



# Covid19 – Impact and Response Sport and Physical Activity

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Advice



# Impact on NGB's

## Cancellations of all the following

- Membership/affiliations
- No registration or lack of registration for club membership or athletes/teams registering for events/competitions
- Tournaments/events/matches
- All Coaching Programmes / All Educational Workshops
- All community and school awareness days/development work
- Development Officers are taken off the road
- Easter camps/Summer camps
- No income from gate receipts/event receipts/green fees
- No income from sponsors as events etc cancelled
- Closure of sport facilities with hall/AstroTurf/shop/bar/restaurant – no footfall no income



- Triathlon 70% decrease in membership in March
- Cycling - 82% down on membership March
- Ireland Active 50% down on their income

# Financial impact of COVID19 – on Clubs

- Cancellation, refunding or deferral of membership incomes
- Cancellation of fundraising activities and club lottos
- Zero bar revenue where clubs have no ability to take in social events/bar spend
- In some instances members are supporting clubs by paying their membership for 2020, however, this doesn't amount to enough to keep clubs running.
- Clubs lost income ranges from 60 – 100% of yearly income
- Loss of sponsorship and community business support as no events/activities for sponsorship/promotion
- In some cases, where seasons have been deferred membership will now be stretched over 2020 and 2021 leaving a long-term financial impact past 2020.



## Minimum expenditure that clubs must pay during crisis

- Banking (Fees and Loan Repayments), & Utilities.
- Between 60 and 85% of regular expenditure still needs to be paid for most clubs
- Rent of premises/mortgage repayments
- Insurance is a huge concern for all clubs  
Maintenance payments so clubs can be in a position to re open
- Affiliation fees to other bodies

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# Cross Sector Government Support accessed by Sport organisations

- Covid19 Wage Subsidy Scheme
- Pandemic Unemployment payment
- Short-Time Work Support
- COVID-19 €250m Restart Grant—Under the revised Restart Grant, support will also be provided for enterprises that could not access the original grant scheme. \*Rateable sports businesses will be eligible for a grant payment of €4,000 – Apply via local authorities





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# A Resilience Fund for Sport and Physical Activity

This funding package will support the sport sector through;

- Funding of up to €40m for the three main field sports organisations – the FAI, the GAA and the IRFU,
- A Resilience Fund of up to €10m to support the National Governing Bodies of Sport/ LSP/other funded bodies
- A Sports Club Resilience Fund of up to €15m to support clubs
- A Sports Restart and Renewal Fund of up to €5m.

Distributed primarily to and through recognised National Governing Bodies (NGBs) and the national network of Local Sports Partnerships (LSPs).





# Scheme One & Two – Key Points

Scheme 1 - €40m fund available –three large field sports.

Scheme 2 - €10m fund available -NGBs, LSPs and other funded bodies.

- Funding will be a direct response to each funded body's specific needs with regard to solvency and continued existence.
- Funded bodies are not obliged to respond to the call for applications.
- NGBs should make submissions via the relevant application forms.
- Recommend including detailed written narrative along with supporting documentation to provide further context and evidence of need. ( 3 years comparison).
- Sports should also aim to provide similar information for their broader affiliate and club network.
- It is important to explain fully the economic impact of COVID 19 on the organisation and the wider community of that sport.



# Scheme Three - Key Points

- €15m fund available to NGB affiliated Clubs
- July Stimulus Package now includes Swimming Pool Fund & rateable Sports Clubs in Restart Grant (€4k)
- Purpose to support Sports Clubs who find themselves in need of assistance to avoid closing.
- The Club grant scheme is designed to support sporting activity only.
- Funds are not aimed to replace lost income from ancillary activities such as hospitality, sub letting facilities or other non sporting commercial activity.
- NGBs can elect to apply for funding on behalf of individual Clubs.
- Alternatively run a Covid19 Club Support Grant Scheme directly.



# Scheme Four Key Points

- 5M Restart & Renewal Fund
- Open to both NGBs and LSPs
- Disability Sport Support Fund
- Sports Innovation Fund

## Sports Innovation Fund

This fund aims specifically to promote and develop new programmes that can advance sport and physical activity in the post COVID 19 public health era.

- New Programmes
- Collaboration Encouraged / reference to the National Sports Policy essential .



## PROCESS & TIMELINE

- Closing date for applications will be Monday 14th of September.
- Process of informing and payment will begin thereafter
- National Governing Bodies will need to put in place a parallel timeline to facilitate the applications of their affiliate clubs.

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