

CAI Policy on Bursaries

1. This document sets out the CAI's policy on bursaries. Note that this policy depends on the financial position of the CAI and may be reviewed in light of this.
2. Bursaries are available from the CAI to support player development on their competitive pathways. Bursaries are intended to be goal-orientated and should be developed by the player. They are intended to allow players to secure funding so that they can train and compete along an agreed development plan. They should normally cover a period of up to 12 months, but individuals may make a subsequent application.
3. Bursaries are not intended to cover payment for expenses related to attending international representative events, which are covered by the CAI Policy on Paying Expenses to Players Representing Ireland.
4. Bursaries are intended to allow players the freedom to design their own pathway to improvement. Assistance in applying for them may be made available by the CAI Council and the CAI Coaching Committee. The Council recognises the various stages of player development and bursaries are not solely intended for top levels of competition, but are intended to assist a player who wishes to move up significantly in ranking or category and who has shown a commitment to this pathway.
5. The Player Bursary Application Form is appended to this document. Any application should be sent to the Secretary of the CAI and is subject to approval by Council. The more detail included in an application, the easier it will be for the Council to assess bursary requests.
6. The bursaries are intended to be a contribution (normally 75%) towards the costs incurred by the applicant. Players will be responsible for the use of their bursary in line with their application, and a report on actual expenditure, together with appropriate receipts and documentation, and outcomes achieved will be required at the end of the bursary period. If requested, a contribution towards specific items may be made in advance of the expenditure being incurred; if such a contribution is made and the expenditure is not incurred or appropriate receipts and documentation are not provided, reimbursement of that part of the bursary will be required.

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PLAYER BURSARY APPLICATION

Name	
Email	
Phone	
Home address	
Handicap	
Member of affiliated club or individual member?	
CAI event availability	
Previous bursary recipient?	

Bursary details
Estimate total costs: €
Personal Statement
Breakdown of costs
Cost type: (e.g., coaching, expenses of attending named tournament or event)
Estimated cost: €
Source:
Reason for expenditure and expected gain: (e.g., match-training for a specific later match, work towards achieving a specific goal as outlined in your statement)
Cost type:
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