



Ards and
North Down
Borough Council



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SPORTS FORUM

2021-2022
Goldcard
Application Form

2021-2022 Goldcard Application Form (Use of Council Leisure Facilities by Elite Athletes)

Section 1 – Personal Details

Name		
Address		
Telephone	Home:	Postcode: Mobile:
Email		
Date of Birth (if under 18)		
School/College/ University attended		

Name for correspondence	(Please complete if different than applicant)
Address for correspondence	
	Postcode

Section 2 – Sport

Which squad(s) are you currently training with		
	Please tick	Age/level e.g. Under 16, Senior Squad etc.
Ulster		
Northern Ireland		
Ireland		
Great Britain		
Other (please specify)		

Please name the events you are training for (successful Gold Card issued for first event may be extended upon request)		
Name of Event(s)	Date(s)	Venue

Name the sports club you are currently a member of	
Contact person within club Name Contact Number Email	
Name of Governing Body	
Contact person within the Governing Body Name Contact Number Email	

Section 3 – Training Facilities

What training facilities do you wish to use? (Please tick)											
Gym		Health Suite	Unavailable at this time	Pool		Cryo Spa		Pitches		Track	
Which training venue do you wish to use? (Please tick)											
Portaferry Sports Centre											
Comber Leisure Centre											
Ards Blair Mayne Wellbeing & Leisure Complex											
Londonderry Park											
Aurora Aquatic and Leisure Complex (Bangor)											
Bangor Sportsplex Track only available											
Queens Leisure Centre (Holywood)											
How often do you wish to use these facilities? (Please tick)											
Daily		Weekly					Other (please specify)				
2 – 3 times per week		Less frequently									

Section 4 – Funding

Are you receiving funding assistance from any other source? (Please tick)		
Yes	No	
If yes, please provide information below		
Name of organisation/funding body providing assistance	Nature of Assistance E.g. amount of funding, facility use	Duration of Assistance E.g. one off payment, 3 year agreement

Section 5 – Document Checklist

Please ensure the following documents are attached to your application

Document required	Attached
Letter of selection/qualification for event	
Evidence of ranking or squad selection	

Section 6 – Declaration

I declare to the best of my knowledge the information provided within this application is correct.

I declare I am of amateur status and am a member of a recognised elite squad or am ranked within the Top 10 in Northern Ireland for my sport.

I declare that I will complete a Grant Report Form after my event and will acknowledge the funders in all publicity.

I declare that the Council will be notified immediately of any additional finding not declared in this application.

I am willing to support the Council, promote specific sports events/schemes during the lifespan of the Goldcard, if requested to do so.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

(to be signed by parent/guardian for applicant under 18 years)

Once completed, please send the application along with the required documentation to the following address:

**Ards and North Down Sports Forum
Sports Development
Ards and North Down Borough Council
Londonderry Park
Portaferry Road
BT23 8SG**

Or by email: sportsdevelopment@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

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