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- Satellite Clubs

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— What is a satellite club?

Satellite Clubs are local sport and physical activity clubs that are designed around the needs of young people aged 14 - 19. They provide positive, and enjoyable experiences that make it easy for them to become active or to develop more regular activity habits.

— How are satellite clubs delivered?

Satellite clubs are delivered by several partners working together to deliver new sport and physical activity opportunities. They are usually delivered by community sports clubs or a Coach that has a link to a local club. In some cases activities will be led by activators with the appropriate level of minimum coaching standards for the activity being delivered (lead coaches must be aged 18 years and hold a relevant coaching qualification for their sport).

— Where can satellite clubs be delivered?

Satellite Clubs can be delivered in a school, college, university or community setting such as a sport centre, church hall, community space etc. Sessions should be delivered in a location that is easily accessible to the young people who have helped create it.

— What age groups are prioritised?

Sport England ask that we prioritise our funding towards young people aged 14-19. Clubs should be designed in such a way that they respond to the specific demands for sport from young people and should be positioned to support young people at points of disruption in their lives.

— Can the satellite club session be delivered in curriculum time?

No. The satellite club session has to be delivered outside of curriculum time. It can be delivered during weekdays, weekends and out of term time depending on access to facilities, workforce availability and the needs of young people.

— Are there any minimum standards that those delivering satellite clubs need to meet?

Yes. In addition to an appropriate coaching qualification Coaches and instructors need to ensure that they meet minimum standards and have a current and up to date DBS check; First aid and Safeguarding & Protecting Children training in place. The club will also need to have in place Public Liability Insurance. Please see minimum standard download for further information available on the Wesport website.

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— What funding is available to sports clubs?

Approved clubs will receive funding for up to 2 years to cover delivery costs. Funding is paid annually to the club and can cover facility fees; coaching costs; marketing; and small amounts towards equipment. There is also funding available to help support workforce. Any funding offer made to a club will require the club to have a signed Service Level Agreement with Wesport.

— Are there any priority groups that Sport England ask us to target?

Satellite club funding can only be used to fund projects that target young people aged 14 - 19 who are regularly inactive. The current focus groups include delivery for women and girls, young people from black, Asian, minority ethnicity groups, and Inclusive opportunities. Sessions can also be 'multi-sport'.

— Can an existing session be funded via the satellite clubs programme?

In most cases we cannot fund existing sessions. However, if you can demonstrate that by accessing satellite club funding you can grow and widen the offer to young people then we can consider providing funding. We cannot fund existing 'after school' clubs, existing junior club sessions or those people not in one of our priority groups.

— What is the duration of a satellite club project?

We generally ask that projects last for a minimum of 20 weeks and last at least an hour a week. Some sessions will last longer due to the nature of their sport. Satellite clubs can run every week or within term times. Seasonality of sports will mean that some sports e.g. sailing run over the summer months and have a break until restarting later in the year.

— Can clubs apply for funding at any time of the year?

Yes. We have an 'open application' system and we can consider potential projects throughout the year although if you apply towards the end of the current year there may be less funding available. Our current delivery year runs from April 2020 - March 31st 2021.

If you are interested in discussing a satellite club project further please contact Ruth Glanvill, Project Manager (Community Sport).

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