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Overview of funding guidelines

Christ's JCR funds sports clubs and non-sports clubs in accordance with their integral functions. Funding requests from clubs are graded as 'high priority', 'medium priority', 'low priority', or 'refused', in an equitable and uniform way. The following guidelines specify how to grade different funding requests, and thereby create a **fair overall budget**.

As the designations suggest, funding requests graded as 'high priority' should all be served first, followed by 'medium priority' requests (only within any specified caps) and then 'low priority' requests (again, only within any specified caps). Requests for funding graded as 'refused' should not be granted any funding.

'Clubs' in this document refers to all amalgamated clubs, regardless of whether 'club', 'society', 'corporation', or any other designation is used in a particular amalgamated club's name.

Sports clubs funding

Purpose of funding for sports clubs:

Christ's JCR funds sports clubs in accordance with their **integral function**, which is **to facilitate Christ's students practising a given sport and playing in related matches**.

High priority;

High priority is given to expenses that directly achieve sports clubs' integral function - to facilitate Christ's students practising a given sport and playing in related matches.

Illustrative examples include: venues for practises and matches; necessary sporting equipment and kit; league and/or 'coppers' entry fees; refs' fees; travel expenses where taxis are necessary (to either transport bulky kit or because the venue is otherwise inaccessible).

Note that all items funded as high priority - specifically, necessary sporting equipment and sporting kit - must become property of the club, available for any member's use and not becoming any individual's property.

Medium priority;

Medium priority is given to expenses that are indirectly related to sports clubs' integral function to facilitate Christ's students practising a given sport and playing in related matches.

Accordingly, medium priority is given to funding resources deemed important but not absolutely necessary for a sports club's specified purpose (e.g. entry fee subsidies, or any resources/activities where the club could function without them, but is improved by having them funded);

Medium priority is also given to partially funding non-essential kit/stash (which becomes each individual's property). This is in recognition of the fact that subsidised team stash can encourage students to continue with a sport, and can help to build a sense of team spirit. However, it is not required for sports clubs' integral function, and the decision about whether to purchase stash is ultimately taken by each individual. Accordingly, personal stash items subsidised up to a limited, uniform cap for each sports club [**Funding Cap 1 (FC1)**].

In addition to being subject to a limited, uniform cap for each club, stash should be subsidised only at a rate of 50% of each individual's expenditure, up to a certain cap for each individual [**FC1**].

Low priority;

Low priority is given to expenses that are, only occasionally, indirectly related to sports clubs' integral function, and where the social element strongly outweighs the practising or playing of sports.

Accordingly, low priority is given to funding club socials to a limited, uniform extent. Free/subsidised socials might encourage a student to try a sport for the first time, but the decision to attend a social is taken by each individual, and only occasionally are club socials even indirectly related to the practising or playing of sports. Accordingly, club socials are subsidised up to a limited, uniform cap for each sports club [**Funding Cap 2 (FC2)**].

Refusal;

Refusal is given to expenses that are, at most, indirectly related to sports clubs' integral function, *beyond* the uniform, limited caps specified as 'medium' and 'low' priority [**FC1** and **FC2**].

Illustrative examples of this include paying for food, drink, merchandise or any other items given to club members. Similarly, any expenses that are not plausibly related to sports clubs' integral function - to facilitate Christ's students practising a given sport and playing in related matches - are refused.

Non-sports clubs funding

Purpose of funding for non-sports clubs:

Christ's JCR funds non-sports clubs in accordance with their **integral function**, which is **to facilitate Christ's students sharing and developing their interests and/or skills in any area directly related to that club's specified focus.**

High priority;

High priority is given to expenses that directly achieve non-sports clubs' integral function - to facilitate Christ's students sharing and developing their interests and/or skills in any area directly related to that club's specified focus.

Illustrative examples include hosting external speakers (specifically, their travel, accommodation and - if applicable - payment expenses); and resources and activities that are clearly and directly related to that club's specified focus.

To qualify for high priority funding, these resources or activities must be of such a kind that individuals would not usually purchase or undertake them in their daily life, without JCR funding. Hence the consumption of refreshments (even where attached to a broader event directly related to the club's specified purpose) cannot qualify for high priority funding, as an individual would usually consume food or drink in the course of their daily life.

All resources that are not single-use must become property of the club.

Medium priority;

Medium priority is given to expenses that are indirectly related to non-sports clubs' integral function - to facilitate Christ's students sharing and developing their interests and/or skills

in any area directly related to that club's specified focus - or are otherwise excluded from qualifying for high priority funding.

Illustrative examples include resources that are important but not absolutely necessary for a club's activity (i.e., any resources where the club could function without them, but is improved by possessing them); and events that are directly related to a club's integral function, but incur expenses for things that an individual would usually purchase or undertake in their daily life (i.e., most/all funding is spent on the consumption of refreshments. Illustrative examples of such events include History Society's Lent Dissertation Evening, or Medical Society's Part II Information Evening: both are directly related to the club's integral function, but the majority of incurred expenses are for refreshments).

Low priority;

Low priority is given to funding events and resources that are only indirectly related to a non-sports club's integral function, where the social element may strongly outweigh Christ's students sharing and developing their interests and/or skills.

This funding is granted up to a uniform, certain cap [**Funding Cap 3 (FC3)** or **Funding Cap 4 (FC4)**, depending on subject-affiliation]. Note, this includes most refreshments for events held by a club, including freshers' welcome events, and 'society dinners'.

Non-sports clubs that are not subject-affiliated are entitled to a uniform, certain cap [**FC3**].

Non-sports clubs that are subject-affiliated are entitled to a higher cap of funding for events and resources that are only indirectly related to their integral function, where the social element may strongly outweigh the sharing and development of interests and/or skills [**FC4**]. This is because their subject-affiliation makes attendance (which is often semi-compulsory for students studying the related subject) at these societies' events consistently higher than for ordinary non-sports clubs.

Refusal;

Refusal is given to expenses that are, at most, indirectly related to a non-sports club's integral function, where the social element may strongly outweigh the sharing and development of interests and/or skills, *beyond* the uniform, limited caps specified as 'low' priority [**FC3** and **FC4**]. Similarly, any expenses that are not plausibly related to non-sports clubs' integral function are refused.

Categories of clubs

Sports clubs and non-sports clubs;

Each club is categorised as either a sports club or a non-sports club. Typically, which status is appropriate should be immediately apparent from the club's constitution.

If there is any doubt, the club should first be evaluated for categorisation as a sports club, to examine whether its integral function is to facilitate Christ's students practising a given sport and playing in related matches.

If this is judged to be clearly inapplicable, the club should be categorised as a non-sports club, whereby its integral function is to facilitate Christ's students sharing and developing their interests and/or skills in any area directly related to that club's specified focus.

A non-sports club's specified focus should be immediately apparent from its name and its 'aim' as outlined in its constitution. The specified focus will typically be an activity or field of enquiry, with illustrative examples including: pottery-making, film photography, feminism, or Latin American literature. The specified focus should not be excessively broad or generalised: 'socialising', for example, would be an unacceptably broad specified focus for a club.

In any case of dispute, the JCR Exec should make the final decision about any matters relating to categorisation.

Subject-affiliated status;

A non-sports club may claim subject-affiliated status, where at least two Christ's Fellows from the subject to which the club wishes to affiliate write to the JCR Exec to formally request that subject-affiliated status be granted.

When in receipt of such a formal request, the JCR Exec should decide whether to grant or refuse subject-affiliated status to that club.

Subject-affiliated status is desirable for a club to acquire, as it allows that club to use **FC4**, instead of **FC3**, for its overall cap for 'indirectly-related to integral function' funding.

In any case of dispute, the JCR Exec should make the final decision about any matters relating to subject-affiliated status.

Funding Caps

Funding Cap 1 (FC1);

Non-essential kit/ stash funding cap for sports clubs. Note that this is funded at a rate of 50% of each individual's expenditure, **up to a certain cap for each individual.**

The per sports club cap is **£150**, and the certain cap for each individual is **£10**, in 2022.

These caps should rise approximately in line with the Retail Price Index, every two years, set at new levels agreed by the CCSU Finance Committee. The CCSU Finance Committee is able to amend these caps at any time, by following the appropriate procedure.

Funding Cap 2 (FC2);

Sports Club Socials funding cap.

The per sports club cap is **£100**, in 2022.

This cap should rise approximately in line with the Retail Price Index, every two years, set at new levels agreed by the CCSU Finance Committee. The CCSU Finance Committee is able to amend this cap at any time, by following the appropriate procedure.

Funding Cap 3 (FC3);

For non-sports clubs without subject affiliation, **indirectly related to integral function** (where the social element may strongly outweigh the sharing and development of interests and/or skills) **funding cap.**

The per non-sports club cap is **£200**, in 2022.

This cap should rise approximately in line with the Retail Price Index, every two years, set at new levels agreed by the CCSU Finance Committee. The CCSU Finance Committee is able to amend this cap at any time, by following the appropriate procedure.

Funding Cap 4 (FC4);

For **subject-affiliated** non-sports clubs, **indirectly related to integral function** (where the social element may strongly outweigh the sharing and development of interests and/or skills) **funding cap**.

The per subject-affiliated non-sports club cap is equal to **12 x (No. of registered undergraduates in the affiliated subject) (£)**, in 2023.

No. of registered undergraduates in the affiliated subject will be taken from the student lists provided by the Tutorial Office at the start of each academic year.

This cap should rise approximately in line with the Retail Price Index, every two years, by changing the proportional multiplier as agreed by the CCSU Finance Committee. The CCSU Finance Committee is able to amend this cap at any time, by following the appropriate procedure.

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