

# UK Sport Aspiration Fund Support



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In May 2019 the British Karate Federation were able to support athletes on the "Trail to Tokyo" utilising the investment award made to Karate from UK Sport.

The Aspiration Fund, which was announced by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in October this year, aims to support sports who do not currently receive full UK Sport funding to develop plans to help teams and athletes realise ambitions for the Tokyo Games.

Sports eligible to apply for the fund include all the unfunded summer Olympic and Paralympic sports, new sports for Tokyo 2020 and those currently in receipt of individual athlete medal support plan funding from UK Sport.

Alongside their qualification plan, sports seeking funding were asked to submit details of how they will capitalise on the impact of competing at the Games and engage and inspire future generations, the British Karate Federation are in discussions with charities on how we can best meet this objective. Athletes benefiting from the Aspiration Fund will be required to engage in activity to promote the aspiration element of the investment. In addition The British Karate Federation had to meet certain Governance Standards as set by UK Sport before investment could be confirmed.

Karate were awarded £68,000 for the Tokyo funding cycle.

This amount will be utilised in the following categories, the British Karate Federation have submitted and had approved by UK Sport budgets to this effect.

1. Individual Athlete Support (as per qualification criteria)
2. Squad Support for Olympic Qualification Tournament
3. Aspiration engagement and promotion

The British Karate Federation Performance Management Group will oversee the programme for the Tokyo cycle in line with the UK Sport requirements.

## Performance Management Group

Performance Director & Olympic Team Leader GARY ANDERSON	Responsible for all aspects of performance relating to Olympic Qualification and liaison with British Olympic Association and UK Sport
BKF Medical Officer DAVID INMAN	Responsible for all aspects of medical requirements relating to performance and UKAD representative / officer
BKF President ROGER WILLIAMS	Responsible for all aspects of Governance Requirements with UK Sport / Finance / Budgets Accountable Officer with UK Sport
Independent Advisor DAVID SMITH MBE	Independent Advisor to PMG



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# Aspiration Fund – Athlete Support

## Individual Athlete Support

Athletes that meet the criteria stipulated will be eligible to apply for individual support grants of up to **£350 per month** to subsidise and support their individual training and competition plan. \*Criteria – WKF World Top 20 rank or Top 20 Tokyo Standings or qualifier for Major Multi-Sport Games. Awards are for a 3 month period and athletes are only eligible if they retain the required standings in the relevant rankings. Athletes will be required to sign and abide by the UK Sport / BKF Athlete Agreement and meet the required criteria in respect of anti-doping education.

## Squad Support

### Paris Olympic Qualifying Tournament – May 2020

The British Karate Federation (BKF) will enter a full team (subject to awarded quota slots) for this qualification tournament the selection criteria will be published by the BKF in the summer of 2019 – all team members will receive support to attend this event. Coaching and Medical Support will be available to selected team members in the preparation camp and at the event.

**Olympic Qualification Tournament - 8/10 May 2020** **Paris** **8 Athletes Supported**

Each NOC is entitled to enter one athlete in each of the Olympic categories (8)

GBR	
Male Kata	Athlete 1
Male 67kg	Athlete 2
Male -75kg	Athlete 3
Male +75kg	Athlete 4
Female Kata	Athlete 5
Female -55kg	Athlete 6
Female -61kg	Athlete 7
Female +61kg	Athlete 8

*Olympic Qualification Tournament selection criteria will state that the GBR athlete highest ranked in the WKF Tokyo Standings on the date stated in the policy will be selected to represent GBR*

*Athletes will be supported by BKF for tournament period  
Athletes will also be invited to specific squad prep / education days*

For all matters relating to the British Karate Federation Performance Programme or Individual Athlete Support please contact the Performance Director Gary Anderson in the first instance.

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