



OMAGH
Sports Forum

**GOLD CARD
APPLICATION
FORM**



OMAGH GOLD CARD SCHEME

INTRODUCTION

This Scheme aims to give recognition to all sports persons from Omagh District Council area that have attained **International** or are **National Champions** in their chosen sport. Such sports persons will, on application, be admitted to the Gold Card Scheme and will be permitted to use on an **individual** basis identified recreation facilities owned and managed by Omagh District Council on a complimentary basis in recognition of their achievements.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE & CRITERIA

1. Sports persons **must** reside in Omagh District Council area, while students with an original home residence in Omagh may also be considered.
2. Sports persons **must** be involved in an amateur sport, which is recognised by the Sport Northern Ireland, and Affiliated to a Governing Body of Sport (***Non recognised Gov Bodies will have limited use of sports facilities***)
3. Sports persons **must** be selected to represented Ireland, or if their particular sports is administered and organised only on a six county basis, Northern Ireland or Ulster Representation on a Great Britain Team is also acceptable
4. All details **MUST** be countersigned by a Governing Body representative confirming the eligibility of the sports person and provide written evidence (on Gov Body headed paper) of selection, including start and finish dates of competition, training, events etc for International duties.
5. Consideration may be given to sports persons who have represented their country at senior level.(over age representation)
6. Applicants wishing to use the Fitness Suite facilities (The DEC) at Omagh Leisure Complex must enroll (at their own cost) on an Induction Course and be over 14 years to use the Fitness Suite (Cardiovascular equipment) and over 16 years to use the Free Weights equipment.

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GOLD CARD

1. Sports persons who are receiving lottery or Grant aid through the Development of Talented Individuals Programme, Omagh Sports Forum Bursary Grant Aid, (***Omagh Sports Forum reserve the right to refuse the issue of a Gold Card if applicant has already received a Bursary amount with-in the 12 month Financial period***) Mary Peters Trust, Irish Sports Council or Sport England.
2. Sports persons living outside the Omagh District area.
3. Professional sports people.
4. Sports persons under the age of 14 years (or 16 years if seeking to use free weights)
5. Sports persons **NOT** selected for National/International duties, supported by a Governing Body of sport recognized by the Sport N.I.
6. Sports person with **NO** supporting evidence and documentation from a Governing Body of Sport recognized by the Sport N.I.

CONDITIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

- Application forms are available from and should be returned to Mr. Conor McCrory, c/o Omagh Leisure Complex, Old Mountfield Road, Omagh, BT79 7EG.
- All applications will be considered by the Omagh Sports Forum Committee who will be responsible for assessing, administering and by using the criteria provided, will decide in conjunction with the Council Officers if a sports person is eligible for the 'Gold Card scheme'.
- Applications will only be assessed if there is Evidence that they fulfill a clearly Identified Training Need.
- All holders of a 'Gold Card' will be entitled to complimentary use of stated facilities for a **specified period only** (usually up to one year).
- Athletes and cardholders will be reviewed on an individual basis by Omagh Sports Forum and the Omagh District Council Officers.

- 'Gold Cards' are non-transferable, and must be used exclusively by the individual to whom they were issued. (Any misuse of the 'Gold Card' will result in cancellation of usage).
- 'Gold Cards' **must** be shown on each occasion of use and a record taken of facilities used.
- The 'Gold Card' holder may only use the Omagh Leisure Complex facilities specified on letter of agreement.
- All cards must be returned to the Omagh Sports Forum once they have expired, **This will include Non Participation of National/International duties due to Non Selection or Injury**, failure to do so may affect membership of the scheme.
- Gold Card holders must declare when they are no longer competing at National or International level to ensure that Gold Card facilities are cancelled.
- I hereby agree to abide by the rules and administrative arrangements as laid down by the Gold Card Scheme.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Before Completing an Application form applicants should make sure they meet the Eligible Criteria as specified
2. Please ensure that you have all documentation and full support from your Governing Body of Sport, this includes letters of verification of selection.
3. The application should be returned to **Conor McCrory, Sports Development & Recreation Officer, Omagh Leisure Complex, Old Mountfield Road, Omagh.**

Please Note The Following

- It may not be possible to grant all Gold Card Applications even if they are eligible to apply.
- A limited amount of Gold Cards will be granted each year as agreed by OSF and ODC.
- All applications must be agreed and passed at Omagh District Council meetings, following recommendations from OSF.
- OSF may defer applications if further information is needed or the application form and supporting evidence is not completed properly.



GOLD CARD APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-mail _____ AGE: _____ DOB: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____(Home) _____(Work)

_____ (Mobile)

CURRENT SCHOOL/COLLEGE _____

SPORTING INFORMATION

SPORT: _____

CLUB REPRESENTED: _____ NAME OF COACH: _____

CLUB ADDRESS: _____

_____ TEL: _____

GOVERNING BODY OF SPORT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____ Email: _____

TRAINING VENUE: _____

NAME OF CONTACT IN GOVERNING BODY: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____(Home) _____(Work)

EMAIL: _____

GOVERNING BODY OF SPORT

I hereby can confirm that the above named person has been chosen to represent (Please delete) Northern Ireland / Ireland / Great Britain / Ulster in his/her chosen sport.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Position within Governing Body: _____

AN ACCOMPANYING LETTER, ON HEADED GOVERNING BODY PAPER, MUST BE FORWARDED WITH THIS APPLICATION OUTLINING LEVEL OF SELECTION I.E. NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL AND DETAILS OF COMPETITION/EVENT.

Have you received support from any other source, including payments from your club, governing body, SNI, Mary Peters Trust, ISC, Sport England, Omagh District Council, Omagh Sports Forum etc, in the last financial year (April – March)

Yes _____ No _____

If yes please detail:

SOURCE	AMOUNT	DATE

Please state your next competitions you have been selected to represent Northern Ireland, Ireland, Great Britain, Ulster. (Please Circle) and indicate how long you will require the 'Gold Card' to assist in training/competing as selected for National/International duties.

NAME OF COMPETITION & DETAILS	VENUE	DATE

(DATE International Duties start and end)

I will require use of the Gold Card: From Date: _____

To Date: _____

Please outline level of training required to prepare for competition or event.

	Per Week	Reps	Sets
Cardiovascular Training (14 yrs +) Fitness Suite (The DEC)			
Weight Resistance Training (16 yrs+) Fitness Suite (The DEC)			
Use of Athletics Track			

COPY OF TRAINING PLAN MUST BE ATTACHED AND SIGNED BY GOVERNING BODY TRAINER/COACH.

Checklist for Application

- Application form countersigned by Governing Body of Sport.
- An accompanying letter, on Governing Body headed paper, outlining level of selection and details of Competition/Event/Tournament.
- Dates of how long 'Gold Card' will be required for.
- Copy of Training Plan from Governing Body of Sport signed by Trainer/Coach.
- Completion of Section 75 Monitoring Form.

**Return To :Conor Mc Crory,Sports Development & Recreation
Officer,Omagh Leisure Complex, Old Mountfield Road,
Omagh, BT79 7EG.**