

Masters Club Gala Grant Scheme

Objective

The Masters Club Gala Grant Scheme is an initiative launched by Swim Ireland and the National Masters Committee to support and encourage clubs to host Masters swimming gala on the island of Ireland.

The primary purpose of the grant is to assist clubs in their endeavour to deliver quality swimming galas that can meet the needs of Masters swimmers in Ireland. In addition, the scheme aims to increase the number of club galas on offer for Master swimmers over the course of a season.

This document sets out the application process and specific criteria which must be met by clubs wishing to apply for funding under the Masters Club Gala Grant Scheme.

1.0 Application

- 1.1 Only Swim Ireland affiliated Masters clubs, or swimming clubs with Masters sections are eligible to apply for funding under the Masters Club Gala Grant Scheme
- 1.2 Applications must be made using the official Masters Club Gala Grant Scheme application form and submitted to the National Masters Committee at least four weeks in advanced of the gala
- 1.3 A maximum of two grants can be awarded to a club across one calendar year

2.0 Approval and Notification

- 2.1 All applications will be vetted by the National Masters Committee
- 2.2 Applications will be approved or declined at the next meeting of the National Masters Committee, following the completion of the gala in which the grant was applied for
- 2.3 Clubs will receive notification of the outcome of an application within seven days following any decision made by the National Masters Committee
- 2.4 In cases were an application, or part of an application was declined, a written explanation will be provided
- 2.5 Clubs notified of a successful application will receive the grant support within 14 days. Subject to operational timelines used by the Swim Ireland finance department
- 2.6 All payments to clubs will be made via electronic bank transfer

3.0 Operation

3.1 The Masters Club Grant Scheme operates a tiered system of support ranging from a minimum of €100 to a maximum of €500

3.2 The amount awarded in each application is dependent on how many, of a set list of criteria, the club delivers during the running of their gala

3.3 The set list of criteria is detailed in the table below

	Criteria	Amount
1	The gala featured on the Masters annual calendar of events and/or promoted on the Swim Ireland Masters website (see 3.4)	€50
2	Reference to Swim Ireland and Masters Swimming is used when promoting the event on social media, websites, and/or gala programme etc (see 3.4)	€100
3	Medals were offered during victory ceremonies	€100
4	A less popular event was included at the gala: 200m Backstroke, 200m Breaststroke, 200m Butterfly, 400m IM, 800m Freestyle and 1500m Freestyle, 4 x 100m relays, 4 x 200m relays	€100
5	Electronic timing system used	€100
6	Within 7 days of the gala ending, a complete list of results is sent to the Swim Ireland Master Committee	€50

3.4 To have a gala included on the Masters annual calendar of events & website, and to receive Swim Ireland promotional images and logs, please contact Damian Ball, the Swim Ireland liaison to the National Masters Committee

Damianball@swimireland.ie

3.5 Masters Club Gala Grant Scheme application forms should be submitted to Damian Ball, the Swim Ireland liaison to the National Masters Committee

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Masters Club Gala Grant Scheme Application Form 2025

Application forms should be submitted to Damian Ball, the Swim Ireland liaison to the National Masters Committee Damianball@swimireland.ie at least four (4) weeks prior the event

Club Name					
Contact Person					
Contact Email					
Gala Name and Venue					
Gala Date					
Gala Grant criteria applied for Please detail below how you meet the requirements					
1	Gala featured on the Masters annual calendar and/or website				
2	Promotion of Swim Ireland and Masters Swimming				
3	Medals offered during victory ceremonies				
4	A less popular event was included (please detail)				
5	Electronic timing system used				
Date of Application					
Signed					
Club account details for payment of grant					
Account name					
BIC					
IBAN					

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Date application vetted by National Masters Committee					
No. of Criteria Approved		No of Criteria Declined		Amount Awarded	
Reason for Decline					
Signed					