



**Athletes
Network**
FOR SAFER SPORTS

Emergency Fund Application Guidelines

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Purpose: The Emergency Fund has been created by the Athletes Network for Safer Sports, a program of the Sport & Rights Alliance, to provide individuals impacted by violence in the context of sport with legal, emotional, physical, or digital support.

Who can apply? Any individual (including athletes and whistle-blowers) impacted by violence in the context of sport. We encourage applications from those in the margins, specifically in terms of geography, social origin, ethnicity, disability, and gender (particularly people with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics).

If you are under 18, you can be eligible to receive the fund, but you must fill out this form with your parent/guardian's consent.

How can I apply? First, please fill out the below form with as much information as you are comfortable sharing. After submitting your application, a member of our staff will follow up with you via email. Please give complete answers as this will form the basis of the decision from the Advisory Council of the SRA Athletes Network for Safer Sports.

What is the application process like? Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis (every 3 months). Each applicant will be notified of the outcome of their application within 15 days after the respective quarterly deadline, as follows:

- Q1: applications open between 1 January – 31 March. Decisions by 15 April.
- Q2: applications open between 1 April – 30 June. Decisions by 15 July.
- Q3: applications open between 1 July – 30 September. Decisions by 15 October.
- Q4: applications open between 1 October – 31 December. Decisions by 15 January.

Your application will be received by the SRA Secretariat and reviewed in detail by the Network Coordinator; they will then provide a brief summary to members of the Network's Advisory Council, who will make a final decision on funding.

How will applications be evaluated? The Athletes Network is only able to fund a select number of applicants per quarter. Though we wish we could support everyone who applies, priority will be given to those experiencing immediate safety concerns and/or representing marginalized or underrepresented groups.

Amount: A one-time allowance of EUR 2,000.

Types of expenses covered:

- Assistance with legal fees related to cases of harassment and abuse in the context of sport.
- Psychological aid (including counseling and other types of healing services)
- Costs related to medical care, including forensic evidence collection.
- Safety related needs (including digital safety, physical safety, and relocation costs)



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Protecting your data: Participants acknowledge that we will collect and process personal data from you in conjunction with this application. All data will be treated as confidential and processed in accordance with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Sport & Rights Alliance commits to the ethical collection, use, transmitting, managing, storing and destruction of data. All data collected related to the application will be destroyed within 12-months from the application date. We recognize that your story is your own and that any information you provide is not ours to share. It is our priority to ensure that your privacy, security and fundamental rights and freedoms are respected and protected. Please find detailed information on 'Digital and Data Privacy, Security and Safety' in our Safeguarding and Reporting Policy [here](#).

For any further questions, please contact joanna@sportandrightsalliance.org.