

Blyth Lifeguard & Swimming Club



International Competition Fundraising Policy

This policy is designed to support Blyth Lifeguard & Swimming Club participating in international competition in lifesaving or competitive swimming financially with travel, accommodation and entry fees.

Who can benefit from the fundraising

- Club members representing England/Scotland/Wales/Great Britain as a competitor or coach in a international competition
- Club members representing the BLSC as a competitor or coach in an international competition

Definition

- A international competition is an event organised by an RGB or affiliated organisation inside or outside The United Kingdom.
- All fundraising events/activity must be in keeping with the club values.
- All fundraising events/activity must states where the funds are going.
- All fundraising events/activity must be for a specified competition(s).
- All fundraising events/activity must be agreed by the fundraising officer.
- All proceeds must be submitted to the Treasurer within 14 of the events/activity with a breakdown of all income and expenditure.

Principles of the policy

- Participants must opt in/out of the policy before funding has started (appendix A).
- Participants must be a member of BLSC before funding has started.
- Participants must add all donations/grants and money from fundraising events to the international Competition Fund.
- The Fund cannot make a profit.
- All Participants must make an effort to get involved with fundraising events.
- All fund will be divided equally among the participants.
- If a participant withdraws from the competition for any reason or ends membership of BLSC they are not entitled to any of the fund, however any grants marked for the participant BLSC will endeavour to return to the donator

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Exclusion from the international Competition Fund

- A participant can be excluded from the fund if they failed to following the fundraising agreement with the agreement international Competition Fund of the compete and will not be entitled to any refund. I excluded from the fund the participant will to be entitled to join any international Competition Fund in the future without the agreement of the committee.

Crowd funding

- Where a participant is representing a country, BLSC accepts individual crowd funding is acceptable and falls outside of this policy
- Where a participant is representing BLSC individual crowd funding is not permitted, however the fundraising officer will endeavour to arrange a team account.

Blyth Lifeguard and Swimming Club follows guidance provided by Relevant Governing Bodies (RGB) Swim England, Royal Lifesaving Society (RLSS) Surf Lifesaving Great Britain (SLGB), Swim Teachers Association (STA) and The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) in formulating our policies, regulations and codes of conduct and in having robust procedures in place for when these are breached.

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| Agreed by BLSC Executive Committee | Due for review |
| 22 nd July 2024 | July 2026 |

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International Competition Fundraising agreement

Competition information

Date: _____

Location: _____

Participants Information

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

BLSC Membership number: _____

- By agreeing to opt out of the International Competition Fundraising agreement I agree to not receiving any financial support from BLSC and will not participate in any activities

- By agreeing to opt in to the International Competition Fundraising agreement I agree;
 - I will make an effort to get involved with fundraising events
 - I will add all donations/grants and money from fundraising events to the international Competition Fund.
 - I agree if I withdraw from the competition or do not comply with this policy I will not receive any of the fund
 - I agree I have read and will follow BLSC International Fundraising Policy

I wish to Opt in / Opt out (Please delete as appropriate)

Signed by participant _____

Date _____

Signed by Participant's parent or guardian if under 18 years old

Date _____