

Information for Applicants

CATEGORY: Fitness Suite Gold Card

Introduction

Successful applications to this scheme will be entitled to 12 months MORE Membership allowing fitness suite, pool and health suite use at council Leisure centres within the Borough.

These conditions should be read in conjunction with the Standard terms and Conditions for all Leisure Grants.

1. Individuals must be a resident in Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough;
2. **Applicants must be over the age of 14 years.**
3. Applications will only be considered from individuals competing at the following levels:
 - 3.1.1. International (individual or as part of a team) at Elite level*.
 - 3.1.2. National (individual or as part of a team) at Elite level*.
 - 3.1.3. National / international referees may be considered at Elite level*
 - 3.1.4. Provincial

*Elite level: Northern Ireland, Ireland, Great Britain, United Kingdom or if the particular sport is administered and organised only on an County/Provincial / Ulster basis (e.g. Rugby and Badminton) then this will also be considered.

4. Applicants must provide a selection letter for competing at national or international level. Failure to submit this information will deem the application ineligible.
5. Applicant sports must be recognised by Sport NI, Irish or a UK Governing body;
6. 20 Athlete Gold Cards will approved per annum.

If successful:

- a. the applicant must adhere to the rules and procedures of the facility in which they are training
 - b. The membership is only to be used by the applicant.
 - c. The applicant must receive an induction and complete the relevant paperwork at each site they wish to use.
2. Fitness suite gold card applicants may also apply for additional monetary support:
 - a. Athletes: through the 'Grants to Athletes' category.

All applications will be access on a case-by-case basis. If you are not sure whether you meet the eligibility criteria, or you need more guidance on the application form, please contact the leisure grants team on 028 94463113

Evaluation Criteria

If you have met all of the eligibility criteria, Council will use the following criteria to score your application.

Criteria
1. Key Achievements over the last 12 months e.g. rankings, medals, selection for elite squads.
2. At what level are you competing i.e. International, national, regional, provincial
3. How will you acknowledge Council support if your application is successful

Council will not award gold card to the following (list not exhaustive):

- Anyone on training or development squads
- Professional athletes