



# north of ireland karting association

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## SNI 'ATHLETE SUPPORT PROGRAMME' NIKA PRE-SELECTION CRITERIA

### Points to Note

- For the Athlete Support Programme (ASP) programme the Sport Northern Ireland (SNI) will only accept applications from the governing bodies of sports, in the case of karting this is the North of Ireland Karting Association (NIKA).
- All funding is awarded on a challenge basis, which means that each application is compared against a strict set of criteria with all other applications from the whole range of sports.
- SNI expect NIKA to propose only those drivers who fulfil the strict criteria required. For NIKA to propose drivers who do not meet the criteria will seriously damage the credibility of NIKA and hence reduce the chances of future funding. This necessitates a strict pre-selection process.
- Partnership funding maybe a requirement of this programme. This means that the applicant must contribute an agreed percentage of the funding claimed. This sum to be lodged with NIKA until the application is complete. In the event of SNI rejecting the application the entire partnership funding will be returned to the applicant. On acceptance of the application NIKA will refund the full partnership funding when the first programme payment is made by SNI. Audits of all expenditure of the funding will be carried out, by the SNI, as will the performance against the proposed programme.
- The standard required is a driver who is recognised as a rising star with the potential to win a British / National championship & progress to compete at the highest World / European level. Applicants must therefore have demonstrated the ability to compete successfully at British / National Championship level or higher.
- The proposed programme must be for 12 months and must demonstrate significant elements of additional training, coaching and competition.
- An unsuccessful application in no way disbars an applicant from resubmitting on a future date.
- Applications must be received by NIKA by the 21<sup>st</sup> October, to allow sufficient time for assessment prior to the final submission to the SCNI on the 24<sup>th</sup> October.

### SNI Criteria

SNI will consider funding from drivers who are eligible under the following ASP categories:

- Senior: **WORLD CLASS**
- Senior: **INTERNATIONAL**
- Junior: **DEVELOPMENT (Under 21)**

### Essential Criteria.

- All applicants must be NIKA registered.
- All applicants must be members of a Kart club affiliated to NIKA.
- All applicants must be permanent residents of Northern Ireland.
- All applicants must produce their MSA licences for the last 2 years.

### Assessment

Only drivers who have demonstrated their ability either in a series or individual races in either at British / National Championship or World / European championship races need apply.

**WORLD CLASS:** World Championships  
Requirement: **Top 10**

European Championships  
Requirement: **Top 5**

**INTERNATIONAL:** European Championships  
Requirement: **Top 6-10**

British / National Championships  
Requirement: **Top 10** 1<sup>st</sup> year  
Requirement: **Top 3** 2<sup>nd</sup> year

**DEVELOPMENT:** British / National Championships  
Requirement: **Top 10** 1<sup>st</sup> year  
Requirement: **Top 3** 2<sup>nd</sup> year

### **SNI Submission**

- NIKA will assist the selected competitors to develop a programme meeting the SNI requirements.
- Allocation of all funding remains the prerogative of SNI.
- NIKA application to SNI may not result in any funding being awarded.
- Should a competitor fail to attain the performance targets in their funding proposal SNI reserve the right to withdraw support and to recover that proportion of the programme funding they see fit.
- Applications should be completed & forwarded to the NIKA ASP Manager:

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112 Avonbrook Gardens,  
Coleraine  
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