

NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY 2018 - 2027

Sports Action Plan 2020 - 2022

Attached list of draft actions over the period to end 2022 is for discussion/consultation purposes only.

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NSP Chapter 1 – Introduction and NSP Chapter 2 - Vision

No.	Action	Lead	Partners
1.	Prepare and disseminate a précis of the NSP’s core rationales and messages, embracing linked policies and strategies in the health and other sectors, in order to generate population wide awareness and momentum behind the importance of active and social participation in sport and physical activity.		
		Year	NSP Action
			N/A

NSP Chapter 3 - Participation

2.	Sport Ireland will complete the development of a Physical Literacy Consensus Statement, the first of its kind in Europe, in order to drive an improvement in physical activity habits through the achievement of consistency in the design and delivery of physical activity interventions for children and young people.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			1,2,3,4
3.	Establish a Sports Participation Innovation Fund to foster increased collaboration and innovation within the sports sector, and between the sports sector and other sectors, aimed at securing optimal usage of available community facilities.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			9,14,22,23,34

4.	With a view to providing nationwide, multi-sport opportunities for persons with a disability develop and roll-out a toolkit of best practice standards and approaches aimed especially for usage by NGBs generally, based initially on the three priority sports of swimming, cycling and running/athletics.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			6,9,10,11,12,48
5.	Taking account of the Sport Ireland Policy on Participation in Sport by People with Disabilities, develop a set of national objectives and targets to assist and support the work of the Local Sports Partnerships and the Sports Inclusion Disability Officers network. A tailored SIDO training programme focusing on local partnership development and engagement to be delivered in tandem.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			6,9,15,57
6.	<u>Sport for children/young</u> – base actions on CSPPA outcome. For further reflection and consultation.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			2,3,4.7,21
7.	Reflecting the life course perspective inherent in the prioritised participation sports, expand coverage of the Get Ireland Walking, Cycling, Swimming and Running programmes, as well as programmes that target older adults (50+) such as the Age and Opportunity Go for Life programme.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			5,6,13

8.	Develop a multi-sport, multi-annual, Inclusion Fund to promote increased and sustainable participation in sport among adolescents and young adults, particularly females, those from lower socio-economic groups, persons with a disability, the LGBTI+ community, the Traveller community and other ethnic minorities.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			6,9,48
9.	In line with the Migrant Integration Strategy of the Department of Justice and Equality and to foster the social inclusion of migrants, launch a focused information campaign highlighting the unacceptability of racism and promoting the range of available sports volunteering and participation opportunities.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			6
10.	In line with the National LGBTI+ Youth Strategy and to assist barrier removal, expand the Irish Sports Monitor to assess levels of active and social participation (volunteering, club membership and attendance) in sport among the LGBTI+ community and issues related to such participation.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			6
11.	Continue implementation of the Sport Ireland Women-in Sport Policy, including its ongoing monitoring and evaluation.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			6,30,32

NSP Chapter 4 – Sports Facilities

12.	Publish a National Swimming Strategy to provide additional swimming opportunities indoors and outdoors.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			5,20,23
13.	Work with Local Authorities nationally to develop a comprehensive and detailed framework to support them in the preparation and implementation of Local Sports Plans, ensuring in particular collaboration with LSPs/NGBs and optimizing the usage of sports facilities in Local Authorities, educational institutions and local sports clubs.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			8,9,
14.	Complete a full Value For Money Review of the Sports Capital Programme by 2020 and ensure that any recommendations arising are fully incorporated into future rounds of the programme.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			17.
15.	Announce the first set of allocations under Stream 1 and Stream 2 of the new Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund by end 2019.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			19,52

16.	Ensure that the Sports Capital Programme is open for new applications on an annual basis. Undertake and publish reviews after each round of the programme. Implement any recommendations arising from these reviews to ensure the programme is achieving its overall objectives.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			16,51

NSP Chapter 5 – High Performance

17.	Implement Sport Ireland’s High Performance Strategy 2020 - 2029 with an immediate, post Tokyo emphasis being placed on revised approaches on focused performance investment and coaching development and retention.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			24,49,50,53
18.	Modelled on the “Black Gold” programme in New Zealand, introduce a scheme for the attraction of philanthropic finance to support Ireland’s high performance programme.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			24,55
19.	In line with the Olympic/Paralympic cycles, introduce a dedicated sports capital funding programme for high performance equipment.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			16,24

NSP Chapter 6 – Sport Ireland National Campus

20.	Complete construction of the National Velodrome and Badminton Centre.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			25.
21.	Complete a new 15-year Masterplan for the Sport Ireland National Sports Campus.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			26,53
22.	Explore options for the priority delivery of Athlete Accommodation and Office Accommodation for NGBs.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			26

NSP Chapter 7 – Building Capacity

23. Sport Ireland will oversee a process to have all NGBs and LSPs adopt the Governance Code for the Community, Voluntary and Charity Sector by end 2021. As part of this process Sport Ireland will also identify and put in place the training and supports needed by the different organisations to assist with the adoption process.	Lead	Partners
	Year	NSP Action
		31
24. Complete a Sports Volunteering Strategy that is fully aligned with the National Volunteering Strategy and provides a volunteer management support toolkit for NGBs and LSPs.	Lead	Partners
	Year	NSP Action
		14,27,28,29
25. In support of the national coaching plan being developed by Sport Ireland, establish a dedicated, collaborative, multi-annual, multi-sport coaching fund for NGBs.	Lead	Partners
	Year	NSP Action
		30
26. NGBs will be asked to set gender diversity targets and develop equality action plans. Support will be provided for dedicated leadership training programmes for women including governance-related and technical training (coaching, refereeing and team management). Sport Ireland will monitor their progress in delivering on these and report annually.	Lead	Partners
	Year	NSP Action
		32

27.	Initiate the development of a National Geo database of Recreation Amenities, to include the comprehensive mapping of all indoor and outdoor sports facilities.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			13,18.

NSP Chapter 9 – Integrity of Sport

28.	Complete an examination of the potential for establishing an independent anti-doping agency.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			41.
29.	Bring forward a proposal for Government decision on the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions and other actions to fight the scourge of match-fixing.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			42.

NSP Chapter 10 Financing Irish Sport

30.	Prepare comprehensive business cases for taxation reform in relation to (a) the granting of charitable status for NGBs, (b) the lowering of the €250 eligibility threshold for capital reliefs on individual donations to sports capital projects and (c) the incentivisation of personal exercise opportunities.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			54,55,56
31.	Launch a publicity campaign to increase awareness of available tax reliefs for sport.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			54.

NSP Chapter 11 Implementation, Monitoring and Review

32.	Support NGBs and other sports bodies to develop evaluation tools for programmes and initiatives. Sport Ireland will develop standardised evaluation frameworks which will allow for the robust assessment of the impact of publicly funded facilities, programmes and interventions.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			35,36,37,57.
33.	Publish annual progress report within three months of year-end.	Lead	Partners
		Year	NSP Action
			57.

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