



Hello British, "WE NEED FUNDING!" is that the most common phrase from sports clubs?

Funding can be a bit of taboo subject at clubs, whether it's the fear of the unknown or the thought of unattainable due to time commitments or the pressure to meet the obligations set by the funding organisation. This article will look to calm those nerves and provide information about the support we, as BF, can provide and you'll hear from a club, that has just been awarded £9,500, on just how easy it can be. As long as the club have drive and passion to make it happen, it is achievable.

We understand clubs apprehension about submitting a funding bid, adding that pressure on top of running a club is a challenge. Our solution? Create a funding guide that breaks down every element of [Sport England's Small Grant](#) stream to provide;

1. Suggested wording to include for each question.
2. How best to frame your answers to ensure your bid is a strong contender
3. Our insight onto the types of people that fence

Information of this guide was shared in the July 2017 Club Digest as we were looking for clubs to trial the guide with our support. You can find the link to that Club Digest article [here](#).

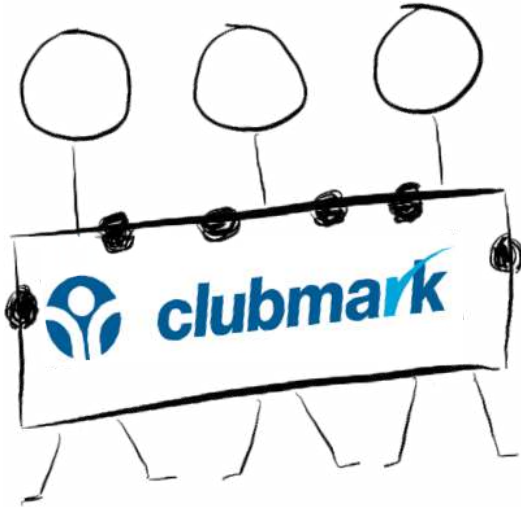
This free guide is readily available to all registered clubs that wish to work with us to submit a Small Grants bid of £300 to £10,000 to provide fencing sessions to new audience. We can help you review your objectives, proof read any bids to make recommendations and write letters of support! All we ask for is to be kept up to date with the progress and to hear about the result!

But why take the recommendation from us? Below you'll find a article written by the club who were ready to jump with both feet and trial our funding guide. It outlines their project, the target audience, why they wanted to submit their bid, including how they are using some of that funding and explores different elements of the guide!

If you would like to access the guide or are thinking of submitting a funding bid, please [contact us](#) for support. Over to you...



CLUBMARK



Clubmark is the universally acknowledged cross-sport accreditation scheme for community sports Clubs. It stands for:

- › Higher standards of welfare, equity, coaching and management in community sports Clubs
- › Making sure the nation's sports Club infrastructure is safer, stronger and more successful.

In April 2017, British Fencing were re accredited to deliver the award which directly replaces Swordmark. 4 clubs have since be awarded with Clubmark status; you can find a Q&A with those clubs [here](#).

Clubs always ask why they should dedicate the time to complete the award and there is one simple answer; rather than using it as a tick box, paperwork exercise, use it as a development tool to advance your club through reflecting on what you currently offer your members and local community. Review and update your current processes and policies to ensure you are practicing what you preach and finally, it will enable you to set clear goals for future development to ensure the long term sustainability of your club.

To get you started on your Clubmark journey, there is a short and simple process that will allow you to self reflect and ensure you are ready to complete the accreditation. You can find the process [here](#). In summary the steps are as follows:

Review

- › [Welcome Pack](#)
- › [Clubmark Criteria](#)

Complete

- › [Expression of Interest Form](#)
- › [Clubmark Self Assessment](#)

Submit

- › Completed documents [here](#).

We only have a small number of places available to support clubs. Currently this stands at 3, so if

you would like to work towards the award, then please complete the process above and contact us [here](#).

TALENT PATHWAY UPDATE

This months Talent Pathway Update is from Steve Garrett, Talent Pathway Manager to keep clubs informed of the direction of the programme. If you have any questions, please contact Steve, [here](#).

Talent Programme Update

Our name is changing! The Talent Programme will now be known as GBR Development Programmes. Following extensive research BF has decided to change the name of the Talent Programme to reflect the main purpose of the programmes - to support the development of people (athletes, coaches, referees and team managers). As part of this change we will be aligning development opportunities for athletes, coaches, referees and team managers and in doing so supporting the development of those aspiring to represent GBR.

What does this mean for athletes?

We will continue to deliver a series of national GBR development camps (previously talent camps) and launch further GBR development centres to support the pilot centre in Bath. These will continue to be targeted at current and aspiring GBR athletes. Personal coaches will also continue to be invited and will be able to access additional CPD opportunities provided through the GBR coach development programme.

How can athletes be invited to GBR development camps?

We currently invite all those athletes who have represented GBR at a Cadet, Junior and U23 level. We will also invite those in the top 20 of the end of season cadet and junior ranking and will invite further athletes during the 2018/19 season. The GBR development centres will invite athletes and their coaches from the local area who aspire to compete for GBR.

What does this mean for coaches/team managers/referees?

Further details of the coach, team manager and referee development programmes will be released shortly. It should be noted these programmes will be aimed at current and aspiring GBR coaches, team managers and (FIE) referees.

Further details of the programmes designed to support athletes, coaches, team managers and referees will be released shortly.



BRITISH FENCING AWARDS

*The deepest principle in human nature
is the craving to be appreciated.*

William James

This is your chance to nominate your club, your coach, a club member or your fencing icon to be recognised and appreciated for their great work in the community and for the sport. **Nominations are open** in the following categories:

Athletes Awards:

Athlete of the Year & Young Athlete of the Year

Coaching Awards:

Performance Coach of the Year, Development Coach of the Year & Community Coach of the Year

Officials & Volunteers Awards:

Referee of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Young Volunteer of the Year & Unsung Hero Award

Clubs Awards:

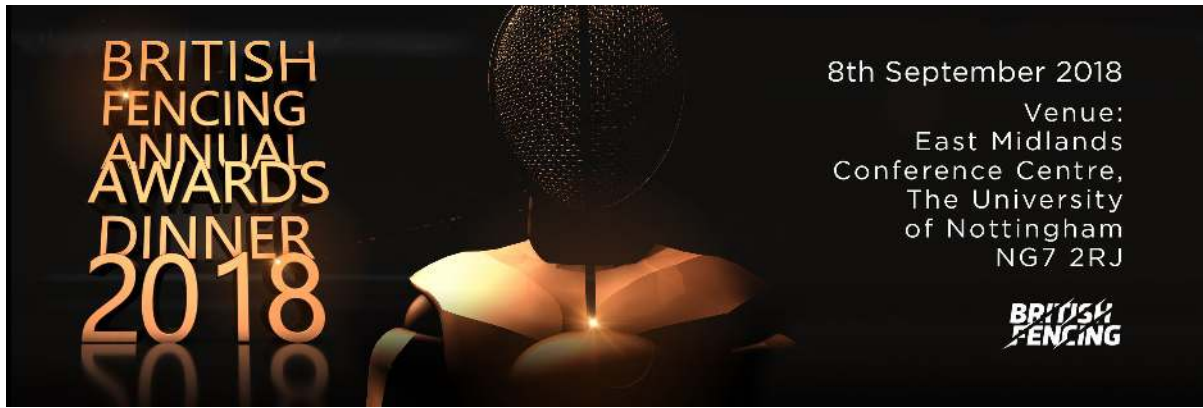
Club of the Year & University Club of the Year

Other:

Innovation Award Fencing, Personality of the Year & Lifetime Achievement Award

[Nominate Here](#)

[Buy Tickets](#)



SAFEGUARDING

Is your club participant focused?

Clubs should always be putting participants at the heart of what they do! We have pulled together a couple of interesting resources from the CPSU to ensure your club is kept up to date with the latest safeguarding information and ensures your members are at the forefront of your thoughts!

I'M INVOLVED: an e-learning resource from the CPSU.

This free e-learning resource on involving children in decisions that affect them will help you put young people's views at the heart of your sport. Whether you're a coach, club volunteer or committee member – or otherwise involved in delivering youth sport – this training course is for you.

This e-learning course will guide you through why, what and how to effectively involve children and young people in decisions that affect them. It should take around 20/30 minutes to complete.

Working at your own pace, you'll learn:

- › What being involved means
- › The benefits of involvement
- › How to involve young people
- › The degree of involvement that suits you
- › Planning involvement activities
- › Tips for running your activities smoothly
- › To evaluate the experience and outcomes



Child Protection in Sport Unit
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Throughout the project, the NSPCC hosted consultations with young people to ensure that the

relevant information is out there to support young people involved in sport.

There are also further reports and additional information for you to read including 'Children and young people's worries in sport – NSPCC report', that can be found via the link below!

Please note: This e-learning resource is does not replace any face-to-face requirements for coaches or welfare officers!

[Start the Course](#)

Young people in positions of trust in sport

This webinar, held in May 2017, looks at the issues arising when a young person makes the move from participant to undertaking a formal role such as coaching, officiating or volunteering. It covers areas such as:

- › A young person's path through sport
- › The transition from player to coach/official/volunteer
- › Safeguarding risks to young people in positions of trust
- › Challenges for young people and organisations

Please note: you'll need to register your name and email to view the recording. This is free and takes only a few seconds.

[Watch the Webinar](#)

[Read the Webinar](#)

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY



Have your club members taken advantage of our free Introduction Membership yet?

Here are a few key points;

1. It's free & 90 days in duration
2. It's for all new people starting the sport
3. There is no age restriction
4. 260 registered in 7 weeks

To help people sign up, see our short 'how to video guide' which is available above and on [youtube](#). Please use this across all of your communication channels to spread the word and ensure all your new members are registered! We've also created a flyer to help members sign up, this can be found below!

You can find all the information on our website that outlines all the key points, includes up to date T&Cs, links to supporting information and the link to our membership platform.

[Membership Flyer](#)

[More Information](#)



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