**Please use this form to nominate your child for the 2023-25 Sport Aid Academy.**

**Please read the FAQ’s below before sending this form back.**

**Should you have any further questions please do make contact with Paul Jones (****paul.jones2@gov.im****).**

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| **First Name** | **Surname** | **Age on 1st September 2023** | **Parent/Guardian Name** | **Parent Guardian Email** | **Parent/Guardian Contact number** |
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**Date of completion:**

**Parent signature:**

**Please send completed nomination forms to:**

**Paul Jones, IOM Sport Performance Coordinator, NSC, Groves Road, Douglas, IM2 1RB or e-mail**

**IOMSportAid@gov.im** **FAO PJ Sport Aid Academy by 5pm on Monday 15th July**

**2023-25 Isle of Man Sport Aid Academy FAQ Sheet**

**Introduction:**

The Sport Aid Academy (SAA) was launched in September 2015. We are looking for sports and secondary schools to nominate young people to be part of the Academy from September 2023 to April 2025.

**What is the Sport Aid Academy?**

The SAA is a place for young people, their parents and coaches to discover, discuss, consider and create the foundational skills and behaviours required to become a sportsman or women capable of excelling on the World Stage in open-age competition. These foundational skills and behaviours are also critical to living a healthy and fulfilling life regardless of what the young people go on to do which is important when most of the 2023-25 cohort are unlikely to ever compete on the World stage.

**Why does the Sport Aid Academy exist?**

Isle of Man Sport Aid aims for the Island to become the best Talent Identification and Development Community in the world. The Academy will become a cornerstone of this strategy over the years ahead. The Island has always punched above its weight in sport and this is something we wish to continue whilst also ensuring best practice in the Talent ID and Development space is followed and maybe even created on Island. The Academy supports those closely involved in the personal and sporting development of our Island young people to deliver the very best learning and development environment possible.

**Who can be nominated onto the SAA?**

Research tells us that many of the people who are at the top of their rankings as junior age-grade sportsmen and women are rarely the ones at the top of the rankings when it comes to open-age competition. For that reason, and others we discuss at the Academy, current performance levels are not the key criteria. We welcome nominations for young people who will be in Yr 9 or 10 in September 2023 (aged 13 or 14 on the 1st September 2023). Those who are currently the top performers in those age groups are welcome, as are those who are love the sport and are committed and hardworking to one or multiple sports regardless of their performance level.

**I would like to nominate somone from Yr 8 or Yr 11. Can I?**

We understand some sports or young people may require an early or later entry into the SAA for a variety of reasons. Please contact Paul Jones at IOM Sport (paul.jones2@gov.im) to discuss any who may fall into this category.

**What is the difference between the SAA and Sport Aid?**

The SAA is the first part of the Sport Aid pathway so being on the Academy does equate to being on Sport Aid. Performance service support is provided to all SAA participants by way of workshops and the sharing of information by our exceptional staff. Grant funding is targeted towards ensuring the Academy runs and is a valuable experience for all participant rather than towards providing funds towards individuals.

It is worth noting Isle of Man Sport DOES provide significant funds to on-Island Governing Bodies of Sport through our Sport Liaison Committee. These funds are provided towards the key priorities identified by Governing Bodies of Sport on the Island which may include the support of training and competition experiences for young people on the Academy.

**What support does the SAA provide?**

The SAA holds regular events over a 2-year period which will cover relevant topics for young people, their coaches and parents as they navigate their teenage years while balancing school, friendship, family and sporting commitments. The events will include access to some of the very best sports men and women the IOM has produced alongside others who have extensive experience working alongside young people trying to discover how good they can be in sport. Our aim is to ensure future generations are able to learn from those who have gone before.

**I would like to nominate a young person under the age of 16 for Sport Aid instead of the Academy.**

This is currently not possible unless an individual is competing and excelling at National/international level in senior (open-age) competition. Sport Aid is for people over the age of 16. If under 16 we would direct you to the Academy or to wait until the young person meets the Sport Aid criteria.

**How do I nominate someone for the Academy?**

Please complete the nomination form above before sending back FAO PJ Sport Aid Academy to IOMSportAid@gov.im.

**What happens once I have nominated someone?**

IOM Sport Aid will be in touch with each young person via their parents. That correspondence will include the Academy dates for the next 12 months, including the main topic for each event, a form the young person will need to fill-in either online or in paper form and a more detailed overview of the Academy.

This correspondence will the information required for each young person and parent to make an informed decision about whether the Academy is something they wish to be a part of.

**How many people can I nominate for my sport or school?**

We suggest you nominate up to 12 people initially. Should you wish to nominate more people please let Paul know when you send the first 12 names through. Adding more names will only be possible if there is sufficient room available once all forms have been received.

**Who else can nominate young people?**

All sports governing bodies and school PE staff will have the opportunity to nominate people. . The young people nominated by the school are likely to be part of a sport’s governing body program but they will be recorded as a school or multisport participant rather than linked to one specific sport unless a sport has also nominated them. The nomination form will also be available on our website for young people or their parents to nominate themselves.

**Using your personal information**

# Data Protection

Data is protected in accordance with UK and Isle of Man Law (UK General Data Protection

Regulation; Data Protection Act 2018). All software used to collate, store or analyse data or records in relation to your interactions with IOM Sport Aid and the performance services are compliant with UK, Isle of Man and European data protection regulations.

Personal information which you supply to us may be used in a number of ways, for example:

* To advise your coaches and the performance services staff you work about key actions or issues relating to your performance goals where relevant and agreed with yourselves
* To monitor your progress
* To make financial investment decisions
* For statistical analysis and research purpose in order to develop our Performance services or investment strategies
* For publicity purposes

We may share publicly available information with IOM Sport Aid Committee Members to allow a decision to be made about the level of investment we will provide.

We may share publicly available information relating to your activities, performance and achievements with to your club / team or the media.

Confidential information relating to injuries and / or medical conditions relating to performance could be shared, via secure communication channels, with the Performance Services directly involved in your care. Any information about current / previous medical conditions or injuries will only be shared beyond those who are directly involved in your with your explicit consent.

For further information on how your information is used, how we maintain the security of your information, and your rights to access information we hold on you, please go to the privacy section of our website ([Privacy (isleofmansport.com)](https://www.isleofmansport.com/privacy/) or contact:

* The Isle of Man Sport Aid Secretary: IOMSportAid@gov.im