

How to apply

Supported athletes must comply with one of the following 'Links':

1. **Live** within an *area where GLL or partners manage sport and leisure venues
2. Be **educated** within an *area where GLL or partners manage sport and leisure venues (must be 18 years or under)
3. Be affiliated to a **sports club** that has a training base at a GLL or partner managed sport and leisure venue
4. Use a GLL stand alone centre/'BETTER Gym' as your strength and conditioning venue

*Areas we provide athlete support – (please see below)

APPLICATION GUIDANCE

- All the questions on the application need to be completed for your application to be considered. **Inaccurate applications will not be accepted.**
- All answer spaces on the application form should be filled. If the question is not applicable please enter 'N/A' in the space. **Do not miss out on support because your application form appears inaccurate**
- When supplying results, **please use results from your previous season** i.e. if your season ends before December use results from then, if the season ends after December use results from the previous year
- Please provide evidence for your ranking. Ideally an accurate website link that clearly identifies the athlete's name. **If website links are provided that do not show the athletes name on the same page, you risk an unsuccessful application.** i.e. you provide a link to a home page and not a ranking list.
- Evidence can be emailed, please state this on the application with the word 'email'. **The email should include the athletes name, sport and what the evidence is in relation to.** i.e. John Doe, Swimmer, British nationals final result. Evidence should be from official channels and not simply your own list of results.
- Where possible provide evidence for achievement claims.
- On submission of application the applicant will receive an email confirmation, if you do not receive confirmation please contact GLLSportFoundation@GLL.ORG, where we can look into the status of your application to confirm your submission.

AWARD DECISION

- Support is awarded annually – online **application period runs from 20th December to the 20th February**. Athletes are provided with support that runs for a year from April of the award year (April – April)
- Applicants will be notified in April (of the award year) the outcome of their application; awards will be distributed to athletes thereafter
- Individuals can only receive one GLL Sport Foundation award per annum
- Athletes need to reapply annually for on-going support, **support is not automatically renewed**
- All awards are aligned to the **Awards Criteria**. It will act as guidance to the GLL Sport Foundation Board to determine allocation of awards within categories. **Priority is given to Olympic and Paralympic sports**, however applications will be considered from other sports recognised by Sport England, Sport Wales and Sport Northern Ireland that have performance pathways
- Where there are oversubscribed applications, priority for financial awards will be given to athletes who have a 'live link' (see above)
- **If the athlete DOES NOT live/ or is NOT EDUCATED (U18) in a GLL area**, they are only eligible to receive a **training award**. Depending on the number of applicants, **if the athlete has a "SPORTS CLUB BASED IN GLL VENUE"** they may be eligible to receive a **financial award**.
- Athlete's who's only link is to a 'BETTER Gym' are eligible for a maximum award of a training membership

Area Partners*

GLL is proud to work with our Local Authority and Public Sector partners listed below, it is their shared commitment to promoting sport and physical activity that enables the GLL Sport Foundation to support today's and tomorrow's athletes and wider communities.

Local Authority & Public Sector Partners: England

- Allerdale Borough Council
- Basildon – Better Gym Basildon
- Basingstoke – Basingstoke Sports Centre
- BSTFitness Newbury
- Bath and North East Somerset Council
- Birmingham: Mere Green – Better Gym Birmingham: Mere Green
- Bournemouth – Better Gym Bournemouth
- Bradford – Better Gym Bradford
- Brentwood – Better Gym Brentwood
- Cambridge City Council
- Carlisle City Council
- Copeland Borough Council
- Cornwall Council
- East Cambridgeshire District Council – The Hive
- Eden District Council
- Epsom & Ewell Borough Council
- Gosling Sports Park
- Guildford Borough Council – Ash Manor / Guildford Lido / Guildford Spectrum (Freedom Leisure)
- Herefordshire Council (Halo Leisure)
- Manchester City Council
- Newcastle City Council
- North Kesteven District Council
- Preston City Council
- Reading Borough Council
- Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
- Rugby Borough Council
- Sleaford – Better Gym Sleaford
- South Bucks District Council
- South Cambridgeshire District Council – Cambridge Ice Arena
- South Lakeland District Council
- South Oxfordshire District Council
- Swindon Borough Council
- Vale of White Horse District Council
- Walsall Wood – Better Gym Walsall Wood
- West Oxfordshire District Council



- Woking Borough Council (Freedom Leisure)
- City of York Council
- Welwyn Hatfield

London

- Barking Sporthouse and Gym
- Bexleyheath – Better Gym Bexleyheath
- Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub
- London Borough of Barnet
- London Borough of Camden
- London Borough of Croydon
- Crystal Palace National Sports Centre – Mayor of London
- Better Gym East Village – Stratford
- Royal Borough of Greenwich
- London Borough of Hackney
- London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham
- London Borough of Hillingdon
- London Borough of Islington
- Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
- Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
- London Borough of Lewisham
- London Borough of Merton
- Pinner – Better Gym Pinner
- Copper Box Arena & London Aquatics Centre – Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Romford – Better Gym Romford
- Sidcup – Better Gym Sidcup
- Sutton Sports Village
- Teddington – Better Gym Teddington
- London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- Vauxhall Leisure Centre
- London Borough of Waltham Forest
- Walthamstow – Better Gym Walthamstow Stadium
- Wembley Leisure Centre – London Borough of Brent

Northern Ireland

- Belfast City Council

Wales

- Bridgend County Borough Council (Halo Leisure)
- Cardiff City Council



**GLL SPORT
FOUNDATION**
SUPPORT DEVELOP ACHIEVE

In the following Local Authority partnerships, the GLL Sport Foundation works in partnership with the identified localised athlete support programme. Awards and award terms and conditions will be aligned to the partnership agreements:

England

- Herefordshire Council – [Halo Sport Foundation](#)
- Manchester City Council – [Manchester Sport Foundation](#)
- Rugby Borough Council – [Rugby's Excellence in Sport Awards](#)
- West Oxfordshire District Council – [West Oxfordshire Sports Awards](#)

London

- London Borough of Hackney – [Hackney Youth Sport Fund](#)
- London Borough of Islington – [Sport Islington](#)
- London Borough of Lewisham – [Sports Funding](#)

Northern Ireland

- Belfast City Council – [Belfast Sports Awards / Mary Peters Trust](#)

Wales

- Bridgend County Borough Council – [Halo Sport Foundation](#)

GLL and the GLL Sport Foundation work in partnership with the below leisure trusts, to operate the GLL Sport Foundation across their relevant partnerships:

[Freedom Leisure](#)

[Halo Leisure](#)

The GLL Sport Foundation works in partnership with National Governing Bodies of Sport and their talent pathways through the below National partnerships:

[SportsAid – England](#)

[Mary Peters Trust – Northern Ireland](#)

[SportsAid – Wales](#)

*from 1st April 2023, we will no longer operate the facilities in Lambeth. Athletes from the London Borough of Lambeth, please visit – [Lambeth Gifted and Talented Programme](#)

AWARDS CRITERIA

Award Level	Criteria	Support
Ambassador	Senior athletes competing at an international level. Olympic, Paralympic, World, European and or Commonwealth champions.	Up to £500 Training membership
SportsAid SportsAid Wales Mary Peters Trust	GB & NI junior / senior athlete nominated by their NGB via SportsAid, SportsAid Wales or Mary Peters Trust.	Up to £1000 Training membership
Achievement	Top 8 GB & NI ranked senior athlete (over 18) plus either of the following: ** Member of National squad (age-band up to senior) with National squad results in current year. ** Top 8 finish (age-band up to senior) at Nationals or equivalent competition in current year.	Up to £200 Training membership
Talent	Top 8 GB & NI ranked athlete (under 18 and below) plus either of the following: ** Member of National squad (age-band up to senior) with National squad results in current year. ** Top 8 finish (age-band up to senior) at Nationals or equivalent competition in current year.	Up to £100 Training membership
Top Up	Top 8 GB & NI ranked athlete (age-band up to senior) that is in receipt of UK Sport / Lottery / SportsAid / NGB / other partner or private funding.	Up to £100 Training membership
Training	Nationally ranked athlete (age group up to senior) plus either of the following: ** Member of Regional squad (age-band up to senior) with Regional squad results in current year Championship. Represented at regional level (age-group) in current year. ** Top 8 finish (age-group up to senior) at Regional's or equivalent competition in current year.	Training membership



Terms & Conditions

- All applicants must agree to comply with 'Terms & Conditions' prior to application being accepted. The 'T&C's' box should be ticked at the end of the online application process.
- All applicants under 16 years of age must have parent/guardian permission prior to submitting
- Full Details of the athlete will be shared with 'Sport Partners' to verify applicants' sporting ability and standing in order to accurately profile awards.
- The information contained on the Application Form must be correct to the best of applicant's knowledge.
- The GLL Sport Foundation reserves the right to request proof that the financial award monies have been used only in relation to equipment, competition fees/costs (including costs ancillary to competition attendance), club fees and other reasonably associated necessities relating to the progression of the athlete's in his/her chosen sport.
- Recipients of a GLL Sport Foundation award are not precluded from seeking and securing funding and support from other parties.
- The GLL Sport Foundation reserves the right to withdraw ongoing support including gym memberships, physiotherapy support as well as unpaid financial awards if Terms and Conditions are not adhered to by supported athletes.
- GLL Sport Foundations financial awards can only be claimed by the athlete in the same year it was awarded.
- All applicants must recognise GLL's support by using "supported by GLL Sport Foundation" on publicity materials and social media biographies.
- GLL Sport Foundation will require successful applicants to make themselves available for at least one Event appearance or photo call per annum upon being given reasonable notice, and giving reasonable consideration to other educational, work or sporting commitments.
- Applicants must agree to be a role model for other 'BETTER' centre users, abiding by all centre rules set out by general managers.
- Athletes will be required to provide information to the GLL Sport Foundation including their competitive events attended and planned, their training regime and general updates by email on a quarterly basis GLLsportfoundation@gll.org
 - Notification must be given to GLL if you incur a personal injury preventing you from continued participation.
 - 6-monthly summary reports must be submitted detailing competition programme, results, and achievements.
- Successful applicants in receipt of a GLL membership must complete all necessary membership documentation and agree to observe the Terms and Conditions of Membership and Leisure Centre Rules – <https://www.better.org.uk/terms>
- GLL Sport Foundation support is dependent on GLL operating leisure contracts in your area



Definitions

Award;

Includes ongoing support, e.g gym membership, discounted or free use of facilities and financial support

Sports Partners;

Organisations that operate within the sports industry and have knowledge of athletes at a competitive level. Such as Sports Aid, National Governing Bodies and the British Olympic Association.

Event;

may include any of the following:

Appearance at local facility or location for promotion of the GSF, which may involve being interviewed for local press/radio;

Deliver / co deliver a Master class in the athlete's chosen sport;

Photo shoot for use in national or local campaigns promoting GSF or GLL Better (subject to separate photo consent waiver).

or any other similar sporting promotion event.

Better;

Is the trading name of Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL)