NZC Technology Levy (if introduced in 2026/27)**
- \$35 for CJCA Spring & Summer Festivals (Year 6, 7 & 8 turning Year 7,8 and 9) (full cost \$75 per event)
- \$225 for TIER 1 & TIER 2 Canterbury Boys Festival players (full cost \$450)
- \$90 for 3 Canterbury Boys Festival (full cost \$185)
- \$65 for South Island Girls Tournament (full cost \$135)

The fund committee is entitled **at its discretion** to pay out more than 50% of the total cost if **substantial hardship** is proven and enables the participant to participate otherwise.

Applications must be received on a **CJCA PLAYER AND FAMILY SUPPORT FUND** application form by the due dates.

- **Friday 26th June**
- **Friday 28th August**
- **Friday 18th September**
- **Friday 30th October**
- **Friday 20th November**
- **Friday 29th January 2027**

Applications must be completed in full and supported by an independent person who can verify the need for financial assistance.

All Grants are at the Committees discretion.

A SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF TRUST IS REQUIRED IN THE EXECUTION OF THIS PROGRAMME AND THOUGH NOT REQUIRED WITH THE INITIAL APPLICATION A LEVEL OF VERIFICATION MAY BE NEEDED IN SOME INSTANCES BUT THIS WILL HANDLED IN A SENSITIVE MANNER BY THE CJCA.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download an application form.

Forms can be posted to:

CJCA PLAYER AND FAMILY SUPPORT FUND

C/ CJCA

PO Box 36-701

Merivale

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or scanned and emailed to gm@cica.org.nz

Applications must be supported by an independent person who can verify the applicant's need for financial assistance. This person may be:

- A club committee member
- School principal
- School sports coordinator or teacher
- Church minister
- A representative of a government or support agency such as WINZ
- A member of the CJCA Executive or Life or Honorary member
- Any other person deemed appropriate by the CJCA.

Special Applications will be considered by the committee for special cases that occur outside the usual application timeline and where delaying the application until the next round would cause either undue hardship or the opportunity to be lost.

There must be relevant circumstances that prevented the applicant from applying within the normal timelines eg. a late call-up to a tournament team.

To apply as a special application, complete the process as per a normal application and attach an accompanying letter requesting your application to be considered as a special application and outline the reason why.

The following conditions apply to **CJCA PLAYER AND FAMILY SUPPORT FUND**.

- 1. Grants will be paid directly to the club or provider of the programme by way of direct credit or credit off the programme/event fees. Clubs would be required to invoice the CJCA for Fees once an application is approved.**
2. Withdrawal from a programme will result in a pro-rata reimbursement of the grant back to the Funding Pool pool. For example, if a grant recipient withdraws 75% of the way through a programme, then 25% of the grant will be allocated back to the funding pool.
3. Withdrawal from a Festival will result in a full refund of the grant back to the funding pool.
4. All applications are processed by the **CJCA PLAYER AND FAMILY SUPPORT FUND** sub- committee. The CJCA reserves the right to seek further clarification from the person supporting the application in order to make their decision. Successful applicants will receive a letter by email or post with details of their assistance within 2 weeks of the closing date.
5. Unsuccessful applicants will receive advisement by email with details of their outcome within 2 weeks of the closing date.
6. The CJCA will not enter into correspondence where an application has been declined.
7. **FOR FURTHER INFO**

Email: gm@cjca.org.nz

Post: CJCA Player and Family Support Fund, CJCA, PO Box 36-701, Christchurch.