

Sport on ANZAC Day

Section 4 of the *ANZAC Day Act 1958* (Act) prohibits the playing of sports on ANZAC Day without the prior written approval of the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events or the Minister for Community Sport if an admission fee is charged or donation sought (approved sports events).

Under section 4(7) of the Act, “sports” means bicycle races or foot races or cricket matches or football matches or any other game, exercise, pastime or contest of a kind usually conducted, carried on, contested or decided which are held on any ground or in any building *to which persons are admitted on payment of an admission fee or charge or after any donation has been sought from them* for the purpose of witnessing the same, but does not include horse races, trotting races or dog races.

The requirements for approved sports events are outlined below:

- Written approval of the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events or the Minister for Community Sport (approving Minister) is required for any sports events to be held on ANZAC Day for which an admission fee is charged, or a donation is sought to view the event.
- Approved sports events cannot commence before 1:00 pm on ANZAC Day.
- No fee or admission can be charged, or donation sought for unapproved events scheduled to take place on ANZAC Day before, during or after the commencement of the approved sports event.
- A portion of the net profit earned by an approved sports event held within 50 km of the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth Streets must be paid into the ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund within 2 months of the event being held.
- If the event is held more than 50 km from the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth Streets, a portion of the net profit earned may be paid to the ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund or to an institution or organisation, approved by the Minister after consultation with the President of the Returned Services League (RSL), in the district the sport is played. The principal object of the institution or organisation must be to provide welfare to the ex-service community.
- Please note an agreement to donate the proceeds of all fundraising activities held at an approved sports event alone does not satisfy the legislative requirements. It is necessary to donate a portion of the net profit from the sports event.
- A detailed statement setting out all receipts and expenditures in connection with approved sports events held on ANZAC Day must be submitted to the approving Minister within 2 months of ANZAC Day and must be verified by a statutory declaration.
- Associations/clubs intending to conduct any matches in Melbourne within 50 km of the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth Streets on ANZAC Day may wish to consult the [RSL, Melbourne](#), to reach agreement on the amount of donation which should be paid to the ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund. Country associations/clubs wishing to conduct matches should consult with the local RSL sub-branch to determine the amount of the donation and the institution or organisation to which the donation will be paid.
- Associations or clubs applying to the approving Minister for approval should include details of the agreed donation and name of the fund to which the donation will be paid in the application.

Please contact Sport and Recreation Victoria via [email](#) with ‘ANZAC Day application’ in the subject line if you have any questions or to submit your request for approval. **Applications should be submitted by 28 February** as requests may after this date may not be approved prior to 25 April.