

Blues Fund - University Sports & Activities

1. The College acknowledges that those junior members who play sport at the University level often incur considerable additional individual expenditure. It is not possible to seek to reimburse all such expenditure but **some contribution** is made from the Junior Members Activities' Budget by way of the Blues Fund. It is not a condition of applying for funding from this scheme that you should be awarded a Blue. Any representation *of the University* in a recognised sport¹ will suffice. However, this must be representation at the University level, eg the MBA course holds an Olympiad with other MBA courses, but this does not qualify; nor would any other participation at course or department level.

2. The procedure for allocation of the Fund is as follows:

- 2.1 The type of expenditure normally covered/not covered is indicated below:

Items of expenditure normally covered:

Subscriptions
competition entry fees
hire of facilities: court time etc.
travel (if required) outside Oxford; NOT taxis to sports grounds within Oxford
NB Sports tours, whether in the UK or abroad and whether pre-season or during the season, will only qualify in relation to the travel costs involved; not accommodation

Items of expenditure NOT normally covered:

sports equipment, including repairs to any equipment
kit/clothing, including any footwear, team strips and club uniforms (Blues blazers etc.)
refreshments, including training meals
medical treatment

NB. If any items on this second list appear in a claim, they will simply be deleted. Any items not on either list will be left to the discretion of the Senior Treasurer whose decision will be final.

- 2.2 **NB.** Receipts must be obtained for all claims which may be made. By this is meant an official receipt from, e.g. a supplier; NOT a receipt slip of the type sold as booklets which anybody can fill in. No application for reimbursement will be accepted without a receipt. If official receipts are not available, a letter in support may be accepted as evidence of expenditure, but only if it is signed by the Senior Member for the University sport in question. Such letters will NOT be accepted and the claims in question will not be processed, if it is signed by another junior member.
- 2.3 By no later than the end of Week 6 in Trinity Term, a claim must be submitted to the Senior Treasurer, along with supporting receipts. There is no application form. A short letter setting out the items claimed for and the total amount will suffice, but receipts alone will not. **There is no extension of this deadline, so if a claim is invalid because, e.g., it is not in accordance with para 2.2 there will be no opportunity to re-submit it.**

¹ See: <https://www.sport.ox.ac.uk/sports-a-to-z>

- 2.4 The allocation of the Blues Fund is at the discretion of the Senior Treasurer but, ordinarily, it will be allocated on a pro rata basis dependent on the level of valid claims made. In recent years, some claims have reached disproportionate levels; in part because of the size of claims for tours which will now only qualify in relation to travel costs (see above). While this may also reflect the fact that some sports are more expensive than others, it may be necessary to place a limit on the maximum sum eligible for a claim. But that issue will be dealt with only if necessary, once all claims have been submitted.

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