

Belfast Boxing Strategy 2024-2025 Plan

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC CHALLENGES, AIMS AND KPIS

Strategic Challenge	Pathways	Coach Education	Club Development and Grassroots	Governance
Strategic Aims	1.0 To have an effective efficient Pathway to engage and nurture talent within Belfast. 2.0 To recruit, train and sustain active volunteers, who are trained to best practice standards within Belfast 3.0 To recruit, train and sustain active officials, who are trained to the highest standards within Belfast. 7.0 Events Schedule and Numbers.	4.0 To recruit, train and sustain active coaches, who are trained to the highest standards within Belfast	5.0 To grow and sustain club membership within Belfast	6.0 To promote and sustain good governance standards within Belfast boxing clubs.
KPI'S	1.1 - Run talent squads in Belfast (1 male, 1 female) 1.2 - To run competitive opportunities for Belfast Talent Squads 1.3 - Number of boxers getting Elite Gym Membership 1.4 - Promote individual talent boxer grants, and promote the BCC 'Support for Sport' funding opportunities 2.1 - To run volunteer education event for clubs, aiming for 40 participants (could include recognition of volunteers) 3.1 - To run 1 scoring/event official course per year with 10 newly trained officials 3.2 - To run 1 referee and judging course per year with 20 newly trained officials 3.3 - Delivery of minimum of 2 committee training courses throughout the year to improve club governance 7.1 - 6 Local Events per year 7.2 - 2 International Events per year 7.3 - 200 male competitors 7.4 - 80 Female competitors 7.5 - 50 visiting competitors 7.6 - 200 Belfast competitors 7.7 - 10 visiting officials 7.8 - 15 Belfast officials	4.1 -5 coaches to receive talented coach bespoke training and mentoring. 4.2 -20 new coaches to be trained each year. 4.3 - 50 people accessing online coaching area to be updated on a regular basis. 4.4 - Increase the number of female coaches across the city 4.5 - All clubs to receive personalized toolkit with clubs to be trained up and appoint a mental health champion – 15 clubs to be involved 4.6- 15 participants to receive disability/inclusive awareness training	5.1 - 200 participants at come and try it event/day of boxing events 5.2- 2000 pupils to take part in non-contact boxing 5.4.1 – 2 new clubs established and availing of seeding grant. 5.4.2 - 30 clubs obtaining membership growth/ equipment/ individual athlete grants. 5.5 - 50 new members to boxing within Belfast. 5.6 - 6 clubs receiving for support for sport grants 5.7 - 200 participants in holiday camps	6.1 – 5 clubs per season attaining IABA Governance Framework Workshop. 6.2 – Delivery of good relations programme to 100 participants within the holiday camps
Budgets	£19,000- Pathways & £42,000- Events	£11,500	£21,000	£1,000
Salaries				£105,500
Total				£200,000

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STRATEGIC CHALLENGE NUMBER 1: PATHWAYS- FROM GRASSROOTS- TALENT-ELITE (BOXERS, VOLUNTEERS AND OFFICIALS)

1.0 Aim				
1.0 To have an effective, efficient pathway at all levels of boxing within Belfast, helping to engage and nurture talent.				
Action	KPI	Partners, Roles, and Responsibilities	Target Audience	Resource/Budget/eligible cost
<p>1.1 To provide talent squads within Belfast at a range of age groups, linking into the IABA performance pathway and talent ID Testing.</p>	<p>To run talent ID Testing to select boxers for the following talent squads.</p> <p>Boy 1,2& 3 (11-14) x 2 (Novice Boys 0-6 bouts & Open Class boys 6+ Bouts)</p> <p>Girl 1,2& 3(11-14)</p> <p>Also, to link in with UHP camps in which Belfast Boxers will be part of also.</p>	<p>IABA Assistant HP Coach in Ulster will train all talented coaches taking the talent squad training sessions in the assessment and talent ID process.</p> <p>All Squads will also be tested in line with similar tests carried out for senior elite athletes within the Ulster High Performance System, this way exposing young boxers to HP System and fitness and training tests from a younger age.</p>	<p>All Belfast Clubs who cater for the following age groups:</p> <p>Boy 1,2& 3 (11-14) x 2 (Novice Boys 0-6 bouts & Open Class boys 6+ Bouts)</p> <p>Girl 1,2& 3(11-14)</p>	<p>IABA Staff time – Assistant High-Performance Coach</p> <p>Belfast City Council Funds requested for coaching costs of talented coaches for testing process and venue hire. Costs related to Talent camps coaching, accommodation/ Travel.</p>
<p>1.2 To run competitive opportunities for Belfast Talent Squads.</p> <p>Boy 1,2& 3 (11-14) x 2 (Novice Boys 0-6 bouts & Open Class boys 6+ Bouts)</p> <p>Girl 1,2& 3 (11-14)</p>	<p>To run competitions/competitive opportunities for the young boxers to display their talent and to demonstrate their progression since being on the talent squad programme. These will be inter county match ups against other County's which we expect 5-10 Belfast Boxers Per event.</p>	<p>The IABA High Performance will support the training programmes for talent squads. As part of this the Assistant HP Coach will look to mentor the coaches to ensure consistency is being delivered from training to competitions.</p> <p>The CAB representatives will arrange a county competition within a Belfast venue and will provide referee/judges and table officials.</p> <p>All Squads will also be brought up to the High-Performance Unit in UUJ to take part in a session with the High-Performance Coach.</p>	<p>All Belfast Clubs who cater for the following age groups:</p> <p>Boy 1,2& 3 (11-14) x Open Class boys 6+ Bouts)</p> <p>Girl 1,2& 3 (11-14)</p>	<p>CAB Volunteer time to organise, run and administer the county competition/competitive opp's.</p> <p>Belfast City Council Funds requested for Venue Hire, officials' fees, and purchase of medals for participants- approximately.</p>

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1.0 Aim				
1.0 To have an effective, efficient pathway at all levels of boxing within Belfast, helping to engage and nurture talent. - continued				
Action	KPI	Action	Target Audience	Resource/Budget/eligible cost
1.3 Gym Membership for Elite Performers	Numbers of Boxers successful in obtaining free membership per year. 3 per year	BCC to provide details of the scheme to the steering group. GLL Foundation scheme. The steering group will be responsible for distributing and communicating widely the scheme and its criteria. IABA staff can help boxers fill out forms if necessary	All National champions and Ulster and Antrim Champion boxers	IABA Staff to distribute and promote Free Gym membership through GLL Scheme to the Ulster HP Unit and any talented boxers in Belfast. - No cost aside from staff time
1.4 Promote individual talent boxers' grants and promote the BCC 'Support for Sport' funding opportunities	6 Boxers successful in obtaining grant aid per year. (Mary peters trust, GLL foundation, HP Athlete Support Scheme).	BCC to provide details of the scheme to the steering group. IABA Performance Pathways committee will be responsible to distribute and communicate widely the scheme and its criteria to all boxers within the HP Unit. IABA staff can help assist boxers fill out forms if necessary	All National champions and Ulster and Antrim Champion boxers	IABA Staff to distribute and promote grant aid schemes to the Ulster HP Unit and any talented boxers in Belfast No cost aside from staff time

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Aim	2.0 To recruit, train and sustain active volunteers, who are trained to best practice standards within Belfast			
Action	KPI	Partners, Roles, and Responsibilities	Target Audience	Resource/Budget/eligible cost
<p>2.1 To run volunteer education opportunities and events for clubs. The training will be IABA led to recognise and aware the volunteers.</p>	<p>1 event to be delivered per year- targeting 40 participants from the 32 clubs across the city delivered by March 2025.</p>	<p>IABA to provide expertise of Club Development Officer within Ulster, Operations Manager and IABA Health and Safety Officer and Child Protection Officer to deliver a volunteer education and training event within Belfast.</p> <p>IABA will also provide the Workforce Development Officer to run and administer the organisation each year.</p> <p>Topics and workshops to be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety of club facilities • Mental Health and Wellbeing workshop • New IABA Policies and procedures • Good Relations Training and update • Fundraising, Grant aid and sponsorship • Affiliation procedures • Volunteer committee roles and responsibilities. • Committee Skills • Examples and workshops providing examples of best practice <p>Community outreach programmes such as: boxing for fitness, mental health and well-being programmes, rehabilitation programmes for offenders.</p>	<p>All 32 Belfast based clubs' representatives to attend.</p> <p>New Clubs under development.</p> <p>Clubs Outside Belfast could attend at a cost.</p>	<p>IABA Staff time – Club Dev, Operations Manager, H&S Officer and CP Officer and Workforce Officer</p> <p>Belfast City Council Funds could be used for this if based in Belfast, however this could possibly be funded from other sources outside of Belfast. But we would like flexibility to host in BCC and to help cover BCC club costs if required.</p> <p>Clubs Outside Belfast could attend at a cost.</p>

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BCC- to provide Girdwood Venue through GLL. If this is not possible, we would seek to hire a Belfast Hotel venue

3.0 To recruit, train and sustain active officials, who are qualified to the highest standards within Belfast.				
Aim	KPI	Partners, Roles, and Responsibilities	Target Audience	Resource/Budget/eligible cost
3.1 Officials to receive training in line with world standards and systems.	To run 1 scoring/event official course per year- 10 newlytrained officials per year. 10% will be females.	IABA will also provide the Workforce Development Officer to run and administer the administration for the programme each year. CAB will advertise, market and promote these opportunities to its affiliated members. CAB will also	New aspiring referees/judges aged 18+ Current Clubs without referee/judges New Clubs under development	Belfast City Council Funds to cover cost of running course to include venue hire, hospitality, tutor costs. Possibility of running event for the assessment of new officials and for new computerised scoring system
3.2 To deliver grassroots refereeing, judging qualifications and table officials	Delivery of 1 referee & judging course- 20 new referees by 31 st March each year. 10% will be females.	Identify clubs who may not have qualified referees and judges within their clubs.	Clubs looking to run club events and tournaments will need to have appropriately trained referees and judges.	Belfast City Council Funds to cover cost of running course to include venue hire, hospitality and tutor costs. CAB will support and promote training opportunities.
3.3 To deliver committee training courses throughout the year to improve club governance.	Delivery of 2 committee courses/training throughout the year to improve club governance.	UBC will also provide Referee Tutors to run the Level 1 and Level 2 referee and judging qualifications	Link in some of the aspects of the club governance framework to help clubs improve their best practice.	Committee training opportunities to be provided through IABA Workforce and Club Development, costs to be covered by Belfast City Council funding.

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Aim	7.0 Funding to support competitive local and international events in Belfast			
Action	KPI	Partners, Roles and Responsibilities	Target Audience	Resource/Budget/eligible cost
7.1 – Local Events per year 7.2 – International Events per year 7.3 – male competitors 7.4 – Female competitors 7.5 – visiting competitors 7.6 – Belfast competitors 7.7 - visiting officials 7.8 – Belfast officials	To deliver the number of events, competitors, and official opportunities in the events plan. 6 Local Events per year 2 International Events per year 200 male competitors 80 Female competitors 50 visiting competitors 200 Belfast competitors 10 visiting officials 15 Belfast officials	Through the CAB and Boxing Development Officer liaising together venues across the city will be used to host events & competitive opportunities for both boxers and officials across the city as well as inviting in a range of competition from across the County, Province, Continent	All Belfast Based clubs, boxers, and officials.	BCC funds will be used to host the events and consume the costs agreed in the events plan.

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STRATEGIC CHALLENGE NUMBER 2: COACH EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Aim	4.0 To recruit, train and sustain active coaches, who are qualified to the highest standards within Belfast.			
Action	KPI	Partners, Roles, and Responsibilities	Target Audience	Resource/Budget/eligible cost
4.1 To support the delivery of an IABA led Coach education programme for talented coaches within Belfast	To work with 5 coaches per year delivering a bespoke education programme by 31 st March each year	<p>IABA to provide expertise of Assistant HPC within Ulster and the performance pathways committee to help identify talented coaches within Belfast to take part in the programme.</p> <p>IABA will also provide the Workforce Development Officer to run and administer the administration for the programme each year.</p>	Identified Level 1 and Level 2 Coaches, actively coaching in Belfast, identified by the Ulster HP Coach as potentially talented coaches with ability to progress to national and international coaching.	IABA Staff time and committee members time -HP Coach Ulster, performance pathways committee and Workforce Officer Belfast City Council Funds to cover cost of running course to include venue hire, hospitality, tutor costs.
4.2 To Support the delivery of grassroots boxing qualifications- i.e., Fundamentals or Level 1 IABA Qualification.	20 new coaches by 31 st March each year.10% will be female.	<p>IABA Workforce Development Officer to run and administer the programme each year</p> <p>CAB will advertise, market and promote these opportunities to its affiliated members. CAB will also identify clubs who may be either under or over capacity regards coaching-members ratios.</p> <p>CAB will also provide Coaching Tutors to run the Level 1 qualifications.</p>	<p>New aspiring coaches aged 18 +</p> <p>Current Clubs who’s carrying capacity is exceeding their number of qualified coaches.</p> <p>Clubs looking to set up new sections to their clubs, e.g. female section, over 50’s health and well-being etc.</p>	Belfast City Council Funds to cover cost of running course to include venue hire, hospitality, tutor costs.
4.3 To update online Coaching / volunteer resources and inform clubs of updates.	Area to be updated on a regular basis with up to 50 new participants accessing the online resources area per year target by 31 st March 2025.	IABA will also provide the Workforce Development Officer who will liaise with the other development officers, HP coaches and CAB to provide a range of online learning opportunities to clubs / volunteers.	A wide range of coaches from grassroots up to talented coach level.	This has now been launched and we will continue to update the online learning areas & social media pages with constant updates and learning ops.
4.4 To increase the number of female coaches in Belfast	To ensure that all coaching courses that are ran throughout the city have female representation. 10% of courses will aim to have new female coaches	IABA will utilise the strategy to help increase the number of female coaches in Belfast. Our Workforce Development Officer will work closely with the Belfast Development officer on assuring designated spots on course for females.	Parents of female boxers, female boxers themselves, youth and school groups, Women’s groups etc.- all in a bid to actively target females to become coaches.	BCC Funds and IABA Funds- no additional funds required.

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4.5 To work alongside mental health providers to generate a boxing specific tool kit and train clubs up in mental health and wellbeing awareness	We will work with TAMHI and other providers to design a toolkit for every club and run training and webinars with each club where we will encourage clubs to appoint a mental health champion. 15 clubs involved.	IABA will also provide the Workforce Development Officer who will organise with each club the training / webinar sessions that will be delivered by professionals to each individual club.	A wide range of coaches from grassroots up to talented coach level.	Belfast City Council Funds requested for design of toolkit and to bring in providers to deliver training and workshops with clubs.
4.6 Disability and inclusivity awareness training to be provided to clubs.	To have 15 participants from our clubs attend inclusive training module. This is to help put disability and inclusive physical activity into all our clubs.	IABA will provide the Workforce Development officer who will work with the Boxing Development Officer to set a date for training and to engage with clubs. Now incorporated within the IABA Fundamentals coaching course in partnership with CARA.	Coaches, Committee, Parents and Boxers.	Belfast City Council Funds Requested for room hire, refreshments and tutor costs.

STRATEGIC CHALLENGE NUMBER 3: Club Support and Grassroots Development

5.0 To grow and sustain club membership within Belfast				
Aim				
Action	KPI's	Partners, Roles and Responsibilities	Target Audience	Resource/Budget/eligible cost
5.1 To hold come and try it events in collaboration with BCC sports development initiatives	200 pupils. 15% will be from underrepresented areas of the sport	IABA to organise and arrange schools come and try it events in conjunction with CAB. 2 Community Based coaches to run the event. IABA Development Officer to arrange. BCC to fund and promote event as BCC Event, BCC Media and PR Team to help get good local press coverage.	Females Children and young people, schools, people with disabilities and people from areas of deprivation.	<i>2X Community Based Boxing Coach-salary cost</i> <i>Venue Hire, additional coaches to deal with capacity and marketing and advertising info and hire o ring etc if necessary</i>
5.2 Continue to run non-contact boxing sessions in schools	2000 15% will be from underrepresented areas of the sport	IABA Development officer to organise and arrange non-contact sessions within schools. 2 Community Based coaches to run sessions. BCC to fund and promote schools' sessions. BCC Media and PR Team to help do a media launch for schools' sessions and get good local press coverage.	Females Children and young people, schools, people with disabilities and people from areas of deprivation.	<i>2X Community Based Boxing Coach- £23,000(salaries)</i> <i>Equipment to be purchased for new coach to conduct the duties of the role.</i>

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<p>5.4.1 – New clubs grants 5.4.2 – Equipment grants / individual athlete grants/Membership Development Grants</p>	<p>To have 2 new clubs established and availing of seeding grant</p> <p>Monitor the growth of membership across Belfast – providing all with equipment, individual and club membership growth grants (30)</p>	<p>BCC to provide grant aid for seeding grants and equipment grants through the sports development team if possible.</p> <p>The Steering Group committee could help to administer and manage the process if the sports development team cannot administer this process. The levels of funding are minimal with only 2 seeding grants available per year and 4 equipment grants. (should there be new clubs).</p> <p style="color: red;">Where we have no new clubs, we could look at giving individual athlete awards to specified talent. This could also be utilized where all membership growth grants are not expended.</p> <p>The committee can devise the application process and scheme if required.</p>	<p>New Boxing Clubs within Belfast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeding Grants for newly developed clubs or junior sections of senior clubs. • Equipment Grants for clubs who can demonstrate the need for equipment for new clubs or existing clubs who have grown or need replacement equipment. • Or Membership Development Grants <p>All at a cost of £500 per club to run come and try it event/holiday camps in a bid to increase membership of their clubs.</p> <p>Up to 32 clubs a year x £500. = £16,000 approx.</p>
Aim	5.0 To grow and sustain club membership within Belfast - CONTINUED			
Action	KPI's	Action	Target Audience	Resource/Budget/eligible cost
5.5 New members	50 new members within clubs. 10% will be females	To feed new members thorough the school's programme and membership growth programmes into the club environment. Link directly in with the clubs.	Targeting underrepresented groups within the sport	<i>Using initiatives listed above.</i>
5.6 Promote the Belfast City Council Community Support Funding	Encourage 6 clubs to apply per year	IABA Staff to work with clubs to work up applications for Support for sport schemes.	32 Boxing Clubs based in Belfast	N/a No programme costs, only staff time.
5.7 Boxing Holiday Camps	200 participants per year. 15% will be from under-represented areas of the sport	<p>IABA Staff to arrange and organise Easter and Summer Holiday Camps for Boxing. CAB to provide coaches to aid Community Coaches.</p> <p>To run a number of holiday/ membership growth programmes during holiday periods (Summer, Halloween or mid-term) Total of 200 participants with a specific emphasis on female inclusion.</p>	32 Boxing Clubs based in Belfast, target local schools also.	<i>2X Community Based Boxing Coach- salary Programme Costs- Venue Hire, Coaching Wages for additional coaches, marketing materials to facilitate bookings onto camps.</i>

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		IABA will administer the booking process.		
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STRATEGIC CHALLENGE NUMBER 4: GOVERNANCE

6.0 To promote, improve, and sustain good governance standards within Belfast Clubs				
Aim	6.0 To promote, improve, and sustain good governance standards within Belfast Clubs			
Action	KPI	Partners, Roles, and Responsibilities	Target Audience	Resource/Budget/eligible cost
6.1 To work with Belfast based clubs to achieve the IABA Good Governance Framework	5 clubs to attend workshops or 1 to 1s with the IABA Club development officer.	IABA Development Officer to work with clubs to achieve this and will work 1 to 1 with clubs to put governance framework and structures in place in order to be more attractive to funders.	All Belfast based clubs	IABA Club Development Officer Staff Time BCC Funds club attendance fee, workshop costs to include venue hire, refreshments.
6.2 – To deliver a good relations programme within Belfast	To deliver a good relations programme to our clubs. 10% will be from underrepresented areas of the sport	IABA Operations Manager to build in Good Relations training into the holiday camps with 100 participants. This will link in directly with our holiday membership growth programmes and we will run individual club good relations training with our clubs at least once per year. Designing a bespoke scaled down training programme from what is currently delivered to IABA Members	All Belfast based clubs	IABA Staff Tie- Operations Manager over oversees Good Relations and Equality issues and programmes. IABA Good Relations bespoke Training Course designed for boxing in Ulster. Costs- tutor, venue hire and hospitality and any administration costs