## **Edinburgh Triathletes**

## **Access Fund**



## Website description

At Edinburgh Triathletes, we strongly believe that finance should not be a barrier to participating in our club's activities. Our committee members are available to discuss financial support with anyone who could benefit from it. In 2024, we have created an access fund to financially support the members of our club.

## How does it work?

Any member can, at any time each year (from AGM to AGM), submit a social fund application to support their participation in the sport. This application aims to cover anything related to:

- their participation in club activities: membership fees, social events, training weekends, paid sessions (Pedalhouse),
- their participation in a race (entry fees, travel expenses, etc.),
- their participation in sports in general (purchase of club kit or triathlon training gear).

The maximum amount a member can request per year is £120 (or the equivalent of a yearly gold membership).

Each application must be submitted in written form to socialfund@edinburghtri.org (an alias redirected to the Welfare Officer, Treasurer, and President). These three committee members will provide a response (full approval, 50% approval of the requested amount, or denial) within 14 days.

In the application, the member must provide: their name, occupation, year joined, the amount requested, the intended use (with either proof of purchase or details of the planned purchase), and some information on why they are requesting support from the club's social fund. Eligibility criteria can include (but are not limited to): individuals on low income, receiving benefits, facing unexpected financial hardship, or students status.

To ensure the integrity of the social fund and prevent any potential abuse, all applications will be reviewed carefully. Members are required to provide honest and accurate information regarding their financial situation and intended use of the funds. Any member found to have submitted false information or misrepresented their circumstances may face disqualification from future applications and possible further action by the committee. The committee reserves the right to request additional documentation or clarification as needed to verify eligibility.

An entry in the club's accounts will provide feedback on the budget used each year, and the amount allocated to the fund will be reviewed annually.

The beneficiaries of the social fund will remain anonymous to the entire club, with the exception of the three committee members making the decision.

The proposed allocation for the first year (2024-2025) is £1200. Once that budget limit has been reached, applicants will be invited to apply the following year.

If you have any question, feel free to get in touch with us: president@edinburghtri.org.