

# Start a club – Kit and equipment

If you are thinking about starting a club you will need to consider what equipment you need, whether this is supplied by the club or members and how to fund getting equipment.

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Some equipment is expensive, for example, a goalkeeper's kit in hockey. Your club needs to decide whether it will ask individuals to buy equipment or whether the club will purchase it and lend it out.

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Ensure that all members/players are aware of your club's policy with regard to what kit is required and what will be provided by the club to avoid confusion.

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If you are trying to attract new players, it is advisable to have some club equipment available to enable people to try the sport to begin with - few beginners are prepared to invest in all the equipment if they haven't played before.

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Your club may need to raise funds to provide kit and equipment. The Club Matters fundraising section is a good place to start if you need some ideas or you can consider applying for funding. Some funding streams are available for purchasing kit and equipment.

Sport England's funding pages will have details of the latest funds available and your County Sports Partnership, national governing body or local council may have details of locally available funding.

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League rules may require you to provide a match ball or bibs, which you will have to purchase before entering a league. Your national governing body or local league will be able to give you an idea of what you might need.

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Team colours are important but some leagues have rules on what can and cannot be used so it is well worth checking. Also, it's good to be distinct from other local clubs especially if you are going to play or compete against them on a regular basis.

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