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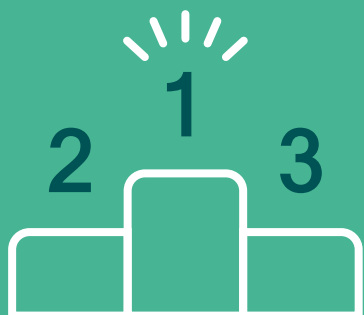
Sport Ireland
High Performance
Sport Investment

2023



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Medal Highlights



TOTAL
HP Medals

105

(44 x senior and
61 x non-senior)



Seniors

- 17 Gold
- 11 Silver
- 16 Bronze



Non-seniors

- 16 Gold
- 17 Silver
- 28 Bronze

HP Medals



Male

40



Female

51



Open/Mixed

14

High Performance Strategy 2021-2032

The Sport Ireland High Performance Strategy 2021-2032 will enter its third year of implementation in 2023. The Strategy's vision is "Ireland consistently achieving podium success on the world stage inspiring the nation and future generations".

In the first two years of its delivery, Sport Ireland has prioritised the achievement of objectives relative to high performance investment, athlete supports, world class coaching and services, and governance (Strategic Pillars 1-4).

The continued effective delivery of the Strategy is dependent on collaboration, alignment, and support from key stakeholders, including the Department of Sport (DTCAGSM), National Governing Bodies, the Olympic Federation of Ireland, Paralympics Ireland and Sport Northern Ireland. This is a hugely positive feature of the Strategy's journey and enables its philosophy, "Our athletes and the people who support them are at the heart of what we do", to be championed.

In 2023, an additional €4m will be invested by Sport Ireland to high performance sport.

Sport Ireland has established its priorities for this investment, which relate to coaching, High Performance Impact Funding, Paris 2024, athletes supports, and strategy activation.

Sport Ireland's investment in 2023 will continue to reflect the mandate of the Sport Ireland High Performance Strategy 2021-2032.

High Performance Funding

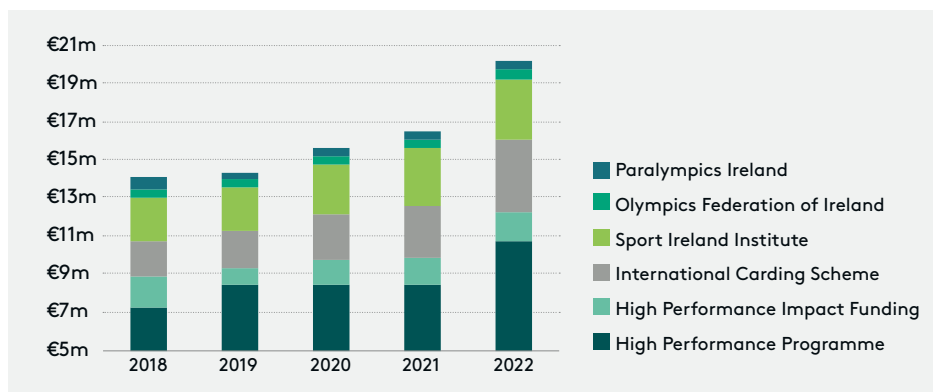
High Performance Programme Funding is provided to National Governing Bodies to support the delivery of their performance programmes. This funding supports a range of activities including training camps and competitions, pathway development, performance services and performance team salaries. These programmes are central to supporting Irish athletes and teams in reaching finals and achieving medals at European Championships and World Championships, as well as the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

2022 Funding

Sport Ireland invested over €20m in high performance sport in 2022 (including the Sport Ireland Institute). This investment included:

- High Performance Programme Funding - €10,721,669
- International Carding Scheme & other athlete supports - €3,685,750
- High Performance Impact Funding - €1,925,000
- Olympic Federation of Ireland - €500,000
- Paralympics Ireland - €450,000

The table opposite demonstrates the trajectory of funding since the publication of the National Sports Policy 2018-2027, which gave a commitment to increasing investment in high performance sport.



High Performance Programme Funding 2023		
National Governing Body/Funded Body	Annual Investment 2023	2021-2024 Funding Package
Rowing Ireland	€1,093,333	€3,900,000
Paralympics Ireland	€1,000,000	€3,700,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	€965,000	€3,500,000
Athletics Ireland	€841,667	€3,365,000
Hockey Ireland	€856,667	€3,300,000
Irish Sailing Association	€800,000	€3,200,000
Horse Sport Ireland	€803,333	€3,100,000
Swim Ireland	€756,667	€2,900,000
Cycling Ireland	€520,000	€2,000,000
Golf Ireland	€516,667	€2,000,000
Gymnastics Ireland	€506,667	€1,750,000
Irish Rugby Football Union	€416,667	€1,550,000
Badminton Ireland	€346,667	€1,200,000
Cricket Ireland	€333,333	€1,200,000
Pentathlon Ireland	€286,667	€1,150,000
Triathlon Ireland	€250,000	€1,000,000
Irish Judo Association	€226,667	€750,000
Canoeing Ireland	€216,667	€700,000
Irish Taekwondo Union	€150,000	€500,000
Total HP Programme Funding	€10,886,669	€40,765,000

High Performance Operations & Administration Funding			
Funded Body	2021	2022	2023
Olympic Federation of Ireland	€420,000	€500,000	€500,000
Paralympics Ireland	€400,000	€450,000	€450,000
Total	€820,000	€950,000	€950,000

Direct Athlete Support			
Programmes	2021	2022	2023
International Carding Scheme	€2,748,000	€3,088,500	€3,800,000*
Athlete Career Transition (ACT)	€265,875	€147,250	€100,000**
Player Funding Scheme (Women's Hockey)	-	€150,000	€300,000
Golf Ireland Professional Scheme	€275,000	€300,000	€325,000
Total	€3,288,875	€3,685,750	€4,525,000

*Includes Athlete Allocations, Team Support Model & Reserves

** Estimated Resource Required



2022-2024 Player Funding Scheme

Women's Hockey

The High Performance Strategy 2021-2032 identifies that “Sport Ireland will develop a clear policy on how team sports will be supported in terms of direct athlete investment, athlete support services and National Governing Body input” (Strategic Pillar 2, Athlete Performance & Holistic Supports).

Funding team sports requires high levels of resource. Sport Ireland will be prudent in its approach to supporting teams, recognising the necessity for sustainable investment based on performance track records and performance trajectory.

The primary objective of funding players within team sports is to enhance their collective ability to compete on a global stage and give recognition of previous performance successes. As with the International Carding Scheme, funding to team sports will be a criterion based scheme. The criteria will be sport specific and align to the overarching standards of the International Carding Scheme.

Sport Ireland is pleased to announce the introduction of the Player Funding Scheme for Hockey Ireland's Women's Senior Team from 2022 to 2024.

Sport Ireland has provided direct player support to Hockey Ireland since 2017. From 2019 to 2021, this investment was €100,000 per annum.

There are several principles which facilitate Sport Ireland's engagement with NGBs in a Player Funding Scheme. Critically, Player Funding Schemes require multiple sources of investment to complement the funding provided by Sport Ireland. This has been achieved by Hockey Ireland for the long-term.

In quarter three of 2022, the programme was established and Sport Ireland invested €150,000. In 2023 and 2024, Sport Ireland will invest €300,000 per annum under the Player Funding Scheme to the Hockey Ireland's Women's National Senior Team.

High Performance Special Project Funding 2021 & 2022

Sport Ireland allocated €1.925m through High Performance Impact Funding to fifteen NGBs and funded bodies in 2022. Impact Funding ensures there is a level of flexibility within the high performance system and an ability to respond positively to performance opportunities or reasonable financial challenges within NGBs.

High Performance Impact Funding 2021 - 2022		
National Governing Body/Funded Body	2021	2022
Cricket Ireland	€400,000	€360,000
Rowing Ireland	€270,000	€220,000
Horse Sport Ireland	€245,000	€200,000
Hockey Ireland	€215,000	€160,000
Irish Rugby Football Union	€220,000	€100,000
Irish Sailing Association	€100,000	€220,000
Olympic Federation of Ireland	€215,000	€100,000
Athletics Ireland	€105,000	€200,000
Paralympics Ireland	€248,000	€15,000
Gymnastics Ireland	€110,000	€100,000
Swim Ireland	€95,000	€80,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	€65,000	€100,000
Canoeing Ireland	€37,500	€25,000
Irish Judo Association	€60,000	-
Cycling Ireland	€20,000	€15,000
Irish Taekwondo Union	€35,000	-
Golf Ireland	€30,000	-
Triathlon Ireland	-	€30,000
Badminton Ireland	€12,000	-
Total HP Impact Funding	€2,267,500	€1,925,000



2023 International Carding Scheme

The International Carding Scheme provides financial support to athletes for their training and competition programmes. The primary purpose of this funding is to support Irish athletes in reaching finals and achieving medals at European, World, Olympic and Paralympic level.

In 2023, Sport Ireland will invest €3,486,500 under the International Carding Scheme. This will support 127 athletes and three relays/pool funding in 14 sports.

Under the advancements of the International Carding Scheme announced in 2022, athletes that achieve criteria in 2022 will be on the International Carding Scheme for 2023 and 2024 subject to terms and conditions of the International Carding Scheme. This will allow athletes to focus on training and performances as they seek qualification for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris 2024. There are a number of athletes who did not achieve full criteria but are included on the International Carding Scheme for 2023 only, following requests from their respective NGBs. These athletes are indicated in the following table with asterisk *.

As part of Sport Ireland's commitment to support athletes' transition to post athletic careers, 13 athletes were approved on the Athlete Career Transition (ACT) programme in 2022 in addition to the 19 athletes approved in 2021. In total 33 athletes have been approved on the ACT programme which provides financial and non-financial supports to carded athletes on retirement.

Highlights of the 2023 International Carding Scheme

- 32 athletes have been awarded the top category of Podium funding
- 32 athletes have been awarded World Class funding
- 63 athletes have been awarded International funding
- Two relays in Athletics, 4 x 400m Mixed and 4 x 400m Women's Relays have been awarded funding following impressive championship performances in 2022
- Pool funding has been awarded in Boxing to support targeted athletes
- Of the 127 athletes, 66 (52%) are male and 61 (48%) are female
- 22 Para athletes, representing 17% of overall athletes, are supported and an additional 6 pilots/guides are also supported in Para Cycling and Para Triathlon



Athletes that have been approved for 2023 only, are highlighted with asterisk * in below table

National Governing Body	Athlete	Category	Award
Athletics Ireland	Ciara Mageean	Podium	€40,000
Athletics Ireland	Mark English	Podium	€40,000
Athletics Ireland	Rhasidat Adeleke	World Class	€25,000
Athletics Ireland	Fionnuala McCormack	World Class	€25,000
Athletics Ireland	Mixed 4 x 400m	Pool Funding	€60,000
Athletics Ireland	Women 4 x 400m	Pool Funding	€60,000
Athletics Ireland	Israel Olatunde	World Class	€25,000
Athletics Ireland	Sarah Lavin	World Class	€25,000
Athletics Ireland	Efrem Gidey	World Class	€25,000
Athletics Ireland	Thomas Barr	World Class	€25,000
Athletics Ireland	Kate O'Connor	World Class	€25,000
Athletics Ireland	Brendan Boyce	International	€18,000
Athletics Ireland	Andrew Coscoran	International	€18,000
Athletics Ireland	David Kenny	International	€18,000
Athletics Ireland	Sarah Healy	International	€18,000
Athletics Ireland	Louise Shanahan	International	€18,000
Athletics Ireland	Brian Fay	International	€18,000
Athletics Ireland	Darragh McElhinney	International	€18,000
Athletics Ireland	Hiko Haso	International	€18,000
Athletics Ireland	Chris O'Donnell	International	€18,000
Athletics Ireland	Eric Favors	International	€18,000
Athletics Ireland	Phil Healy*	International	€18,000
Athletics Ireland	Nadia Power*	International	€18,000
Principal Sport: Athletics Ireland			€591,000
Badminton Ireland	Nhat Nguyen	International	€18,000
Badminton Ireland	Joshua Magee	International	€18,000
Badminton Ireland	Paul Reynolds	International	€18,000
Badminton Ireland	Rachael Darragh	International	€18,000
Principal Sport: Badminton Ireland			€72,000
Canoeing Ireland	Liam Jegou	World Class	€25,000
Canoeing Ireland	Noel Hendrick	International	€18,000
Canoeing Ireland	Robert Hendrick	International	€18,000
Canoeing Ireland	Jennifer Egan*	International	€18,000
Canoeing Ireland	Jake Cochrane*	International	€18,000
Canoeing Ireland			€97,000

National Governing Body	Athlete	Category	Award
Cycling Ireland	Lara Gillespie	World Class	€25,000
Cycling Ireland	Mia Griffin	World Class	€25,000
Cycling Ireland	Emily Kay	World Class	€25,000
Cycling Ireland	Kelly Murphy	World Class	€25,000
Cycling Ireland	Alice Sharpe	World Class	€25,000
Cycling Ireland	Darren Rafferty	World Class	€25,000
Cycling Ireland	Archie Ryan	International	€18,000
Cycling Ireland	Orla Walsh*	International	€18,000
Cycling Ireland (Para)	Katie George Dunlevy & Eve McCrystal	Podium	€60,000
Cycling Ireland (Para)	Josephine Healion & Linda Kelly	Podium	€60,000
Cycling Ireland (Para)	Ronan Grimes	Podium	€40,000
Cycling Ireland (Para)	Gary O'Reilly	World Class	€25,000
Cycling Ireland (Para)	Christopher Burns	World Class	€25,000
Cycling Ireland (Para)	Richael Timothy	World Class	€25,000
Cycling Ireland (Para)	Martin Gordon & Eoin Mullen	International	€27,000
Cycling Ireland (Para)	Damien Vereker & Pilot	International	€27,000
Cycling Ireland (Para)	Declan Slevin	International	€18,000
Principal Sport: Cycling Ireland			€493,000
Gymnastics Ireland	Rhys McClenaghan	Podium	€40,000
Gymnastics Ireland	Eamon Montgomery	World Class	€25,000
Gymnastics Ireland	Adam Steele	World Class	€25,000
Gymnastics Ireland	Dominick Cunningham	International	€18,000
Gymnastics Ireland	Emma Slevin*	International	€18,000
Gymnastics Ireland	Halle Hilton*	International	€18,000
Principal Sport: Gymnastics Ireland			€144,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Kellie Harrington	Podium	€40,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Aoife O'Rourke	Podium	€40,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Caitlin Fyers	Podium	€40,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Aidan Walsh*	Podium	€40,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Michaela Walsh*	Podium	€40,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Amy Broadhurst*	Podium	€40,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Lisa O'Rourke*	Podium	€40,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Christina Desmond*	Podium	€40,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Dylan Eagleson*	Podium	€40,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Shannon Sweeney*	World Class	€25,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Carly McNaul*	World Class	€25,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Kelyn Cassidy*	International	€18,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Targeted Athletes*	Pool Funding	€80,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association			€508,000
Irish Judo Association	Joshua Green	International	€18,000
Irish Judo Association	Bearach Gleeson	International	€18,000
Irish Judo Association	Rachael Hawkes	International	€18,000
Irish Judo Association			€54,000

National Governing Body	Athlete	Category	Award
Irish Sailing Association	Finn Lynch	Podium	€40,000
Irish Sailing Association	Robert Dickson	International	€18,000
Irish Sailing Association	Sean Waddilove	International	€18,000
Irish Sailing Association	Eve McMahon	International	€18,000
Principal Sport: Irish Sailing Association			€94,000

Irish Taekwondo Union	Jack Woolley	World Class	€25,000
Irish Taekwondo Union	Leroy Nsilu Dilandu*	International	€18,000
Irish Taekwondo Union	Ryan Doyle*	International	€18,000
Irish Taekwondo Union			€61,000

Paralympics Ireland (Athletics)	Jason Smyth	Podium	€40,000
Paralympics Ireland (Athletics)	Greta Streimikyte	World Class	€25,000
Paralympics Ireland (Athletics)	Jordan Lee	World Class	€25,000
Paralympics Ireland (Athletics)	Mary Fitzgerald	World Class	€25,000
Paralympics Ireland (Athletics)	Patrick Monahan	International	€18,000
Paralympics Ireland (Swimming)	Ellen Keane	Podium	€40,000
Paralympics Ireland (Swimming)	Nicole Turner	Podium	€40,000
Paralympics Ireland (Swimming)	Róisín Ní Riain	Podium	€40,000
Paralympics Ireland (Swimming)	Barry McClements	World Class	€25,000
Principal Sport: Paralympics Ireland			€278,000

Pentathlon Ireland	Sive Brassil	International	€18,000
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Rowing Ireland	Paul O'Donovan	Podium	€40,000
Rowing Ireland	Fintan McCarthy	Podium	€40,000
Rowing Ireland	Fiona Murtagh	Podium	€40,000
Rowing Ireland	Eimear Lambe	Podium	€40,000
Rowing Ireland	Afric Keogh	Podium	€40,000
Rowing Ireland	Emily Hegarty	Podium	€40,000
Rowing Ireland	Tara Hanlon	Podium	€40,000
Rowing Ireland	Natalie Long	Podium	€40,000
Rowing Ireland	Sanita Puspure	Podium	€40,000
Rowing Ireland	Zoe Hyde	Podium	€40,000
Rowing Ireland	Margaret Creman	Podium	€40,000
Rowing Ireland	Aoife Casey	Podium	€40,000
Rowing Ireland	Lydia Heaphy	World Class	€25,000
Rowing Ireland	Phil Doyle	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland	Konan Pazzoia	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland	Brian Colsh	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland	John Kearney	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland	Jack Dorney	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland	Ross Corrigan	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland	Nathan Timoney	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland	Adam Murphy	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland	Andrew Sheehan	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland	Alison Bergin	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland	Hugh Moore	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland	Ciaran Purdy	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland (Para)	Katie O'Brien	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland (Para)	Steven McGowan	International	€18,000
Principal Sport: Rowing Ireland			€757,000

National Governing Body	Athlete	Category	Award
Swim Ireland	Mona McSharry	World Class	€25,000
Swim Ireland	Daniel Wiffen	World Class	€25,000
Swim Ireland	Tanya Watson	International	€18,000
Swim Ireland	Clare Cryan	International	€18,000
Swim Ireland	Ciara McGing	International	€18,000
Swim Ireland	Shane Ryan*	International	€18,000
Swim Ireland	Niamh Coyne*	International	€18,000
Swim Ireland	Darragh Greene*	International	€18,000
Swim Ireland	Danielle Hill*	International	€18,000
Swim Ireland	Ellen Walshe*	International	€18,000
Swim Ireland	Eoin Corby*	International	€18,000
Principal Sport: Swim Ireland			€212,000

Triathlon Ireland (Para)	Chloe MacCombe & Catherine Sands	World Class	€37,500
Triathlon Ireland	Carolyn Hayes*	World Class	€25,000
Triathlon Ireland (Para)	Donnacha McCarthy & Sean Husband	International	€27,000
Triathlon Ireland	Russell White*	International	€18,000
Principal Sport: Triathlon Ireland			€107,500





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