



GOZO TRAVELLING ASSISTANCE SCHEME - ATHLETES

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION

SPORTMALTA is committed to assist teams or athletes who are regarded as permanent residents in Gozo and who travel to and from Malta with the purpose of attending training sessions and to take part in local competitions representing a SPORTMALTA registered sports organisation in activities endorsed by the national sports organisation of the particular sport. This scheme is only applicable if the athlete's entity is registered and fully compliant with SportMalta. The entity must also be enrolled and fully compliant with the Office of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations.

While SPORTMALTA is committed to invest in sports facilities in Gozo and shall endeavour to enter into agreements with the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation for the use of sporting facilities already available in schools, SPORTMALTA further commits to assist teams and athletes with the expenses they incur in travelling to and from Malta for the sporting activities, with the intention of promoting and encouraging sport participation in Gozo.

DEFINITIONS

"Applicant" shall mean an Athlete as defined in these Terms and Conditions.

"Athlete" shall mean an individual having a permanent residence in Gozo, practicing sports on a regular basis with a SPORTMALTA registered sports organisation and who due to such sports practice is required to travel from Gozo to Malta and back on a regular basis.



“National Sports Organisation”	shall mean a sport entity, being a member and recognised by an International Sporting Body and registered with SPORTMALTA as an Association or Federation.
“Period”	shall mean a timeframe between either 1 st January to 30 th June OR 1 st July to 31 st December of each calendar year, for the duration of this Scheme.
“Scheme”	shall mean the Gozo Athletes Travelling Assistance Scheme.
“Sports Organisation”	shall mean a sport entity recognised by the national sports organisation and registered with SPORTMALTA as a club, the members of which, practice the sport in question.
“Trip”	shall mean the travelling required in order to reach the training / competition facilities in Malta from Gozo and to travel back to Gozo.

CONDITIONS:

1. The Gozo Athlete Travelling Assistance Scheme is intended to assist Athletes who practice sports within a SPORTMALTA registered sports organisation.
2. The assistance shall consist in the reimbursement of ferry tickets (being the full standard passenger fair) by the Athlete for the purpose of covering the cost incurred by the Athlete through the use of Gozo Channel ferry and other expenses related to transportation for each Trip, subject to these Terms and Conditions. If the athlete is under the age of 18, the Trip expenses of one (1) parent may also be covered by this scheme.



3. In order to benefit from this Scheme, the Athlete shall:
 - a. **Duly fill in the application** which shall, amongst others, bear the endorsement and stamp of the Sports Organisation and the National Sports Organisation officials (in case of an event / training at a “club / national” level) and of the National Sports Organisation official (in case of an event / training at a “National team” / “International event in Malta” level). All fields requiring filling in of details shall be duly filled in. Any application forms which shall contain incomplete information shall not be processed until all the information is duly filled in by the Applicant. For the avoidance of doubt, any incomplete application shall be sent back by post to the Applicant;
 - b. **Produce all relevant invoices / tickets** relating to the Trip, in particular the Gozo Ferry ticket. No assistance will be granted against the presentation of photocopies. For the avoidance of doubt, photocopies of tickets and other invoices will not be accepted and the original ticket shall be presented with the application to SPORTMALTA at all times;
 - c. **Produce of photocopy of the Identity card**, which shall be certified as a true copy of the original by the National Sports Organisation. The official National Sports Organisation Stamp shall feature on the said certified copy of the Identity Card.
 - d. **Proof of such training sessions or local competitions taking place**, which shall be a declaration by the National Sports Organisation stipulating the national training session / local competition dates and times and place of activities for a period of at least a trimester. In case of club’s training sessions, the same declaration shall be obtained from the Sport Organisation stipulating the dates, times and location of training sessions held in Malta.
4. This Scheme shall be open twice a year (1st January to 30th June and 1st July to 31st December). Athletes are expected to forward their applications together with the respective documentation, for any previous six months, by not later than one month from the expiration of the particular Period. Any late applications shall not be accepted by SPORTMALTA and shall be returned to the Applicant.
5. This Scheme shall cover a grant for each Athlete which shall be deemed to be eligible to participate in this Scheme, of a maximum of three Trips per week.



6. This Scheme is intended to assist Athletes in their development as Athletes and to decrease any impediments and difficulties relating to travelling expenses incurred by Gozo residents taking part in sports activities in Malta as Athletes. To this effect, any abuse of the Scheme whether reported to SPORTMALTA or discovered by the same SPORTMALTA, will be sanctioned. Any Athlete, Sports Organisation and National Sports Organisation providing incorrect information will be sanctioned by SPORTMALTA, as it deems necessary, provided that in all such circumstances, the grants provided by SPORTMALTA to the Athlete throughout the duration of the Scheme will have to be reimbursed by the Athlete to SPORTMALTA.
7. The Scheme shall be capped at €18,000 per annum, commencing from 1st January of each calendar year.
8. By submitting an application in order to benefit from this Scheme, the Athlete shall be deemed to have agreed to these Terms and Conditions.
9. By endorsing an application for any of its Athletes, a Sports Organisation and/or National Sports Organisation shall be deemed to have agreed to these Terms and Conditions.