



Media Release

Grants available for sports injury prevention research

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The NSW Sporting Injuries Committee today announced applications are now open for the 2012 Sports Research and Injury Prevention Scheme Grants.

Acting Chair of the NSW Sporting Injuries Committee, Geniere Aplin, said the annual research grants program targets research projects that support safe sport participation and contribute to a reduction in the incidence or severity of serious sporting injuries.

"The 2012 grants program provides a total funding pool of \$100,000 to be divided up for research projects that are conducted in partnership with a sporting organisation that operates in New South Wales," Ms Aplin said.

"This is a great opportunity for sporting organisations to partner with prominent researchers to engage in combined research to develop future policies and practices to reduce injuries and improve safety in sport.

"We are proud of our ongoing investment in sports injury prevention research.

"Since the Scheme began two decades ago, more than \$1.9 million in grants has been awarded to leading medical researchers and sporting organisations across the state," she said.

Research grants have been awarded for projects that have included:

- exploring chronic traumatic concussive head injuries amongst rugby league players
- identifying physical characteristics predisposing rugby players to neck injuries
- analysing injuries, practices and perceptions of wheelchair sports participants in New South Wales
- investigating if glutamine supplements can be used to reduce the risk of heatstroke

"Safety in sport is a key issue for all of our schools, community clubs and professional sporting organisations," Ms Aplin said.

"Fostering partnerships between researchers and sporting organisations and clubs will help deliver tangible improvements in sports injury prevention across the community," she said.

The NSW Sporting Injuries Committee is a not-for-profit statutory organisation that encourages sports safety initiatives.

The Sports Research and Injury Prevention Scheme was established in 1991, and is the primary provider for grants into sports injury prevention in New South Wales.

Applications close on 1 March 2012.

Application forms and guidelines are available from www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au or call 02 4321 5392.

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