



Ross County Athletics Club Athletes Funding Policy

1. At the first Ross County Athletics Club (the club) Board meeting, after the start of the Ross & Cromarty Sports Council (RCSC) financial year, currently 1st April, the board will decide the sum of money to be set aside for the funding of athletes under the terms of the Club Athletes Funding Policy.
2. This funding will be open to first claim members only and will be used to support: athlete development, athletes competing in non-local events and those selected for Regional, or higher level, teams.
3. Athletes seeking funding should, initially, deliver their RCSC application to the club's funding officer responsible for processing funding applications. Once approved by the board or sub-committee, this application will be forwarded to the RCSC.
4. Should their application to RCSC be successful then there will be no further financial support from the club.
5. Should the RCSC grant funding be less than 50% of allowable expenses (as calculated in the RCSC grant application form,) the club may, at the discretion of the board or sub-committee:
 - a. Undertake to supplement the RCSC funding shortfall, to a maximum of 50% of allowable expenses, but not exceeding whatever funding remains available, from the club decision made at Paragraph 1.
 - b. Reject the application and inform the athlete in writing or via e-mail.
6. Should the RCSC not agree to fund the application, the club may, at the discretion of the board and as sole funder:
 - a. Undertake to financially support the athlete, to a maximum of 50% of allowable expenses or £75, whatever is the lesser, but not exceeding

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- b. Reject the application and inform the athlete in writing or via e-mail.
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- 7 An athlete's funding application must be in writing on the appropriate form and submitted to the club's funding officer **a minimum of one week prior to the date of the event**, unless exceptional, mitigating circumstances occur, such as a very late national call-up. In which case the club board is empowered to exercise judgement on retrospective claims.
 - 8 Funding applications should demonstrate that all expenses are the most cost-effective and only for a club athlete, not accompanying persons or family members, except where the athlete is under 18 years of age, in which case an accompanying adult may apply for funding on the same basis as the athlete.
 - 9 Payments will only be made on claims, with appropriate receipts, verified by the club's funding officer and agreed by the RCAC board.