

## **Funding**

Last year the committee established different levels of funding which any of our members could apply for. Level one and two simply related to travel claims whether you were racing at club level or higher. Parents can also claim a subsidy when travelling with a junior athlete. We hope this has helped more athletes travel off Island to race.

After reviewing this policy we are happy to continue this service to our members however as the club is desperately short of volunteers we have decided that anyone claiming more than 1 of these level 1 or 2 travel grants needs to give something back to the club as a volunteer.

We don't expect u11s to help but parents/carers can volunteer and any of our u13s and upwards there are many ways you can help.

1. Saturday mornings at RGS. We can set up a rota so you aren't having to do every Saturday.
2. Wednesday nights at RGS.
3. Helpers and officials at track events: anyone over 16 can qualify as an official and the club will pay for this. Most of the courses are now online and then you only need to help at 4 events to get your level 1 official qualification. If anyone wants to compete and officiate at a particular meeting then this isn't an issue, we can timetable your duties around your events. Time keeping, track judging and field officials are all needed and it doesn't matter if you are parent with no knowledge of athletics you will soon pick it up with the help of our more experienced officials.
4. Assistant coach/run leader – these courses are online, the club will pay. Speak to Neil or Sarah if you are interested.
5. Marshalling/helpers at club events: over 16s can marshal. Other roles: refreshments, sign-on, recording finishers, results.
6. Join the committee.

## **Tier 3**

Tier 3 funding applies to those athletes who are working towards international level. Because this is an Island Games year this will include all athletes wanting to go to the Island Games. You may not get selected but we would like to you to submit your application to the club for funding. This is good practice as you will have to apply for funding as you progress in athletics from other sporting bodies for example Isle of Man Sport and you likely will have to submit an Athletics CV as part of your application for selection for the Island Games.

All tier 3 athletes will have to apply for funding every year. If you are considering applying for tier 3 funding we ask that you are aware of the following obligations and if these are not carried out then funding may not be given in subsequent years.

1. Wear your club vest at all events unless told otherwise by your team manager e.g. Isle of Man/England/GB.
2. Social media – when you have raced or achieved something e.g. training session off Island it would be great if you could upload a picture and a post to the club page or tag NAC in a post to increase awareness and exposure for NAC and helps inspire others. The admin team can do this for you, if you send a message with photo and description of your race.
3. A review of how your year has gone and how the funding has helped.
4. Volunteering: see the above examples for level 1 and 2 funding. This is a serious obligation and we expect any tier 3 athletes to be seen at club events if not competing, helping as much

as possible. You know from the fixtures calendar as to when these events are so we want to see you. If you plan to compete at all of them then please set out your plans as to how else you may be able to help.

5. Attend the AGM and Club Presentation nights.

Regardless of whether you are going to the Island Games or not you can apply for Tier 3 funding and your application should include the following information:

1. Your plans for the next 12 months. These do not have to be set in stone but for example think about the big events of the year that you might want to target e.g. Island Games, British Champs, Inter-counties, English schools and events which maybe lower key but that you will use to get qualification standards for your event e.g. British Milers Club events.
2. Your current weekly training regime (this may differ week by week but we want to see that you are training regularly and not just for a few weeks in the summer).
3. How you plan to give back to the club as a volunteer.

**The deadline for Tier 3 funding applications is 17th April.**

Please submit your application by then even though you don't know whether you will be selected for the Island Games. No decision on funding will be announced until after the Island Games selection.