



International  
**Quadball**  
Association

# DEVELOPMENT FUND

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## IQA Development Fund Application

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Department*

The International Quidditch Association (IQA) Development Fund will be a grant style system of providing monetary support to national governing bodies (NGBs). Applications to receive funds must be submitted with a specific project listed. This project must be implemented and overseen by an NGB. Funding will be available for smaller members of the IQA, or larger member who are experiencing social, economic or political hardship at a national level. View "[Membership Status](#)".

## Progress Report Criteria

To help compare applications in a fair manner, the IQA membership department will use progress reports compiled for each NGB to assess its development status. These reports will detail how active, effective, and efficient NGBs have been in fostering the growth of quidditch within their country/region. Progress reports are compiled from the information NGBs have submitted and confirmed with the IQA.

The number of progress points gained by an NGB will not directly affect the amount of funding it is allocated. They are meant to serve as a metric for where the NGB currently stands and how it develops after receiving funding.

### **1. Referee workshops**

Actively training referees with the current rulebook displays the ability of the NGB to encourage passionate volunteers and ensure safety within the sport. To earn credit for a referee workshop, there must be a minimum of one hour of active referee training. Information for the workshop must be in line with the current IQA rulebook. This course must be administered by at least one certified referee from the NGB or someone who has passed the IQA head referee test. Each confirmed referee workshop will count for two progress points.

### **2. Open practices**

Hosting an open environment for players to practice and encouraging cooperation between teams, constitutes an "Open Practice". Such a practice could include drills/conversations focusing on beating, chasing, keeping, seeking, gender awareness, fundamental rule knowledge, or any activity that you consider meets the aforementioned objective, and must last for no less than one hour. Each confirmed "Open Practice" will count for one progress point.

### **3. Social outreach event**

Reaching out to new players and spectators is critical for the continued growth of quidditch. Hosting/Organising/Participating a youth quidditch event, a table at a convention such as Comic-Con, or any other outreach activity can earn one progress point. This option can be earned up to four times a year. This would require four separate events.

#### **4. Initiation Form**

Progress points are earned by filling [this form](#) so the IQA could create future documents as a resource for future NGBS. The topics of this form are equipment building, organization of events, outreach activities, or fundraising. Each confirmed and reviewed form will count for between one and two progress points. You can find the forms in this link. A maximum of six points can be earned.

#### **5. Registered team confirmation**

Being able to know how many teams are actively playing quidditch and who is volunteering their time to grow the sport is important to the IQA. Team information should include team name, location of active play, team president, head coach, number of active players, and team social media outlet. NGBs that submit a full list of all active teams to the IQA membership department will receive one progress point. This option can be earned twice a year if there is a six month span between submissions.

#### **6. Sanctioned tournaments**

To earn credit for hosting a sanctioned tournament, an NGB must provide proof of teams in attendance, tournament structure, final scores, and referee details. Each NGB sanctioned tournament will be counted for between two and four progress points based on how many teams were in attendance and the overall feedback of the tournament held.

#### **7. Existing funding**

NGBs must provide a report on any funds being collected and dispersed by the NGB. This will help the IQA be able to gauge how NGBs can effectively manage their current funding. This includes items such as a budget, tournament revenue, player registration revenue, and any other way the NGB raises funds to develop quidditch. One progress point will be awarded for reporting this information. This option can be earned twice a year if there is a six month span between submissions.

### **Available Fund Breakdown**

National Governing Bodies will be able to request an amount of funding up to 600 Euros. Applications will be compared to other NGBs with similar development. The primary focus will be for NGBs that have displayed a willingness to foster the growth of quidditch

within their area. This fund is meant to provide assistance with producing equipment and enabling tournaments to occur. For NGBs that have maintained a stable quidditch atmosphere within their country/region, the IQA would like to further support their growth to full members. The funding will focus mainly on tournament assistance and referee workshops. These facets of how the funding will be used are major determining factors for the IQA volunteers reviewing applications.

## Responsibilities of Funding Recipients

The following responsibilities will be required by all national governing bodies who receive funding through this program.

- Documentation on how the funds have been utilized. This should result in more progress points being earned for the NGB over time. Reporting this information to the IQA can be done in the following ways:
  - Receipts for any purchases
  - Photographs of equipment, tournaments, or other implementations of funding
  - Video footage of gameplay
- The IQA membership department will be reaching out to funding recipients one month after they receive funds, with monthly continued correspondence required for the following six months.
- Repercussions for failure to document how funds were used may result in disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis, up to and including:
  - Denial of any further IQA funding opportunities
  - National teams will not be permitted to play in IQA-run tournaments
  - Funding must be paid back to the IQA

## Review of Applications

Applications will be reviewed by IQA volunteers with a minimum of five people weighing in. All voting volunteers will receive a copy of the NGBs' application to make their decision. An application must be approved by a majority of the reviewers. The review time for each application will not exceed one month.

## IQA Volunteer Reviewers

The IQA will have a collection of volunteers in the positions of director or manager who will be able to cast a vote. The following volunteers could have a more active role in

weighing in on applications submitted for the development fund, if related to the application's subject. If those volunteers are no longer with the IQA, their replacements and/or other suitable volunteers whose positions are relevant to the funds will be chosen.

Once the application has been approved by the volunteer reviewers, their recommendation is sent to the IQA Trustees for final approval.

Executive Director  
Communications Director  
Events Director  
Membership and Gameplay Director  
Operations Director

## Application Submission

Formal applications please fill out [this form](#), any other questions you can contact the IQA membership department at [membership@iqasport.org](mailto:membership@iqasport.org).



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