

North Belfast Harriers – Talented Athlete Policy (TAP) FAQs

1. What is the purpose of the Talented Athlete Policy (TAP)?

The TAP aims to financially support North Belfast Harriers' most talented athletes by helping them access competitions and training opportunities, mitigating financial barriers.

2. Who is eligible to apply for TAP funding?

Eligible applicants must:

- Be current club members.
- Be aged Under 16 through to Masters (over 35).
- Be seeking or participating in national/international selection or qualification events.
- Not be participating in school or university-exclusive events.

3. What types of events are covered under TAP?

TAP funding can support participation in:

- Winter sun or high altitude training camps.
- Irish or British Milers Club events.
- National or regional championships.
- Selection events for NI, Ireland, or GB & NI squads.
- International standard road, cross country, mountain, and track & field events.

4. What is not covered under TAP?

- Equipment or accessories (e.g., shoes, apparel).
- Events like duathlons, triathlons, or hyrox.
- School or university-only competitions.

5. What expenses are eligible for reimbursement?

- Race entry fees.
- Travel and fuel costs.
- Accommodation.
- Food and subsistence.

- Physiotherapy (pre/post event).

6. How much funding can I apply for?

- Up to **£150 per application**.
- A maximum of **two applications per membership year**.

7. What's the application process?

1. Read the TAP policy.
2. Complete the TAP application form online.
3. Detail how the funds will be used and your own financial contribution (~25% expected).
4. Submit relevant receipts after the event.

8. Who reviews my application?

A dedicated TAP Committee made up of athlete and club representatives assesses all applications. At least three committee members must review each submission.

9. Is there a budget limit?

Yes, the TAP program has an annual cap of **£3000**, reviewed yearly. Once the budget is exhausted, no further applications will be considered.

10. What are my responsibilities if I receive funding?

- Minimise expenses.
- Wear the club vest in competition (unless agreed otherwise).
- Abide by the club's Code of Conduct.
- Communicate with the committee and submit receipts promptly.

11. Can I apply if I already receive sponsorship?

You must first use external funding. TAP is intended to supplement gaps in financial support, not replace other sources.

12. What if I'm experiencing financial hardship?

Contact the club Treasurer confidentially. Additional support may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

13. Where can I find the TAP form and more info?

Visit the club website: www.northbelfastharriers.com