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Sport Ireland High Performance Investment 2024



2023 MEDAL HIGHLIGHTS



99 TOTAL HP MEDALS



46 SENIOR MEDALS

17 GOLD, 11 SILVER, 18 BRONZE

53 NON-SENIOR MEDALS

24 GOLD, 42 SILVER, 19 BRONZE

HP MEDALS GENDER BREAKDOWN

♀ 42
FEMALE

♂ 38
MALE

♀♂ 19
OPEN/
MIXED

2023 High Performance Investment and Strategic Achievements

2023 was an excellent year for high performance sport in Ireland with 99 medals achieved at major international competitions across senior and non-senior events. The performances by athletes and teams throughout the Paris Cycle to date (2021-2023) indicate that Ireland is on track to achieve the medal targets of the National Sports Policy 2018-2027 for the four year period 2021-2024 (270).

In 2023, Sport Ireland continued its implementation of the High Performance Strategy 2021-2032 with a particular focus on high performance coaching, athlete supports, and governance.

Coaching

Sport Ireland appointed double Olympian and former Performance Director for Irish Judo, Ciaran Ward to the role of Head of High Performance Coaching in February 2023. Through this appointment, Sport Ireland has sought to drive improvements in the high performance coaching landscape and make progress in addressing the challenges which exist. A total of €923,500 was invested in this area in 2023.

This investment has enabled Sport Ireland to accelerate the recruitment of coaches and provides a sliding-scale of support to National Governing Bodies over a three or four year period. This approach is adopted to ensure sustainability in the coaching positions beyond the period of Sport Ireland's ring-fenced investment. Mentoring and training has also been a key feature of work in high performance coaching in 2023 and is targeted at both new and established coaches operating in the Irish system. There has been strong buy-in to Sport Ireland's efforts in high performance coaching by the National Governing Bodies, and Sport Ireland will continue its work in this area in 2024.

Athlete Support Package

In 2023, Sport Ireland supported the Paralympics Ireland Athlete Support Package (ASP) with an allocation of €80,000 for targeted para-athletes seeking to qualify for the 2024 Paralympic Games. This funding is specifically for those who are not in receipt of Carding or where the National Governing Body is not in receipt of High Performance Programme Funding from Sport Ireland. This allocation will continue in 2024 and is enhanced by direct investment from Paralympics Ireland.

International Carding Scheme and Para Athletes

In 2023, Sport Ireland made adjustments to the International Carding Scheme to provide equal funding at the maximum award levels to both a para-athlete and their pilot or guide. The stability and success of the various athlete combinations in their particular discipline has enabled this change and has been welcomed by the sports involved.

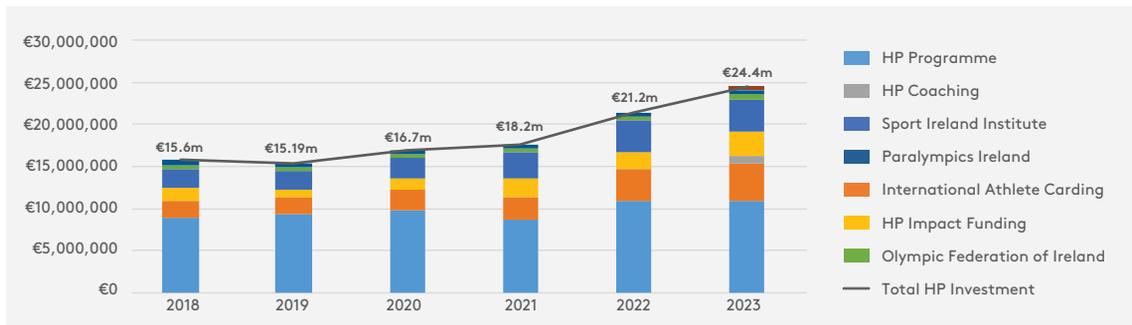
2023 Funding

Sport Ireland invested over €24m in High Performance Sport in 2023 (including the Sport Ireland Institute). This investment included:

- High Performance Programme Funding - **€10,886,669**
- International Carding Scheme - **€3,829,625**
- 2023 High Performance Impact Funding and Paris 2024 Funding - **€2,754,000**
- High Performance Coaching - **€923,500**
- Olympic Federation of Ireland - **€550,000**
- Paralympics Ireland - **€450,000**

The table below demonstrates the trajectory of funding since the publication of the National Sports Policy in 2018 and High Performance Strategy in 2021.

High Performance Investment 2018-2023



High Performance 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 National Governing Bodies (primarily inflation related). The Impact Funding process also captured specific requests relating to the Paris 2024 Games such as additional qualification events or preparatory camps.

The table below highlights the investment provided.

High Performance Impact Funding 2021 - 2023			
NGB	2021	2022	2023
Athletics Ireland	€105,000	€200,000	€130,000
Badminton Ireland	€12,000	-	€20,000
Canoeing Ireland	€37,500	€25,000	€25,000
Cricket Ireland	€400,000	€360,000	€200,000
Cycling Ireland	€20,000	-	€130,000
Golf Ireland	€30,000	-	€4,000
Gymnastics Ireland	€110,000	€100,000	€40,000
Hockey Ireland	€215,000	€160,000	€145,000
Horse Sport Ireland	€245,000	€200,000	€265,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	€65,000	€100,000	€150,000
Irish Judo Association	€60,000	-	-
Irish Rugby Football Union	€220,000	€100,000	€255,000
Irish Sailing Association	€100,000	€220,000	€210,000
Olympic Federation of Ireland	€215,000	€100,000	€450,000
Paralympics Ireland	€248,000	€30,000	€400,000
Rowing Ireland	€270,000	€220,000	€200,000
Swim Ireland	€95,000	€80,000	€115,000
Taekwondo Ireland	€35,000	-	€15,000
Triathlon Ireland	-	€30,000	-
Total HP Impact Funding	€2,482,500	€1,925,000	€2,754,000

2024 High Performance Investment

In 2024, Sport Ireland will invest €25m in High Performance Sport. For the Paris Cycle, 2021-2024, €89m will be invested by Sport Ireland. A record level of investment this year and throughout this Cycle demonstrates Sport Ireland's continued commitment to delivering on the objectives of the National Sports Policy 2018-2027 and High Performance Strategy 2021-2032.

Sport Ireland has provided multi-annual funding to High Performance Programmes from 2022 to 2024, which includes €10.8m to 19 National Governing Bodies/organisations this year.

To support athletes and teams in their training and competition, Sport Ireland will deliver on its multi-annual commitments (for those who achieved criteria in 2022) for 2023 and 2024. Sport Ireland will invest €4.4m under the International Carding Scheme and Player Funding Scheme this year.

High Performance Coaching will continue to be a priority area for Sport Ireland in 2024, with over €1.5m ringfenced in this area to support the recruitment, retention, mentoring and training of aspiring and established high performance coaches. Sport Ireland will also develop a Female High Performance Coaching Network noting the more pronounced challenges which exist in this area.

Sport Ireland continues its strong partnership with the Olympic Federation of Ireland and Paralympics Ireland. From 2021-2024, Sport Ireland will have invested €3,195,000 in the Olympic Federation of Ireland, which includes an allocation of €850,000 to support with costs associated with the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. For Paralympics Ireland, Sport Ireland will provide €2,813,000 this cycle, which include €800,000 for the 2024 Paralympic Games.

As the High Performance Strategy enters its fourth year of implementation, Sport Ireland will continue its focus on coaching, the athlete voice, and governance. The performance pathway will be an area for particular attention. Sport Ireland has commenced the Paris Cycle Review process, which will conclude prior to the Olympic and Paralympic Games. This process will reflect on the achievements and challenges of the High Performance System and National Governing Bodies in respect of the High Performance Strategy's delivery. This process will support the transition to the next Cycle, 2025-2028.



2024 High Performance Programme Funding

Sport Ireland will allocate its 2024 investment in line with the multi-annual funding allocations, as below:

National Governing Body (NGB)	Annual Investment 2024	Multi-Annual 2021-2024
Rowing Ireland	€1,093,334	€3,900,000
Paralympics Ireland	€1,000,000	€3,700,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	€965,000	€3,500,000
Athletics Ireland	€841,666	€3,365,000
Hockey Ireland	€856,666	€3,300,000
Irish Sailing Association	€800,000	€3,200,000
Horse Sport Ireland	€803,334	€3,100,000
Swim Ireland	€756,666	€2,900,000
Cycling Ireland	€520,000	€2,000,000
Golf Ireland	€516,666	€2,000,000
Gymnastics Ireland	€506,666	€1,750,000
Irish Rugby Football Union	€416,666	€1,550,000
Badminton Ireland	€346,666	€1,200,000
Cricket Ireland	€333,334	€1,200,000
Pentathlon Ireland	€286,666	€1,150,000
Triathlon Ireland	€250,000	€1,000,000
Irish Judo Association	€226,666	€750,000
Canoeing Ireland	€216,666	€700,000
Taekwondo Ireland	€150,000	€500,000
Total HP Programme Funding	€10,886,662	€40,765,000

High Performance Operations & Administration Funding				
Organisation	2021	2022	2023	2024
Olympic Federation of Ireland	€420,000	€500,000	€550,000	€550,000
Paralympics Ireland	€400,000	€450,000	€450,000	€450,000
Total	€820,000	€950,000	€1,000,000	€1,000,000

Direct Athlete Support				
Programmes	2021	2022	2023	2024
International Carding Scheme*	€2,748,000	€3,092,290	€3,730,125	€4,000,000
Athlete Career Transition (ACT)**	€265,875	€147,250	€99,500	€100,000
Player Funding Scheme (Women's Hockey)	-	€150,000	€300,000	€300,000
Golf Ireland Professional Scheme	€275,000	€300,000	€325,000	€325,000
Total	€3,288,875	€3,689,540	€4,454,625	€4,725,000

* Includes Athlete Allocations, Team Support Model & Reserves

** Estimate Resource required

2024 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 2024, Sport Ireland will invest €4,400,000 under the International Carding Scheme. This will support 123 athletes and nine relays/pool funding in 16 sports. Sport Ireland continues to support the Women's Senior Hockey team through the Player Funding Scheme in 2024 with an allocation of €300,000.

Under the advancements of the International Carding Scheme announced in 2022, 88 athletes that achieved criteria in 2022 secured multi-year funding on the Scheme for 2023 and 2024, subject to the terms and conditions of the International Carding Scheme. Athletes were supported to focus on qualification and performance at the Paris Games in 2024. A number of athletes achieved a higher criteria in 2023, and therefore, secured an increased award for 2024.

Sport Ireland's Athlete Career Transition (ACT) Programme, introduced in 2022, has continued to provide financial and services support to carded athletes upon retirement. The ACT programme provided support to five athletes in 2023 bringing the total of athletes supported through this programme to 38.

Highlights of the 2024 International Carding Scheme

- 33 athletes have been awarded the top category of Podium funding.
- 31 athletes have been awarded World Class funding.
- 59 athletes have been awarded International funding.
- Two relays in Athletics, 4 x 400m Mixed and 4 x 400m Women's Relays, and three relays in Swimming, Men's, and Women's 4x100m Medley Relay, and Women's 4x100m Freestyle Relay have been awarded funding for 2024.
- Pool funding has been awarded in boxing and gymnastics to support targeted athletes.
- Of the 123 athletes, 65 (53%) are male and 58 (47%) are female.
- 22 Para athletes, representing 18% of overall athletes, are supported and an additional six pilots/guides are also supported in Para Cycling and Para Triathlon.



NGB	Athlete	Category	Award
Athletics Ireland	Ciara Mageean*	Podium	€40,000
	Mark English*	Podium	€40,000
	Rhasidat Adeleke**	Podium	€40,000
	Mixed 4x400m*	World Class	€60,000
	Women's 4x400m*	World Class	€60,000
	Efrem Gidey*	World Class	€25,000
	Fionnuala McCormack*	World Class	€25,000
	Israel Olatunde*	World Class	€25,000
	Kate O'Connor*	World Class	€25,000
	Sarah Lavin*	World Class	€25,000
	Thomas Barr*	World Class	€25,000
	Andrew Coscoran**	World Class	€25,000
	Brian Fay**	World Class	€25,000
	Sarah Healy**	World Class	€25,000
	Brendan Boyce*	International	€18,000
	Chris O'Donnell*	International	€18,000
	Darragh McElhinney*	International	€18,000
	David Kenny*	International	€18,000
	Eric Favors*	International	€18,000
	Hiko Haso*	International	€18,000
Louise Shanahan*	International	€18,000	
Luke McCann	International	€18,000	
Sharlene Mawdsley	International	€18,000	
Sophie O'Sullivan	International	€18,000	
Total Awarded			€645,000

Badminton Ireland	Nhat Nguyen**	International	€18,000
	Joshua Magee**	International	€18,000
	Paul Reynolds**	International	€18,000
	Rachael Darragh**	International	€18,000
	Moya Ryan	International	€18,000
Total Awarded			€90,000



NGB	Athlete	Category	Award
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Aoife O'Rourke*	Podium	€40,000
	Kellie Harrington*	Podium	€40,000
	Caitlin Fryers*	Podium	€40,000
	Jack Marley	Podium	€40,000
	Michaela Walsh	World Class	€25,000
	Dean Clancy	World Class	€25,000
	Amy Broadhurst	International	€18,000
	Grainne Walsh	International	€18,000
	Christina Desmond	International	€18,000
	Daina Moorehouse	International	€18,000
	Jennifer Lehane	International	€18,000
	Kelyn Cassidy	International	€18,000
	Aidan Walsh	International	€18,000
	Targeted Athletes	Pool Funding	€100,000
Total Awarded			€436,000
Canoeing Ireland	Liam Jegou*	World Class	€25,000
	Robert Hendrick*	International	€18,000
	Noel Hendrick*	International	€18,000
	Jake Cochrane	International	€18,000
	Madison Corcoran	International	€18,000
Total Awarded			€97,000
Cycling Ireland	Mia Griffin*	Podium	€40,000
	Lara Gillespie*	World Class	€25,000
	Kelly Murphy*	World Class	€25,000
	Alice Sharpe*	World Class	€25,000
Cycling Ireland (Para)	Katie-George Dunlevy & Eve McCrystal*	Podium	€80,000
	Ronan Grimes*	Podium	€40,000
	Josephine Healion & Linda Kelly*	Podium	€80,000
	Christopher Burns*	World Class	€25,000
	Richael Timothy*	World Class	€25,000
	Martin Gordon & Eoin Mullen*	International	€36,000
	Declan Slevin*	International	€18,000
Damien Vereker & Mitchell McLaughlin*	International	€36,000	
Total Awarded			€455,000
Gymnastics Ireland	Rhys McClenaghan*	Podium	€40,000
	Adam Steele*	World Class	€25,000
	Eamon Montgomery*	World Class	€25,000
	Dominick Cunningham*	International	€18,000
	Halle Hilton	International	€18,000
	Targeted Athletes	Pool Funding	€60,000
Total Awarded			€186,000

NGB	Athlete	Category	Award
Irish Judo Association	Rachael Hawkes*	International	€18,000
	Joshua Green*	International	€18,000
	Bearach Gleeson*	International	€18,000
	Max Tigrub	International	€18,000
Total Awarded			€72,000

Paralympics Ireland	Athlete Support Programme*	ASP	€80,000
Paralympics Ireland (Para Swimming)	Ellen Keane *	Podium	€40,000
	Nicole Turner*	Podium	€40,000
	Roisin Ni Riain*	Podium	€40,000
	Barry McClements*	World Class	€25,000
	Dearbhaile Brady	International	€18,000
	Deaten Registe	International	€18,000
Paralympics Ireland (Para Athletics)	Greta Streimikyte*	World Class	€25,000
	Mary Fitzgerald*	World Class	€25,000
	Orla Comerford	World Class	€25,000
	Jordan Lee*	World Class	€25,000
Total Awarded			€379,000

Pentathlon Ireland	Sive Brassil*	International	€18,000
Total Awarded			€18,000

Rowing Ireland	Afric Keogh*	Podium	€40,000
	Aoife Casey*	Podium	€40,000
	Eimear Lambe*	Podium	€40,000
	Emily Hegarty*	Podium	€40,000
	Fintan McCarthy*	Podium	€40,000
	Fiona Murtagh*	Podium	€40,000
	Margaret Cremen*	Podium	€40,000
	Natalie Long*	Podium	€40,000
	Paul O Donovan*	Podium	€40,000
	Sanita Puspure*	Podium	€40,000
	Tara Hanlon*	Podium	€40,000
	Zoe Hyde*	Podium	€40,000
	Nathan Timoney**	Podium	€40,000
	Phil Doyle**	Podium	€40,000
	Ross Corrigan**	Podium	€40,000
	Daire Lynch	Podium	€40,000
	Alison Bergin*	World Class	€25,000
	Adam Murphy*	International	€18,000
	Andrew Sheehan*	International	€18,000

NGB	Athlete	Category	Award
Rowing Ireland	Brian Colsh*	International	€18,000
	Ciaran Purdy*	International	€18,000
	Jack Dorney*	International	€18,000
	John Kearney*	International	€18,000
	Konan Pazzoia*	International	€18,000
	Imogen Magner	International	€18,000
	Siobhan McCrohan	International	€18,000
Rowing Ireland (Para)	Katie O'Brien*	International	€18,000
	Steven McGowan*	International	€18,000
Total Awarded			€863,000
Irish Sailing Association	Finn Lynch*	World Class	€25,000
	Robert Dickson**	International	€25,000
	Sean Waddilove**	International	€25,000
	Eve McMahon*	International	€18,000
Total Awarded			€93,000
Swim Ireland	Daniel Wiffen**	Podium	€40,000
	Mona McSharry**	Podium	€30,000
	Ellen Walshe	International	€18,000
	Women's 400m Medley Relay	Pool Funding	€60,000
	Women's 400m Freestyle Relay	Pool Funding	€60,000
	Men's 400m Medley Relay	Pool Funding	€60,000
Swim Ireland (Diving)	Ciara McGing*	International	€18,000
	Clare Cryan	International	€18,000
	Jake Passmore	International	€18,000
Total Awarded			€322,000
Table Tennis Ireland (Para)	Colin Judge	World Class	€25,000
Total Awarded			€25,000
Taekwondo Ireland	Jack Woolley	World Class	€25,000
	Leroy Nsilu Dilandu	International	€18,000
Total Awarded			€43,000
Triathlon Ireland	Stanley James Edgar	International	€18,000
	Russell White	International	€18,000
	Elizabeth Carr	International	€18,000
Triathlon Ireland (Para)	Chloe MacCombe & Catherine Sands*	World Class	€50,000
	Donnacha McCarthy & Sean Husband*	International	€36,000
Total Awarded			€140,000

Athletes in receipt of two-year funding are highlighted with an asterisk *.

Athletes in receipt of two-year funding who achieved higher criteria in 2023 are highlighted with a double asterisk**

Note: Multi-annual funding does not extend to 2025, requiring all athletes to achieve criteria in 2024.



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