

SUPPORT FOR SPORT 2026/27

AN OVERVIEW OF THE PRIORITIES & OBJECTIVES DOCUMENT 2026/27

Introduction

We have listened to feedback from sports in relation to the Priorities and Objectives and are therefore using the same document format to ensure consistency and ease of completion for sports. The Support for Sport document for 2026/27 is therefore identical and this 'Overview' and attached 'How to Guide' is to provide support to sports in completing the Priorities and Objectives document.

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As in previous years, the Priorities and Objectives document will require sports to fit their objectives into the specific tabs within the document, each tab relating to one of Isle of Man Sport's Priorities and Objectives. Sports will need to ensure their funding allocation requests are aligned to Isle of Man Sport's Priorities and Objectives in order for them to be considered for funding. These are:

- Increase participation in sport across all levels from grass roots to elite;
- Improve and develop coaching, volunteering and officiating to enhance performance across all levels; and
- Improve governance of local governing bodies of sport and member clubs

Within these overarching Priorities and Objectives, the Sports Liaison Committee have identified several areas that will be prioritised for funding, which are detailed within the Sports Liaison Funding Framework and Principles. Funding will be allocated towards these areas as a priority. Any remaining funding will then be allocated towards initiatives which meet Isle of Man Sport's Priorities and Objectives and have been identified as a high priority for each recognised Governing Body of Sport, in line with their development plan or strategy.

Sports have the opportunity to request financial support for up to four objectives within each of the aforementioned Priorities but please discuss with the Sports Liaison Officer if you feel you need to add further objectives within a specific section. Financial support requested can be up to a maximum of 50% of the total cost but there are additional maximum limits in relation to off-Island travel which are detailed in our Guidance to Funding Allocations document.

The Sports Liaison Officer is more than happy to help if sports require assistance to prioritise objectives from their development plan to improve and develop their sport over the next 12 month period.

The Priorities and Objectives Document

The Front Page remains the same and sports will be sent an individualised Priorities and Objectives document with their association name already included. The rest of the page will automatically populate the empty boxes once sports have completed entering their Priorities and Objectives information throughout the remainder of the document. Therefore there is no requirement for sports to input anything here.

The Priorities and Objectives tabs give sports the opportunity to provide a detailed narrative for each objective, how they are going to achieve each objective and what success will look like, including how the objective links to the wider development plan for their sport. There is a further section within each objective to outline how many people are involved.

The following page provides further information on how to complete each section.

If any sport feels they require further support when completing their document please contact louise.corkill2@gov.im, who will be more than happy to help.

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HOW TO GUIDE FOR THE PRIORITIES & OBJECTIVES DOCUMENT 2026/27

Key Objectives - What are you going to do?

What is it that is going to develop your sport the most? What is key to improving your sport in the next sporting year that you would like Isle of Man Sport to support?

How are you going to do it? How does it link to the wider development plan for your sport?

What do you need to do to make the objective happen? Do you need to deliver taster sports sessions, purchase equipment or run courses? What needs to be in place for you to be successful in completing/achieving your objective? How does the objective link to the development plan for your sport?

What does success look like? What will the benefit be to your sport?

Success could be an increase in junior members at a specific club, members completing safeguarding training or coaches using knowledge attained from newly acquired qualifications to deliver training sessions at their clubs or to set up a new club.

No of people

How many people will be supported/benefit from the objective? Examples include 'coaches attending a coaching course', or 'participants being targeted to attend a taster session'. There is a dropdown menu of options to assist sports.

Cost breakdown

Enter the projected costs to achieve this objective into each of the potential sections (facilities, coaches, equipment, courses/CPD, tutors/assessors, off-Island travel - competition/training, off-Island travel - courses/CPD, equipment/software, miscellaneous) as appropriate.

Expected completion date

When will the objective be complete? The dropdown menu has been removed for sports to have flexibility to enter the date in dd/mm/yyyy format.

Persons responsible

Who will be responsible for ensuring the objective is delivered and successful? Examples include: 'development officer', 'chairperson', 'treasurer', 'club representative'

Total cost of objective

This will automatically populate based on the amounts you enter in the cost breakdown section. There is no requirement for you to do anything.

Requested amount from IOM Sport

This is the amount of funding you would like from Isle of Man Sport once you have exhausted all other sources /self funding to achieve the objective. This can be up to a maximum of 50%, although for any objectives that include off-Island travel, please ensure you have familiarised yourself with the maximum amounts per person detailed in the guidance to funding allocations document.

Ref

The reference is already assigned and input in each objective in the top right corner. There is no requirement for you to do anything.

Total costs & requested from IOM Sport

These boxes for each priority will auto populate when other information is correctly input into each section. There is no requirement for you to do anything.

Agreed objective & agreed allocation from IOM Sport

These will be completed by Isle of Man Sport - there is no requirement for you to do anything. If an objective is agreed, then a 'yes' will be entered in this box. If the objective is not agreed by Isle of Man Sport, then a 'no' will be entered to indicate the objective has not been agreed.

The agreed allocation from Isle of Man Sport at the end of each Priority will detail the amount of funding that Isle of Man Sport have agreed for that specific priority and where necessary, a detailed breakdown of the funding allocated for each objective will be provided by email to sports.