USWSU Competitive Sports Development Fund

October 2026

Scope:

As part of reforming USWSU's sports provision to ensure that it is more equitable to the wide variety of sports at USW, the Competitive Sports Development Fund has been established to allow all teams to access funding designed to improve their operations and expansion.

As this is the first year of funding allocation, all funding will be divided equally across BUCS teams, providing a total amount of funding of £1300 per competitive team.

Who is the funding for?

The funding is for student groups which have a team that participates in the BUCS leagues. If you are a student group which competes outside of BUCS or do not have a competitive team, you are unable to access this funding.

How do we access the funding?

To apply for funding, you will need to complete the relevant funding form (appendix A), which can also be found under the Student Group Resources page. Applications will be reviewed by the Union and considered against the outlines criteria for funding. The Union will then either reject, accept or accept with conditions the proposal.

Outcome	Meaning
Accept	The proposal is accepted with no additional requirements needed.
Accept (with conditions)	The proposal is accepted in principal, but is conditional on pre-requisites.
Reject	The proposal is not accepted due to either failing to meet the established criteria or as the proposal does not align with the established purpose of the fund.

All applications must be submitted to the su.sport@southwales.ac.uk mailbox and must be submitted either from a student group mailbox or from the registered Secretary of the student group. In addition, all applications must be considered and approved by the committee and the captain of the relevant team to be deemed valid.

Criteria for applications

General

1.1. Applications must follow the approved process for submission
1.2. Only Student Groups which are constituted and have provided a full list of committee members may apply for funding
1.3. Funding cannot be used for social activities
1.4. Funding cannot be used to purchase gifts or personal items for any individual(s)
1.5. All applications must be confirmed with the Captain and the Committee prior to submission

Coaching

1.6. Requests for using this funding for coaching must be submitted to the Union prior to the start of a coach taking up post.
1.7. Where applicable, the coach must hold any relevant requirements as set by the National Governing Body of the sport.
1.8. The coach must meet the requirements set out in the Union's core requirements for coaching contractors.
1.9. All coaches must sign a contract which the Union shall provide for contracted services.
1.10. Prior to undertaking the role, the coach must complete any additional requirements set out for Union coaches (Union induction training).

Professional Development Events/Training

1.11. Funding for training or Professional Development Events must be accessible to all players (Even if spaces are limited)
1.12. The invoicing and payment of the event shall be made to and by the Union.
1.13. Any booking of events or training must be done by the Union directly.
1.14. Where training can be offered by multiple providers, the Union shall assess the appropriate provider prior to booking.

Equipment

1.15. Equipment must be purchased by the Union.
1.16. Where funding is used to partial fund the purchase of equipment, the appropriate funds must be within the student group account prior to purchase.
1.17. Equipment must be stored either on site at the University or at the Union.
1.18. Equipment purchased using funding must be returned in full to the Union at the end of the season.

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USWSU Competitive Sports Development Fund Application Form

This form is for Sports Clubs with teams within the USWSU BUCS Provision to submit requests for a grant from the USWSU Competitive Sports Development Fund.

This form should be completed in conjunction with the committee and the Captain of the relevant team and submit it to su.sport@southwales.ac.uk for consideration. All applications must abide by the Criteria set out in the USWSU Competitive Sports Development Fund Information Circular.

Part A: Proposal details	
Proposal being submitted by:	
Sports Club:	
Proposal for which BUCS Team:	

Part B: Proposal Details	
How much funding are you applying for?	
For what will the funding be used? (Select the most relevant options)	☐Coaching ☐Additional Training Times ☐Equipment ☐Conferences/Events
Please provide a detailed description of what you want the funding to be used for:	
Please provide any links to the relevant information or product:	
Please explain the impact and benefit of the funding being used for the team:	

Part C: Declaration Please ensure that the proposal has been submitted in agreement of the Committee and the relevant team captain below:	
Committee Representative:	
Print Name: Signature:	
Team Captain:	
Print Name: Signature:	

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FOR COMPLETION BY UNION STAFF ONLY	
Reviewed by Union Staff Member:	
Review Outcome:	☐Accept ☐Accept (With Conditions) ☐Reject
Additional Conditions (If applicable):	
Rationale (If not accepted)	
Signed:	
Date:	