

BRITISH FENCING COVID-19 COMMUNITY CLUB RESTART FUND

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Fund Overview

The Covid-19 Community Club Restart Fund is designed to help BF affiliated community clubs restart session activity after the enforced shutdown, attracting their club members back into fencing. It will prioritise those experiencing short term financial hardship and who have genuine concerns with being able to make sessions financially viable, or are facing the potential ceasing of operations.

As part of the FIE's Global Support Plan National Federations were allocated €4000 euros (£3310) to support the recovery of fencing at a national level.

BF has contributed an additional £1689, providing a total of £5000 to be awarded as grants of up to £250 for BF affiliated clubs (one application per club).

Eligible Costs

The fund is intended to support clubs to restart and run group sessions for British Fencing members to help grow/retain people in the sport over a prolonged period of time.

Eligible session costs that the fund could support include costs associated with:

- Facility Hire: e.g. Covering increased facility hire, or the need to hire additional space to run group sessions (up to 50% of total cost)
- Meeting Covid-19 regulations: e.g. Provision of PPE, mask liners (up to 100% of total cost)
- Equipment: e.g. masks, wireless equipment
- Coaching fees: up to a maximum of 50% of the coaches' rate (up to a maximum hourly rate of £25) and not to cover individual lessons

As the fund is focused on supporting the restart of play it cannot be used for costs associated with:

- Affiliation and membership
- Retrospective costs
- Online payment transaction fees
- Individual lessons
- Online session delivery (the fund is intended to support 'in-person' indoor club activity)

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Criteria

To be eligible to apply to the Covid-19 Club Restart Fund, clubs need to meet the following criteria:

The club **must** have:

- BF Club Affiliation
- A registered Welfare Officer
- A registered Covid-19 Officer or are currently in the process of appointing an Officer
- All club coaches on the BF Coach Register and they must be compliant with the requirements set out
- A purposeful code of conduct for coaches, volunteers and members
- A commitment to uploading the club Covid-19 Risk Assessment onto the BF Membership platform

Fund Priorities

The Covid-19 Club Restart Fund is open to all BF affiliated clubs that are facing financial hardship and challenges relating to the restart of play to apply. We expect demand will outweigh the funds available so for the purposes of panel decisions, the following considerations will be taken into account:

- Your ability to engage with the needs of your local community
- Previous history of affiliation and engagement with BF
- Previous commitment to BF membership for club participants

Application Process

Applications will open on Thursday 17th December and close on midnight Sunday 31st January 2021.

- All applicants must complete the Covid-19 Hardship Fund [application form](#)
- Applications will be assessed by a panel of BF staff and Board members
- Successful applicants will be informed from Monday 15th Feb 2021, this deadline may be extended if we need to contact clubs for more information
- Successful applicants will receive funding via bank transfer to the club committee administered bank account
- Successful applicants will need to provide relevant bank details to receive funding
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified and signposted to other funding streams available

Terms and Conditions

- BF will share the initial list of applicants with the Safeguarding and Welfare Manager and will take into account any current Welfare concerns
- BF will inform the relevant Home Nation of the club's application
- The club will be required to complete session registers through the BF online monitoring and evaluation tool to evidence the impact of the funding
- The club may be asked to complete a short case study with a BF member of staff, via Zoom or phone after the funding has been used