



Antrim Sports Advisory Association

GRANT AID POLICY

1. Application for Grant Aid will only be considered from:
 - a) Clubs based in Antrim Borough and who are members of Antrim Sports Advisory Association, affiliated for a minimum of three months, will be given preference. Clubs with a junior membership will only be eligible if they have a Child Protection policy.
 - b) Individuals, who are resident in Antrim Borough, are over 25 years of age, and who are members of a club which has been affiliated to Antrim Sports Advisory Association for a minimum of three months and whose sport is recognised by the Sports Council for Northern Ireland.
 - c) Individuals, who are resident in Antrim Borough, are over 25 years of age, but not a member of an affiliated club or organisation in their sport in Antrim Borough, may be considered at the discretion of Antrim Sports Advisory Association, if their sport is recognised by the Sports Council for Northern Ireland.
2. All requests must be submitted on official application forms endorsed by the club and the relevant Governing Body.
3. The Sports Advisory Association will acknowledge receipt of all requests.
4. All financial assistance received or applied for from all other sources, e.g. (Sports Council for Northern Ireland, Lottery Sports Fund, National Governing Bodies, Sponsorship etc) must be declared within the application. Failure to do so will preclude further applications from the club or individual and may lead to a request for the return of the Antrim Sports Advisory Association grant.
5. The Sports Advisory Association will not normally grant in retrospect.
6. The Sports Advisory Association must relate the amount of grant applied for to its financial resources and needs at the time of the application.
7. The Sports Advisory Association requires the applying club to submit a current constitution, most recent audited accounts and if applicable, a copy of its current child protection policy.
8. The Sports Advisory Association will release 50% of the total amount awarded on approval of the application and 50% on receipt of a report or proof of attendance and all receipts, which should be submitted within two months of the first payment being distributed.
9. Any member of the Sports Advisory Association should, where applicable, declare his or her interest in a submission for grant aid.
10. An affiliated club may normally only apply to the Antrim Sports Advisory Association:
 - i. Once in the club categories, *3, 4 and 6*, in any financial year, (April - March).

or

 - ii. A maximum of three times on behalf of individuals from the club in the individual categories, *1 and 2*, in any financial year, (April - March).

Exceptional circumstances may be taken into consideration.
11. Grants must be used for the purpose for which the application was initially made, and in the circumstances where this stipulation is not adhered to satisfactorily, the Antrim Sports Advisory Association will insist on repayment.

Note 1: The decision of the Sports Advisory Association is final. All grants will be subject to the audit of Antrim Borough Council.

Note 2: Individuals under the age of 25 should apply through the Antrim Borough/Enkalon Foundation Youth Bursary programme.

GRANT CATEGORIES

Individual Categories **Maximum Grant**

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| 1. | Participation in events outside Northern Ireland approved by the Governing Body and where the applicant has achieved the appropriate qualifying standard.
<i>(N.B. Clothing costs will not be considered)</i> | £500 |
| 2. | Coaching Courses.
Course fees for coaches, officials and club personnel.
(Travel may be considered for high-level courses outside Northern Ireland).
Proviso: - <i>Applicants may be asked to contribute a certain amount of expertise to sports education courses in the Antrim Borough area.</i> | £400 |

Club Categories

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| 3. | Hiring of specialist coaches for specialised training sessions.
<i>To permit clubs to hire specialist coaches for one off sessions or a group of sessions. The coaches must be of high calibre and qualified to take sessions. Applications which show that the coaching sessions will be open to other clubs within the Borough will be given a higher priority. Applicants must explain why they cannot get a club member trained in the speciality within a reasonable time period.</i> | £400 |
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In both coaching categories, 2 and 3, the maximum grant will be 75% of the total cost, up to the maximum amount allocated in each category. Clubs or individuals must pay the remaining 25%. Receipts must be submitted.

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| 4. | To purchase essential equipment.
This can include additional new equipment but not items of clothing (kits, coats etc.)
Items with a short lifespan will not be considered e.g. balls. | £400 |
| 5. | Contribution to statutory fees.
To assist affiliated clubs pay for fees such as league registration and competition fees.
This category can only be used by a club <u>once within a 24 month period.</u> | £100 |

In both categories 4 and 5 the maximum grant will be 50% of the total cost, up to the maximum amount allocated in each category. Clubs must pay the remaining 50% cost.

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| 6. | Special events/projects hosted by an affiliated club that has a club or community impact. | £500 |
| 7. | A club with proven financial difficulties, which could lead to the Club disbanding, may make a special one-off application to the Antrim Sports Advisory Association Executive Committee for consideration. | |

PRIORITIES

1. Sports Clubs in the Borough who are currently members of the Antrim Sports Advisory Association.
2. Individuals from a Sports Club in the Borough, who are over 25 years of age, who have shown both talent and commitment in their sport.
3. Clubs who actively seek to improve club Administration and Coach Education by supporting Coach Education and Training Programmes.