

NETBALL SOUTH WEST

FINANCIAL SUPPORT POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for individual members needing financial support to help ensure everyone can participate equally.

Background

Netball South West (NSW) is responsible for the management and development of the sport of Netball in the South West region. NSW is one of nine regions that make up England Netball. NSW understands that its members may suffer financial difficulty from time to time. Financial hardship can present challenges to meeting primary needs, much less discretionary activities. NSW acknowledges the role of Netball in the personal, physical and emotional development of all members. NSW believes that no member should be excluded from activity due to cost or affordability if measures can be taken to overcome this.

NSW currently offers funding for the following:

1. Young athletes in the Performance Pathway
2. Volunteer coaches and officials
3. Members carrying out wider voluntary roles.

Legitimate expenses include, but are not limited to:

Travel to training and competition (not outside of England), course costs, assessment/qualification costs.

The maximum payment to any individual is £200 per calendar year

Funding Criteria

- All applicants must be current members of NSW
- All applicants (or their parent/guardian if under 18) must demonstrate hardship (that may be receipt of government benefit(s) or by other means)

- All performance athletes must be part of either an England Netball recognised Player Pathway/Academy or the England Netball national squad/academy. For clarity, this includes athletes who are part of an NPL/PDP squad run by Team Bath Netball or an alternative NSL franchise. This policy does not cover athletes who are part of other programmes run by Team Bath Netball or other franchises, such as ADCs or hubs, nor does it include athletes in County academies
- Applications will be considered on a season-by-season basis
- Each application will be judged on its individual merits and NSW's current financial position at the time
- NSW will not notify any other person of any funding awarded
- All applications are strictly confidential & must not be discussed with any other person
- Payment will only be paid to the applicant or the parent /guardian if under 18
- Successful applicants must abide by the NSW's terms & conditions (below)
- Any funding is a contribution towards the purpose detailed in the application and must be used solely for the purposes for which it was intended

Process

To be considered for assistance, the member must submit an application via the relevant form available from the Regional Officer.

Completed forms should be emailed to the NSW Chair in the first instance via chair@netballsouthwest.co.uk

The Chair will forward each application to the relevant RMB lead.

Upon receipt, the RMB lead will review the application and the Finance Director/their representative will approve or counter the request.

The RMB lead in question will communicate the decision and payment plan by email to the applicant.

If funding is awarded applicants should return a written acknowledgement to NSW's offer.

Terms & Conditions

Monitoring, Review and Reporting

Successful applicants must comply with all reasonable requests made by NSW for information and/or documentation in connection with, the funding. The information requested may be in relation but not limited to income and expenditure, and performance or results of the purpose.



Successful applicants agree to:

- inform NSW immediately in writing of any changes in their personal circumstances during the term of the funding, which may directly or indirectly affect their application for the funding (e.g. withdrawal from the performance programme due to sickness, injury, any other incapacity)
- keep ENgauge up to date with any change of their permanent residential address

Suspension, Termination and Amendment of Funding

NSW reserves the right to reduce the amount of the funding, suspend payments due or otherwise amend payments of the funding or terminate it forthwith upon notice in the event that:

- the financial position of NSW substantially changes for the worse; and/or
- should such funds allocated by NSW be less than originally projected to the extent that NSW cannot meet all its commitments

NSW reserves the right to reduce, increase or otherwise amend the funding to reflect changes in the applicant's personal financial circumstances during the term of the funding.

NSW may require part or all of the funding to be repaid to NSW if:

- in the reasonable opinion of NSW the applicant fails to apply the funding or any part of it for the purpose for which it was made;
- the applicant fails to comply with or otherwise breaches any of the terms and conditions of the agreement;
- in the reasonable opinion of NSW, any of the assurances given to NSW prior to the date of the funding were fraudulent, materially incorrect or misleading;
- the applicant engages in activities, behaviour or practices which, in the reasonable opinion NSW, may bring NSW into disrepute;
- the applicant ceases to be a full member of, or are suspended from NSW;

Any decision made by NSW would be based on individual circumstances and following consultation with the applicant and the NSW RMB.

Limitation of Liability

NSW, its volunteers or sub-contractors will not at any time be liable to the applicant in relation to any matter arising in connection with the funding.

Financial

The applicant accepts sole responsibility for managing their personal financial and tax affairs, including the payment of national insurance and any tax which might arise in relation to the funding. The applicant accepts that NSW will not make any deduction from amounts to be awarded in respect of income tax or national insurance contributions.

Data Protection

Applicants acknowledge that all personal information (including “sensitive” personal information relating to race or ethnic origin, physical or mental health, and other matters covered by data protection legislation) may, in addition to keeping hard copies, be stored electronically or otherwise, and processed by NSW as set out in accordance with current data protection legislation, guidelines and practices.

NSW shall keep your personal information for not longer than 6 years after the end of a funding award and will destroy personal information after this period.

Revision History

Policy/Version Date	Summary of Change	Contact	Implementation Date	Review Date
Nov2020	Policy First Draft		11 Dec 2020	Dec 2021
Jan 2022	Limit increased from £100 to £200	K Jones	1 Jan 2022	Dec 2022
Mar 2023	Policy Renamed Pathway references updated	K Jones		
July 2024	Review	VTB	30 August 2024	July 2026
March 2026	Review	K Jones		March 2028

**NETBALL SOUTH WEST
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND
APPLICATION FORM**

Name	
EN Membership No.	
Address (inc. Post Code)	
Tel No	
Email address	
County	
Club	
School (where applicable)	
Franchise (where applicable)	

Have you requested or been granted funding, from any other source? (County, Club, School, Local Authority, Active Partnership - please give detail)

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How much funding, are you asking for?		The maximum available
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Please provide a breakdown of what expenses you require the funding to cover

Any other relevant information

Please demonstrate hardship below, either by indicating that you or your parent/guardian is in receipt of one of the following (please mark which) or by providing further details:		
Job seekers allowance	Yes	No
Housing and/or council tax benefit	Yes	No
In work credits	Yes	No
Child tax credits	Yes	No
Working tax credits	Yes	No
Income support	Yes	No
An invalid care allowance	Yes	No
Disability care allowance	Yes	No
If you are experiencing financial hardship but are not in receipt of any of the above benefits, please provide detail below:		



I confirm that all the information I have provided on this application form is, to my knowledge, complete & correct.

I agree that I have read and, if successful, will abide by the terms and conditions in Netball South West's Financial Support Policy

Signed by applicant (or parent/guardian if under 18):	
Please print name:	
Relationship to applicant if applicable:	
Date:	

NSW Decision

Matter Discussed (date)

Amount Awarded

Date Paid