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As Territory children go back to school this week, Minister for Sport and Recreation Matt Conlan has reminded parents to redeem their Sport Vouchers for the second half of the school year.

Mr Conlan said the Vouchers can be redeemed right up until 30 November 2013.

“Thousands of children around the Territory have already redeemed their Sport Vouchers and benefited from $75 to help cover the costs of playing their chosen sport,” Mr Conlan said.

“Soccer and Netball have proved the most popular for redeeming the Vouchers so far but with the second half of the school year here now other sports are beginning to start new programs which Territory families can take advantage of.

“New families who have recently moved to the Territory can also claim their vouchers as well.”

The Northern Territory Government's Sport Voucher Scheme is easing the financial pressure of playing organised sport and ensuring sport is accessible to all young Territorians.

“As a result of the Sports Voucher Scheme we're seeing more Territory kids involved in organised sport at the grassroots level where they can then go on and pursue pathways to the elite level,” Mr Conlan said.

“By attracting more children into organised sport, the Sports Vouchers are helping keep children fit and healthy while benefiting families and the community as a whole.”

Under the Sport Voucher Scheme, every enrolled, school-aged child across the Northern Territory will receive a $75 voucher to help cover the costs of playing an organised sport. The Vouchers can be redeemed at any registered sporting club for registration fees, and equipment and uniform purchases.

Parents who have not received or have lost Sport Vouchers for their children can request a new sport voucher at www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au. More information on how to claim replacement Sports Vouchers will also be available at the Northern Territory Government stand at this weekend’s Royal Darwin Show.

In areas with limited access to sporting clubs, remote schools will receive $75 of Sport Voucher funding per enrolled student to support school council-endorsed sporting activities. Remote schools can still register their sporting programs until 31 July.

To register a school or sporting club for the Sport Voucher Scheme and find out more information go to: www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au.

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