



## Sports Development Unit CHILDREN'S SPORT SUPPORT FUND 2005

Having secured funding from the Children's Fund, the Sports Development Unit is implementing a new funding stream under the above heading. The essence of this fund is to operate as a mechanism for children between the ages of 5-13 to access organised and sustainable sporting activities they are usually prevented from accessing.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Children aged 5 – 13 who are resident in Southampton. (We are unable to fund children who fall outside the Southampton boundary).
- Priority will be given to those children who inhabit one of the 11 priority neighbourhoods, which are:

- Central
- Portswood / St Denys
- Thornhill
- Outer Shirley
- Weston
- Lordshill
- Flower Roads / Hampton Park / Mansbridge
- Freemantle / Polygon
- Townhill Park
- Harefield
- Shirley East

- Assessing eligibility will also be measured against the extent of the deprivation and financial need. This would consist of evidence of low income, i.e. photocopy of benefit book, free school meals e.t.c.

### CRITERIA FOR ACTIVITIES:

- The activities/clubs the child will be accessing must adhere to the following levels of best practice:

*-Club/activity must hold adequate public liability insurance (**Insurance on behalf of just coaches or instructors is not acceptable**)*

*-Have a current and established Child Protection Policy*

*-Be adhering to the best levels of health and safety*



*-All staff/coaches/volunteers must have undergone a Criminal Records Bureau check*

### SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

This will be undertaken by an established panel that will make the fairest decision in relation to every application.

### HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY

Applications are encouraged by clubs (adhering to the best practice guidelines set out above) who are in contact with a child who is unable to take part in an activity due to financial reasons. In addition parents are also encouraged to apply providing there is coordination with themselves and the club, and that the club/activity adheres to such criteria.

Application forms should be returned for consideration by the panel to:

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