

What happens after you apply to the Competitor Support Fund?

This guide explains what happens after you submit your Competitor Support Fund application.

Important: Funding applications are reviewed during the competition cycle, but any approved payments can only be processed **after you have attended your Qualifier or National Finals event** and **provided the required evidence**.

Application process

1. Application submitted

Once you have completed and submitted your application, we will review it.

Make sure your application includes:

- accurate contact and personal details
- a clear explanation of the costs you need support for
- information about why you need financial support
- any supporting information that may help us understand your request.

You will need to check all details before submitting your application.



2. Initial checks completed

We will review your application to make sure:

- you are registered for the competition
- your request relates to eligible participation costs
- we have enough information to assess your application.

You will need to keep copies of receipts and supporting documents and provide additional information if we contact you.



3. Ready for panel review

Once the initial checks are complete, we will prepare your application for review by the Competitor Support Fund panel.

You will need to respond promptly if we ask for any further information.



Panel review	Approved	Partially approved	Declined
The panel will review your application against the fund criteria.	Your application has been approved for funding.	Some of the costs you requested can be funded, but others cannot.	Your application or requested costs do not meet the fund criteria.
You will need to wait for the panel decision and next steps.	You will need to provide receipts and payment information when requested.	You will need to review the approved costs and provide supporting evidence for those items.	You will need to read the decision carefully and contact us if you have any questions.



4. Decision shared

We will email you with the outcome of your application.

You will need to read the decision email carefully and follow any instructions included.



5. Payment information and evidence

If your application is approved, we will ask you to:

- complete a payment form
- provide receipts for the approved costs (if not already provided with your application).

Remember, payments can only be processed **after you have attended your competition event** and submitted the required evidence.



6. Payment processed

We will check your receipts and payment information before processing your payment.

We will then pay the approved amount directly into your bank account.

You will need to make sure your payment details are correct and tell us if your bank details change.



7. Application closed

Your application will be closed once:

- a final decision has been made
- any approved payment has been processed.

You will need to keep copies of your decision email, receipts, and payment records for your reference.