



AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE FEDERATION

Performance Based Funding Guidelines

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Parachuting and flying in parachuting aircraft can be dangerous.

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PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING (PBF)

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 The APF may provide financial support to members of the Australian Parachute Team (APT) when attending international competitions. Funding is awarded based on skill, merit, and recent competitive performance. Performance at the most recent Australian National Championships is the primary benchmark for assessing funding eligibility.

1.1.2 Performance-based funding is generally available for:

- **World Championships (WPC):** Primary focus of performance-based funding. Full funding support may be available for eligible athletes and teams
 - **World Cups and Other International Events:** Limited support may be offered, such as a team uniform and basic insurance cover. Full performance-based funding is generally not available.
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1.2 Funding Levels

1.2.1 Level One Funding (WPC only)

Awarded to APT members who meet level one minimum performance standards (set out in 3.3).

Includes:

- Competition entry fees (excluding accommodation)
- APT uniform
- Travel insurance (up to an amount as per Team Agreement)

1.2.2 Level Two Funding (WPC only)

Awarded to APT members who exceed level two minimum performance standards (set out in 3.3).

Includes:

- Level one funding plus
- Additional training funding as deemed appropriate by the PBF Committee

1.2.3 Limited Support (World Cups and Other Events)

For athletes selected to represent Australia at World Cup or similar events, the APF may provide:

- APT team uniform
- Relevant travel insurance (up to an amount as per Team Agreement)

Further support may be considered by the APF on a case-by-case basis.

1.3 Performance Standards

The following indicators guide eligibility for funding levels. Scores are typically based on performance at the most recent National Championships or relevant FAI-sanctioned events.

1.3.1 Formation Skydiving – 4-Way

- Level One: Average score ≥ 11.0
- Level Two: Average score ≥ 16.0

1.3.2 Formation Skydiving – 8-Way

- Level One: Average score ≥ 10.0
- Level Two: Average score ≥ 14.0

1.3.3 Vertical Formation Skydiving – 4-Way

- Level One: Average score ≥ 9.0
- Level Two: Average score ≥ 13.0

1.3.4 Artistic Events

- Level One: Average score ≥ 5.5
- Level Two: Likely to place within top 3 at WPC (based on APF assessment)

1.3.5 Canopy Piloting, CP Freestyle, Wingsuiting, Speed, Accuracy Landing

- Level One: Consistently places in top 75% at First Category Events (last 3 comps)
- Level Two: Consistently places in top 25%

Performance assessments will consider external factors (e.g. meteorological conditions, location, elevation, rule changes) that may affect scoring.

1.3.6 Canopy Formation – 4-Way Sequential

- Level One: Average score ≥ 5.0
- Level Two: Likely to place within top 3 at WPC

1.3.7 Canopy Formation – 4-Way Rotations

- Level One: Average score ≥ 10.0
- Level Two: Likely to place within top 3 at WPC

1.3.8 Canopy Formation – 2-Way Sequential

- Level One: Average score ≥ 12.0
- Level Two: Average score ≥ 16.0

1.4 Mentoring Incentive Bonus

The APF may consider **additional support** for returning APT members who have made a **sustained contribution** to the development of their discipline in Australia, such as:

- Coaching or mentoring other athletes
- Running or organising training events
- Contributing to APF publications
- Volunteering on APF Sports or Competition Committees

To be eligible:

- The athlete/team must qualify again for a subsequent World Championships
- The APF must determine that the individual/team has meaningfully supported the growth of their discipline