



TSP COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT FUND 2026 CRITERIA

Tipperary Sports Partnership aims to develop sport and increase physical activity in Tipperary. This fund aims to support setting up of new clubs or sections and assist clubs to increase their capacity to deliver sport and physical activity and in turn increase membership and sports participation locally. It also aims to support Good Governance in Clubs. This Funding Scheme is supported by Sport Ireland & Tipperary County Council.

The Coaching Fund aims to support and develop quality coaching in Tipperary and to encourage all coaches / volunteers to undertake appropriate education and training through their relevant National Govern Bodies.

The Development Fund aims to encourage the set-up of new clubs and assist existing clubs to increase participation.

Projects should focus on attracting new members/participants from target groups as identified in TSP Strategic Plan such as disadvantaged areas, older adults, young people, people with disabilities, women and girls, unemployed and ethnic minorities.

Applicants can apply under either the Development or Coaching Section or both up to the maximum amount.

The maximum that can be applied for by any applicant under this scheme is **€3,000**.

Closing Date for Completed Application Forms is **14th May 2026 at 4.00pm**

Eligibility:

Who can apply? -

To be eligible organisations/clubs must:

- be based within Tipperary
- only one application must be submitted per club
- operate as a 'not for profit' sports club or organisation that is open to public membership
- have a primary objective of sport or physically active recreation and have policies and practices that encourage participation regardless of gender, age, race or ability
- operate under the basis of best practice for children in sport – a member of the club must have previously attended Safeguarding course (new clubs must commit to attending training where appropriate)
- be registered with their National Governing Body and new clubs will need to provide written confirmation of registration with their National Governing Body or appropriate agency before funds are paid out
- be registered with County Tipperary Public Participation Network (PPN). Further details are available at www.ppn Tipperry.org & at 0504 61014
- Clubs must have signed the CARA Sport Inclusion Disability Charter. www.caracentre.ie/sport-inclusion-disability-charter.

Who is not eligible to apply?

1. Individuals/National/Regional/County Governing Bodies/ Statutory agencies
2. For profit groups/commercial organisations / Private Facility owners
3. Applications eligible for funding under other schemes will not be considered e.g. Go for Life, Sports Capital etc

Successful Applicants will be required to provide copies of appropriate detailed receipts and evaluation report form.

Monies must be spent and claims submitted no later than Friday 30th October 2026 at 4.00pm

Coaching Section Eligible Costs	Coaching Section Ineligible Costs
<p>Funding is available towards the <u>course fees only</u> for attending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports specific Coach Education • Accredited courses by Sport Ireland Coaching or National Governing Body of Sport or approved internationally by a recognised body • Referee, Umpire or Official Accreditation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses outside Ireland • Sport related courses delivered by bodies not recognised under the National Governing Body or by the Sport Ireland Coaching • Generic sports courses delivered by a non-recognised agency • Courses not directly related to applicant club/organisation (e.g. team building) • Generic courses currently facilitated by Tipperary Sports Partnership such as First Aid, Safeguarding are not eligible under this scheme. However, these will continue to be subsidised by TSP.
Development Section Eligible Costs	Development Section Ineligible Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New clubs - Set up costs e.g. bibs, cones, nets, balls, training equipment etc • Existing clubs/organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applications from existing clubs for the development of new section/development and will be considered on the basis of need as determined by the Grants Sub-committee. - Priority will be given to minority sports, low participation groups, and the target groups identified in the Tipperary Sports Partnership Strategy e.g teenage girls, women, people with disabilities, marginalised, older adults. For further information contact TSP. - For new sections to existing clubs the club must demonstrate that there is a plan for this new section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Costs • Annual operational costs such as insurance, administration, registration, servicing of debt, transport, sponsorship of sports clothing, venue hire will not be eligible • Summer Camps • Pre-existing programme costs • Generic courses currently facilitated by TSP such as First Aid, Safeguarding are not eligible under this scheme. However, these will continue to be subsidised by TSP. Coaching courses may be eligible under the coach education grant

NOTE:

- Applicants should note events/coaching courses for which funding is being sought must be either about to take place or should not be more than 6 months previous to the date of application.
- New Club is defined by TSP as a club formed or re-launched in the period since January 2025.
- Successful Applicants will be asked to provide copies of appropriate receipts and confirmation of course attendance where applicable. Monies must be spent by the 30th October 2026 of which the fund was awarded.
- Applicants should note that successful clubs/organisations must comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity from TSP.
- Any club/organisation funded under this scheme will be asked to erect a sign provided by TSP for publicity purposes.
- Any club/organisation funded under this scheme will be asked to submit an evaluation report form to TSP and may be asked to supply documentary evidence of how the funds were spent
- Tipperary Sports Partnership will have final decision on all grants awarded
- Applicants will be assessed and allocation of grants determined having regard for the criteria outlined here in, which reflects the policies and priorities of Tipperary Sports Partnership.
- All personal information supplied will be held by Tipperary Sports Partnership (TSP), and will remain secure and confidential. Your details will only be used by TSP for the purpose of record keeping and to inform you of relevant opportunities that may be of interest to you and will not be passed on to any third parties.
- TSP reserves the right to change the manner to which they deploy these funds from time to time.
- If you are unsure on any of the above or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 052 6166201
- Closing Date for receipt of applications **is 4.00pm, Thursday 14th May 2026**