



Irish Sport HQ
National Sports Campus
Blanchardstown
Dublin 15, D15 DY62

19th March 2021

Membership Retention Scheme

Dear Member,

I am writing to inform you about the details of our Membership Retention Scheme for the 2020/2021 season that is generously supported by Sport Ireland.

Sport Ireland wishes to ensure that as many people as possible are ready to return to their favourite sport activity when Covid-19 restrictions are eased. Here at Mountaineering Ireland, membership numbers are running at 22% below last year's level. To assist us in restoring our membership figures, Sport Ireland has provided special funding of €70,000 from its Covid-19 Supplementary Grant Scheme.

The Board of Mountaineering Ireland has decided to distribute this funding as follows. We will provide a grant to each Club calculated at the rate of €5.00 for each club member who has paid and is registered on the Mountaineering Ireland Membership System on or before 30th April 2021. In order to maximise their grant, Clubs are urged to encourage members who have not yet paid their membership fee for this season to do so as soon as possible. It is important to note that persons who are not registered with Mountaineering Ireland are not covered by our services and insurance.

Individual Members (non-club members) who renew at any time during 2021 will have the duration of their membership extended from 12 to 14 months.

A Grant Application Form is attached. Grants will be paid into the club's bank account directly, in which case no signatures are required. Where there is no club account, it will be paid into an account nominated by the Club (as approved by three Club Committee members). It will be a matter for each club to decide how they wish to use the grant, provided it is used exclusively for the benefit of the Club and its members. Examples might include providing a partial rebate to members who have paid their registration fee, subsidising the cost of club events or investing in club equipment or training.

Finally, I wish to remind you that we are hosting a series of Club Reboot sessions aimed at helping clubs to restart activities when Covid-19 restrictions are eased. The sessions will take place on-line on 23rd, 24th, 25th, 27th and 28th March. To register please go to the following link:

<https://www.mountaineering.ie/aboutus/news/2021/?id=343>

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and hope that this funding will be of benefit to our Clubs in 2021.

Kindest regards,

Murrough McDonagh

Chief Executive Officer



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Mountaineering Ireland Membership Retention Scheme Grant Application Form

Name of Club _____

On behalf of the above-named club, we wish to apply for a grant under the Membership Retention Scheme.

We understand that the grant will be calculated at the rate of €5.00 for each club member who has paid and is registered on the Mountaineering Ireland Membership System before 30 April 2021.

We undertake to ensure that the grant will be used exclusively for the benefit of the club and its members.

We request that the grant be paid into the following account -

Account Name	
Address of Bank	
BIK	
IBAN	

If the club does not have a bank account, the grant will be paid into the account above as nominated by: **Three Signatures required** (Chairperson and two other Club Committee Members)

Chairperson Name (Block Capitals)	
Membership Number	
Signature	

Committee Member Name (Block Capitals)	
Membership Number	
Signature	

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Completed forms should be emailed to info@mountaineering.ie or
posted to Mountaineering Ireland, Irish Sport HQ, National Sports

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