

SUPPORT FOR SPORT

2026/27

A GUIDE TO THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

What are your sport's Priorities and Objectives?

The Support for Sport process is an opportunity for sports to revisit their development plan and focus on their Priorities and Objectives for the next 12 months. Sports have an opportunity to receive funding towards Priorities and Objectives that align with those of Isle of Man Sport.

Sponsorship, fundraising and grants from a national or international governing body, or via other organisations, such as Manx Lottery Trust, are other funding avenues open to some sports in relation to specific Priorities and Objectives that do not necessarily align with those of Isle of Man Sport.

This guide is to help sports understand what type of objectives, actions and initiatives Isle of Man Sport continue to support. Isle of Man Sport's financial support to all sports is dictated by a variable annual budget. Sports will be advised to prioritise objectives for the sporting year if they request funding allocations towards multiple objectives. Each recognised sport has an equal opportunity to receive allocated funding to develop their sport.

The Support for Sport process works within an overall budget therefore, in the event of oversubscription, not all initiatives will be able to be funded and Isle of Man Sport may award a percentage, or amount, less than 50% towards some or all initiatives. There is also no guarantee that objectives, initiatives and actions listed in this document will or will not be funded. They are to be used purely as guidance. Sports using their development plan may identify an objective that aligns with those of Isle of Man Sport but is not listed in the following support guides. The communication with the Sports Liaison Officer is therefore important to ensure sports are supported where appropriate.

Whilst this list is not exhaustive, it is hoped that this guide, along with communication and support from the Sports Liaison Officer, will give sports greater clarity on the process. If you have a query about a potential initiative or claim, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Sports Liaison Officer who will be happy to help.

The Support Guides

The following support guides list objectives and actions in relation to each of the three Isle of Man Sport Priorities and Objectives. The lists of objectives and actions are not exhaustive and there are no guarantees that funding will be allocated if a sport includes them in their Priorities and Objectives.



The initiatives or actions that have a green circle tick next to them align with Isle of Man Sport Priorities and Objectives.



The initiatives or actions that have a red circle cross next to them are items unlikely to receive funding from Isle of Man Sport. Further information would be required to support the application as to why the initiative or action needs support through the Support for Sport process.

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Increase participation in sport across all levels from grass roots to elite



Initiatives such as open days, taster sessions, club events, on Island festivals and the development of school-club links within the community to introduce new individuals to the sport



Initiatives that target an increase in participation of underrepresented groups within the sport



Disability specific initiatives to increase disability sporting opportunities



Ensuring clubs have sufficient and safe equipment to facilitate new initiatives to increase participation



Small-scale facility improvements to ensure facilities are accessible and safe for participants

Funding travel to off Island events and/or competitions that are appropriate to develop the sport. This includes but is not limited to Junior teams/individuals, Island representative teams and teams of individuals.

Sports can apply for a 50% contribution (per person per trip) towards travel costs up to a maximum of:



Location of competition	Up to 2 days competition	3-4 days of competition	5 or more days of competition
UK / Ireland	Up to £200	Up to £250	Up to £300
Channel Islands	Up to £250	Up to £300	Up to £350
International	Up to £350	Up to £400	Up to £450

This includes an appropriate number of individuals performing a necessary function, e.g. coach, manager, parent travelling with a junior athlete where they would be unable to travel alone.



Initiatives to establish or develop centre of excellences, academies, developing player programmes or to provide access to identified performance services for high potential athletes



- Funding employees for governing bodies, other than development officers
- Funding towards clothing or kit
- Funding ongoing facility hire, facility development or large-scale facility improvements
- Funding initiatives that have previously been self sufficient or run at nil cost
- Funding for prizes, medals or other non-essential promotional items
- Funding for annual maintenance or general wear and tear costs for facilities or equipment

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Improve and develop coaching, volunteering and officiating to enhance performance across all levels



Delivery of recognised coaching qualifications, coaching CPD courses, officiating courses and tutor/assessor qualifications on-Island, such as national/international governing body level 1, 2 or 3 coaching courses or national/international governing body officiating courses



Attendance at off Island recognised coaching courses, coaching CPD courses, officiating courses and tutor/assessor qualifications such as national/international governing body level 2, 3 or 4 coaching qualifications or national/international governing body officiating, tutoring or assessing qualifications. This includes attendance at relevant off-Island competition for CPD purposes.

*Sports can apply for a 50% contribution towards off Island travel costs, up to a maximum of £250 per person per trip, for individuals to attend coaching, officiating, or tutor/assessor qualifications, where they cannot be held on Island and to relevant off-Island competition.



Supporting coaches, officials and volunteers with CPD opportunities such as online courses, webinars and training



Recruitment and/or retention initiatives towards volunteers, including training and online CPD to improve the standards of volunteering on the Island



Improve the standard of coaching or officiating through the use of specialist equipment and/or technology



- Funding employees for governing bodies, other than development officers
- Funding governing bodies to pay professionals to coach elite teams
- Funding towards items of clothing or kit for volunteers, officials or coaches
- Funding towards on-going annual subscriptions

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Improve governance of local governing bodies and member clubs



Education courses including safeguarding, welfare officer training and first aid courses and initial costs of obtaining a DBS



On and off Island CPD opportunities* in relation to club management, governance and any other appropriate sports governance training or events

*Sports can apply for a 50% contribution towards off Island travel costs, up to a maximum of £250 per person per trip, for individuals to attend relevant sports governance training or CPD opportunities, where they cannot be held on Island



Ensuring participants within the sport and club members have access to age appropriate and safe equipment and facilities



Initiatives to improve communication within the sport and to the wider public, including printing costs for marketing materials, e.g. posters, leaflets or banners



Online courses and training for governing body and club members



Purchasing software to ensure better governance and collection of data



Establishment of a website; one off funding for specialist services that ensure better governance



- Ongoing annual subscriptions for software or websites
- Annual maintenance or general wear and tear costs for facilities or equipment
- Annual payment of fees for qualifications, i.e. DBS Update Service
- Insurance, affiliation or membership fees
- Use of lawyers to complete certified documents and/or provide legal advice