

# SUPPORT FOR SPORT 2026/27

## AN OVERVIEW OF SUPPORT FOR SPORT 2026/27

### Introduction

The Support for Sport framework is now embedded within all recognised Governing Bodies of Sport and provides clear and logical pathways for sports to obtain assistance from Isle of Man Sport. This document outlines how the Support for Sport 2026/27 framework will assist recognised Governing Bodies of Sport in developing their sports.

### Background

In 2019, Isle of Man Sport asked Governing Bodies of Sport to produce a three year development plan from which annual Priorities and Objectives (P&Os) were to be identified for their sport. Following the appointment of a Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) in March 2020, sports were encouraged to align their P&Os with those of Isle of Man Sport over the last six financial years:

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

Sports receive the opportunity to discuss their P&Os in thorough detail with the SLO, who offers advice and guidance prior to the final submission.

Isle of Man Sport also allow sports the flexibility to reallocate their agreed funding allocation where it aligns with their development plan and Isle of Man Sport's Priorities and Objectives. In order to maximise the benefit of Isle of Man Sport's funding across the sporting community, the Sports Liaison Officer has encouraged sports to review and communicate any known underspend to Isle of Man Sport as early as possible to ensure funds can be reallocated across sports where necessary.

Over the last 3 years, sports have been encouraged to review and update their development plans, setting out their next development plan or strategy for the upcoming three to five years, in order that Support for Sport funding can be linked to their updated development plans. As in 2025/26, future funding will only be allocated to sports who have an up-to-date development plan or strategy for their sport. Where sports are still reviewing their development plans, the Sports Liaison Officer will be able to offer guidance and support to assist with this process, if required and funding may be allocated once an updated development plan is received.

The Sports Liaison Committee also published their Funding Framework and Principles in 2024/25, which provides further information in relation to funding allocation decisions and the various programmes of support available. As the Committee's budget for funding programmes is variable, this framework provides greater detail around areas that will be prioritised for funding, within the overarching Isle of Man Sport objectives. The Funding Framework and Principles can be found on our website here: <https://www.isleofmansport.com/sports-liaison/>

### Current Situation

Through an internal review and following feedback from sports, official documents are now as user friendly as possible and we have kept the P&O document format identical to ensure familiarity and ease of completion for sports. Furthermore, the Isle of Man Sport website is being developed to be a useful resource for sports with information and resources aimed to help sports for the remainder of the sporting year and beyond.

Please continue reading the next page for further details on the Support for Sport 2026/27 timeline for the upcoming sporting year.

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## TIMELINE FOR SUPPORT FOR SPORT 2026/27

### Sport's Priorities & Objectives (P&Os) and Development Plans

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2025



Governing Bodies of Sport (GBS) to review and update their 3-5 year development plans or strategy documents and establish their P&Os for the coming sporting year, where possible, aligning their P&Os with those of Isle of Man Sport:

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

### Your Sport Review

DECEMBER 2025 - JANUARY 2026



The Sports Liaison Officer will send a Review document to all sports in December which is to be completed and returned by the end of January.

The better informed Isle of Man Sport are in relation to your sport, the more likely we are to help your sport develop in the right areas.

### Finalise paperwork & submission

JANUARY 2026 - MARCH 2026



GBS are encouraged to use the SLO ([louise.corkill2@gov.im](mailto:louise.corkill2@gov.im)) who will assist with the P&O process ensuring that your documentation is best placed to receive maximum funding. From advising on what is likely or unlikely to be considered for funding, to final document submission, we are here to help!

Once sports are happy with their final document, they are to submit it directly to the Sports Liaison Officer via email no later than 31 March 2026.

### What happens next?

APRIL 2026



Once the P&O process for your sport has concluded, the Sports Liaison Committee will recommend funding allocations to the Isle of Man Sport Committee, who will then ratify the recommendations.

The Sports Liaison Officer will then communicate the final funding allocations for each sport for the 2026/27 sporting year via email to each individual sport.

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**