SPORT VOUCHERS HIT LETTER BOXES

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Territory families will begin receiving $75 sport vouchers to help reduce the cost of participating in junior sport.

Chief Minister Terry Mills today said the vouchers will be hitting letter boxes across the Territory and can be redeemed at local sports clubs from 1 February.

“The Sport Voucher Scheme will assist parents with the costs associated with having their child enrolled in sport,” Mr Mills said.

“This Government wants to see children having fun and getting exercise through sport.”

The vouchers can be used to fund club or team membership, including insurance and registration fees, participation in holiday or after school programs from eligible organisations, uniforms and equipment.

Clubs, associations or registered businesses affiliated with a recognised Territory Peak Sporting Body that has a National Sporting Organisation recognised by the Australian Sports Commission are eligible to register at the Sport Voucher website from 29 January.

“This scheme is about encouraging Territory children to be more engaged and involved with sport,” Minister for Sport and Recreation, Matt Conlan said.

“Sport and exercise is an essential part of the Territory lifestyle and the voucher scheme supports this.

“The Mills Government wants sport to be accessible and affordable for all Territory families.”

Children from both Government and non Government schools will receive the vouchers.

Children enrolled in a region with little or no sporting organisations will have their $75 sport voucher allocated directly to their local school.

The vouchers are valid through to 30 November 2013.

More information on the Sport Voucher Scheme can be found at the website: http://sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/

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