



Southern Area Judo

Funding Eligibility Guidelines



Purpose

The Southern Area has a limited amount of funding available each year to help support individuals and clubs that are active within the Area. The primary goal of funding is to help facilitate access to opportunities for personal development and achievement. Where possible, the Area will also seek to help enhance access to high-quality facilities for judo and to support events that promote judo education and widen participation.

Eligibility – General Considerations

Applications for funding can be received directly from the individual (the “applicant”) for whom the funding is intended, or from an individual that is completing an application on the behalf of an individual/club that stands to benefit from the funding (the “beneficiary”). If the beneficiary is under 18 years of age, the application must be completed by the beneficiary’s parent/guardian or coach.

Ideally, applications should be submitted at least four weeks before the activity/event for which funding is requested.

Applicants, or beneficiaries if an applicant is applying on their behalf, must have current valid membership of British Judo and should be registered with the Southern Area and with one of the counties that comprise the Southern Area – Hampshire, Kent, Surrey, Sussex or Channel Islands. The Area and County should appear on the applicant’s/beneficiary’s membership card. Generally, the applicant/beneficiary should also be registered with a member club of the Southern Area.

Applicants or beneficiaries must have an established track record of supporting activities or events within the Area and one or more of the Counties that comprise the Area. The types of supporting activities/events concerned will be largely dependent on the purpose for which funding has been requested, but may also extend to wider participation in judo.

Priority will generally be given to applications that are likely to result in long-term benefit or that enhance the capacity, capability or expertise of individuals/clubs within the Area, particularly if this is likely to benefit larger groups of people.

The amount of funding available is limited. It is unlikely that requests for individual funding in excess of £500 will be supported, unless there is a high likelihood of a significant impact. In exceptional cases, a maximum of £750 may be awarded. Applicants or beneficiaries whose track record is limited to regional activity are less likely to be supported and may wish to approach their club or County in the first instance. General fundraising activities that are not linked to a specific activity/event and applications for activities/events that have already taken place will not be supported. It is unlikely that applications to fund purchase of equipment such as *judogi* will be supported, unless the lack of such equipment represents a barrier to progression towards elite performance.

It is unlikely that an individual/club that has received funding from the Area in the preceding 12-month period (since the date of receipt of the previous application) will be considered for further funding. Priority will be given to those that do not have access to other funding streams or regular income from e.g. sponsorship. If a decision is still awaited on an application to another funding body for the same or similar purpose, the Area may request to be notified of the outcome of that application prior to considering the application to the Area.

Successful applicants are required to complete and submit a Southern Area Funding Report within four weeks of the date of the activity/event for which funding was awarded. Applicants cannot be considered for further funding (until after 12 months – see above) if the Funding Report is not completed and submitted.

Athletes

“Athletes” includes any individuals that are participating in competitive judo or kata. Athletes applying for funding must demonstrate a sustained track record of supporting events within the Southern Area and one or more of the Counties that comprise the Area. It is generally expected that successful applicants/beneficiaries should be participating at national and/or international level. Normally athletes applying for funding should be current or recent members of the Southern Area squad and/or have represented/been selected to represent the Area at the National Team Championships. Area squad members seeking funding should be actively engaging with squad activities such as training sessions (where applicable). Engagement with or supporting home County squad activities including training sessions (where applicable) and team events is also beneficial.

In addition to the criteria above, consideration will also be given any other judo activities within the Area that an athlete is actively supporting and which benefit the Area (directly or indirectly). Examples of such activities include, but are not limited to, coaching, officiating and volunteering.

Officials

“Officials” includes referees and technical officials (TOs) of any grade, timekeepers, referee/TO examiners/assessors, senior examiners, kata examiners and judges. Officials must possess a valid qualification awarded by British Judo. Officials applying for funding must demonstrate a sustained track record of supporting events within the Southern Area and one or more of the Counties that comprise the Area. Funding will be prioritised for those seeking progression to the next grade/award within their qualification framework. This funding may be to support the costs associated with examination (except where this can be, or has been, supported by another Area funding scheme, such as the Volunteer Award Subsidy Scheme) or, generally for international awards, the costs associated with attendance at events required for progression and/or necessary to acquire the experience required for progression. Priority will also be given to award matching funding for those that have successfully sought and been awarded funding by their home County. Funding will not be provided in instances when an official’s expenses are met, or are expected to be met, by event organisers.

In addition to the criteria above, consideration will also be given any other judo activities within the Area that an official is actively supporting and which benefit the Area (directly or indirectly). Examples of such activities include, but are not limited to, competing, coaching, volunteering or officiating in another capacity, or training, mentoring or examining others.

Coaches

“Coaches” includes those holding a valid qualification (of any level) awarded by British Judo and verifiable current accreditation (including current first aid and safeguarding and protecting children training, DBS check and completion of the required number of coach education events during the current or previous cycle). Coaches applying for funding must demonstrate a sustained track record of supporting (a) member club(s) of the Southern Area, coaching athletes that are active within the Area and/or contributing to coaching within their home County, the Area or the Judo England EDS/EPP programme (where applicable). Funding will be prioritised for those seeking progression to the next coaching level (except where this can be, or has been, supported by another Area funding scheme, such as the Volunteer Award Subsidy Scheme), particularly when this is linked to continuing or developing the success of a member club through increasing participation. Priority will also be given to award matching funding for those that have successfully sought and been awarded funding by their home County. Funding will be prioritised for coaches

that are unpaid volunteers. Coaches that derive an income from paid coaching are unlikely to be funded and funding will not be provided for full-time or part-time employed (including self-employed) professional coaches.

In addition to the criteria above, consideration will also be given any other judo activities within the Area that a coach is actively supporting and which benefit the Area (directly or indirectly). Examples of such activities include, but are not limited to, competing, officiating, volunteering or training or mentoring others.

Other Volunteers

“Volunteers” includes those supporting a member club in an unpaid capacity and essential to the running of the member club, such as a Club Welfare Officer. Ordinarily, the member club would be expected to fund and support the development of their volunteers, but applications may be considered in circumstances under which a lack of funding represents a barrier to the continued success or development of a member club. Funding will be prioritised for those seeking to attend a course or gain a qualification essential to the running of a club, and for whom no other sources of funding are available. Exceptionally, applications may be considered from volunteers supporting the activity of the Area or one of the Counties that comprise the Area (but in the latter case the County should be approached in the first instance).

Clubs and Events

Funding will be prioritised to enhance access to high-quality facilities for judo and to support events that promote judo education and widen participation. As stated above, priority will also be given to applications that are likely to provide long-term benefit to large groups of people. Given the amount of funding typically available, it is unlikely that large-scale, high-cost projects or general fundraising activities can be supported, particularly those that seek to provide basic facilities/equipment for judo (e.g. mats) or for which clubs would ordinarily be expected to self-fund. Events that are profit-making (or expected to be profit-making) will not be funded, but funding can be used to subsidise, in part or in whole, fees paid by participants. For example, funding may be used to meet the costs of hiring a venue if that allows participants to attend for free or at a reduced price. Events run by volunteers will be prioritised but funding may be considered to meet the costs of individuals responsible for the successful delivery of an event, such as expenses reasonably incurred or a modest fee. Event organisers should take appropriate measures to ensure that the costs associated with hosting and running the event are kept to a minimum. Funding may also be sought to run a series of events, with priority given to events that bring individuals together from a wider area beyond the host County, particularly for events that create new opportunities to develop individuals within the Area.

Assessment of Applications

Applications will be reviewed and assessed by the Southern Area Finance Sub-committee. Each application will be assessed on its own merit and within the budget available for the funding period (April to March). Eligible applications will be scored based on the level at which the applicant/beneficiary is participating, the level of the activity/event for which funding is sought, the track record of contribution to/engagement with Area activities, how reasonable the application is (including how likely any funding awarded would be to support the development of the applicant/beneficiary), and the quality of the application. The panel will make a recommendation to the Southern Area Committee on whether or not funding should be awarded, and, if awarded, whether the amount requested should be funded in full or in part. Recommendations will be considered by the Southern Area Committee at the next Committee meeting (or by other means of communication if the event for which funding is requested occurs before the next Committee meeting). The Southern Area Committee meets four times a year (at a minimum), so depending on the timing of an application, there may be some time between submission of the application and a funding decision being communicated. The Finance Sub-committee may request corroborating or supporting information from appropriate members of the Area Committee (e.g.

Refereeing Representative, Competitions Representative, Squad Managers, Director of Examiners) before making a recommendation.

As stated above, successful applicants must submit a Southern Area Funding Report within four weeks of the date of the activity/event for which funding was awarded. Applicants are generally limited to one application in any 12-month period. Successful applicants may apply again after 12 months but must demonstrate a sustained track record of supporting activities or events within the Area since the previous application. Unsuccessful applicants may apply again at any time, but not for an activity/event that is the same or substantially similar to that on which the previous unsuccessful application was based.