

APPLICATION FORM FOR GRANT 22/23

Please read the policy on pages 1, 2 and 3 **before** filling in the form.

1. Name/Address of Organisation:

Trident BJJ Weymouth

Supplied

Name of person making the application: Mark Stephenson

Position in organisation: Chairman

Contact phone number: Supplied

Email address: Supplied

About Your Organisation

2. Does your organisation:

	Yes
Have its own bank account, which requires two unrelated people to authorise cheques and make withdrawals?	Yes
Have at least three members on its management committee	Yes
Have a constitution, terms of reference or set of rules (<i>please contact for help with this if needed</i>)	Yes

3. Are you a registered charity? Yes/No: No

If so, please give your charity number: N/A

4. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation?

If so, which: UKBJJA as the governing body

5. Aims and objectives of your organisation; What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the residents of Weymouth?

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is a predominantly ground-based martial art, using the principals of leverage, angles, pressure, and timing, to achieve a submission of one's opponent without causing injury. Recently, the UK's governing body (UKBJJA) have created a GCSE course to encourage and grow Jiu Jitsu among young people and make it part of the school curriculum. Other countries have made Jiu Jitsu their national sport and part of the school curriculum from a young age.

Jiu Jitsu has huge physical and mental health benefits for its practitioners and teaches virtues such as discipline, respect and perseverance. Socially, training together creates strong friendships and a family environment.

We are a newly formed non-profit, committee lead Brazilian Jiu Jitsu club in Weymouth. We aim to provide a clean and safe training environment for our members and the wider community and deliver high quality Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes. Most other clubs are profit based and are often the instructors main source of income, it is very rare for clubs to be non-profit, which allows us to re-invest membership fees into supporting our members and the wider community.

We are currently renting space in a fitness studio teaching 4-5 classes per week. Long term we would like to move to a permanent home and expand our offering, adding children's classes, teaching in schools and offering services such as a creche for our members, allowing couples and families to train together.

All of our instructors have enhanced DBS checks, NSPCC safeguarding training and are in the process of becoming first aid qualified. We have elected a club welfare officer to ensure we fulfil our duty of care towards our members and are an inclusive club, open to people of all ages, backgrounds and orientations.

Competition is at the heart of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and we will be looking to subsidise our members competition fees to support the team and enable more of our students to compete.

6. Where does your organisation meet? Sam Wilson Fitness, Unit 2, Old Slaughterhouse, Green Ln, Chickerell, Weymouth DT3 4GG
7. How often do you meet? Currently 4 classes per week, which we are looking to increase to 6 in the coming months, plus a weekly meeting of the management committee.
8. How many members does your organisation have? 20
9. How many people will benefit from this funding? 30+. We are looking to offer beginners courses and children's classes to grow the team and offer more classes to the community.
10. How many of these are Weymouth Town Council area residents? 95%
11. How much funding are you applying for? £2949.07
12. What is the total cost of your project? £4838.97

NOTE: Weymouth Town Council will only approve allocations up to £5,000 in exceptional circumstances that are clearly detailed in question 15, with regard to the information in Policy point 6.

13. Briefly describe the project or purchase you would like the funding for:

The largest portion of the funding would go towards mats. This is essential for us to be able to train. Currently we are using borrowed mats from our members, and would like to purchase high quality rollout mats to give us maximum flexibility.

Many of our members have expressed interest in competitions and we would like to provide them with a team uniform, as well as subsidising competition entry fees and travel from club profits.

We have also included 2 playpens. Most of our members have young children and it is hard to find time to train. By having a safe space close to the mat for children, members will be able to bring them along and give their partner a break for the evening, or enable couples to train together.

We need a countdown clock to use as a round timer, this is essential for many of the warm up drills as well as competition training and regular sparring.

Additionally, we require cleaning products.

14. Which of the Council's priorities does the project contribute to?

- Improve the wellbeing of the people of Weymouth.
 - Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is great for improving both physical and mental health, as well as providing a friendly social space for members and families
- Manage the Council's assets and resources responsibly and transparently.
- Manage the Council's services effectively to meet the needs of the communities we serve.
 - We would like to get involved in council events and projects promoting health, wellbeing and sport.
- Work to become greener and cleaner in our activities as well as supporting our communities and partners to be as green as possible.
- Promote opportunities for economic success of the area.
 - Long term, our goal is to move to a larger permanent premises, which will create opportunities for other businesses or martial arts clubs to use our venue.
- Strive for continuous improvement and service development.
 - As we grow, we want to improve our offering to the community, with additional classes and services as we move to a permanent location. At this time we would also like to set up a small creche to support families looking to train together.
- Work with partners to deliver our core values and strategy.
 - Potential to work with other health and well being based organisations to promote the benefits of Jiu Jitsu and offer concessions to key workers and veterans.

15. If your application is for between £3,000 and £5,000 please give full details of the **exceptional circumstances** relating to your request. Please see policy point 6 for examples of what constitutes exceptional circumstances

16. How will you spend the money you are applying for? Please remember that Weymouth Town Council do not normally give grants for running costs unless associated with a specific project:

Item - Essential	Amount
4 x Roll out mats 6m x 1.5m	£2381.98
15 x 20mm jigsaw mats	£468.72
1 x Countdown Clock	£59.99
2 x Spray mops	£38.38
Total	£2949.07

17. How else are you funding your project? Include grants from other organisations, fund raising and existing reserves:

Source	£	Confirmed?
Member donations	800	Yes
Total	800	Yes

18. How will the funding benefit the community or residents of Weymouth?

The funding will cover the start up costs for a non-profit community amateur sports club offering Brazilian jiu Jitsu classes to the people of Weymouth. Jiu Jitsu has great physical and mental benefits and provides a safe, clean and friendly space for people of all ages to learn martial arts. As we grow, we also intend to start children’s classes and teach in schools.

Since all of the instructors are volunteering, rather than using the club as a source of income as is the norm, we are able to offer more affordable memberships to the community as well as concession for those in the community in need that want to train BJJ.

19. If your project focusses on a particular area of Weymouth, please give the name of the Councillor who is supporting your application?

Councillor Matt Bell, Councillor Alex Fuhrmann

20. How do you know that the groups you work with, or the local community, want this project to take place? Please detail any consultation undertaken:

The support from the community so far has been incredible. Members have offered donations and are volunteering their free time to support the club by helping with social media, creating welfare guidelines, and building our website. We are already seeing new members coming through the door within a week of starting classes

21. How will this funding lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?

These are the main start up costs for the club. On-going revenue from memberships will cover the running costs. The mats last well over 10 years and club uniforms tend to last at least five years.

22. How is your organisation normally funded? Not applicable to new organisations:

23. What are your current/planned subs/fees/charges?

Adult membership - £50 per month
Junior membership - £40 per month
Family membership (2 adults) - £90 per month
Family membership (1 adult, 1 junior) - £80 per month
PAYG - £10 per session, blocks of 10 sessions available for £80

24. Have you applied for any other funds/grants towards the cost of this project or purchase? Please include details below:

N/A

25. What fund raising activities took place in the **last** 12 months and what fund-raising activities are planned for the **next** 12 months, if any?

Ambition to find sponsorship in light of making the club more accessible.

26. Anticipated income/expenditure for the next 12 months?

Total income (forecast) - £15,064.50
Total expenditure (forecast) – £13,383.01
Profit - £1,681.49

27. Details of any grants or financial support received from local authorities including Weymouth Town Council in the past three years with dates:

N/A

28. Grants from non-local authority sources in the last three years with dates, if you have any:

N/A

29. Has the project that you want the funding for already happened? No (delete)

30. Will you be passing the funding on to any other groups (except to pay for goods and services)? No

31. If the funding is for security measures do you have the support of the local police and/or crime reduction officer?

Not applicable

32. If the funding is for work with vulnerable adults or children, do you have the support of either Adult Social Care or Children's Services at Dorset Council?

Not applicable

Please give us details of the bank account that the grant should be paid into if approved (this cannot be a building society passbook account):

Name of Account: Supplied

Account number: Supplied

Sort Code: Supplied

Please ensure you have read the policy on pages 1 - 3 before signing the form.

Checklist (please tick the appropriate boxes)

Have you submitted the following?

- A copy of your most recent accounts (not more than 12 months old);
- Your most recent bank account statement & details of any other investments/savings (not more than 3 months old);
- A copy of your constitution / terms of reference / set of rules;
- A copy of the notes from your last Annual General Meeting;
- Details of your organisation's officers;
- A copy of your safeguarding policy if your group works with vulnerable adults, or children;
- A copy of your adopted equal opportunities policy or statement;
- Any other documentation you feel may help in assessing your application.

Privacy Notice

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), I agree that Weymouth Town Council will process and hold personal information about me and my group or organisation only in relation to this grant application. I consent to my/our personal information, including that contained in this form, being stored manually and/or electronically by Weymouth Town Council. It will be held securely and treated confidentially for six years after an application is made. I understand that it will only be accessed by authorised staff members to manage the grant application process.

I also understand that Weymouth Town Council may pass details onto an official organisation where required to do so by law or contract. I understand that my data will be disposed of securely six years after the application and that I/we have the right to correct the information at any time. I have been made aware of my/our rights under GDPR.

Declaration:

I declare that the information confirmed in this application is correct and that any grant received will be applied as detailed in the request.

I declare that we have read the policy on pages 1 - 3 and that our application complies with the policy.

I declare that I/we have included all the requested information.

I fully understand that if I/we do not include the requested information and/or if mine/our application does not comply with the policy, the application may be rejected.

I/We fully understand that we will need to attend a Finance and Governance Committee meeting to present our request.

Signed: Supplied

Name: Mark Stephenson

Date: 24 May 23

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Grant applications must be checked against the following criteria. Any questions where the answer is no must be reported to the Finance and Policy Committee meeting where the application is being considered and must form part of the formal agenda items list for that meeting.

Yes	No (investigate)	
Yes		The grant will result in a benefit for the area covered by the Town Council and will contribute positively to the area of Weymouth?
Yes		Does the grant exclude ongoing running costs?
Yes		If the application is for running costs has the applicant included plans for where future running costs will be found from?
Yes		Is the grant for a group and not for individuals or organisations whose function is primarily undertaken by the health authority or Dorset Council's Social Services?
Yes		Is the grant for non-political or non-quasi-political organisations or projects?
Yes		Is the grant application for £5,000 or less?
n/a		For applications in excess of £5,000, has the applicant fully detailed the exceptional circumstances?
Yes		Does the application include the required financial and organisational information?
Yes		Is this the only application in this financial year from this group or organisation?
Yes		Is the applicant based in the Town Council area? If not, has the applicant detailed what proportion of beneficiaries of the grant reside in the area?
Yes		Is the application for future funding? (i.e. not retrospective)
Yes		Is the grant for the sole use of the applying group and not to pass on money?
Yes		Has the applicant demonstrated how one-off grant funding will lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?
n/a		For applications for funds for security measures, does the applicant have the support of the local police or crime reduction officer?
n/a		For projects involving vulnerable children or adults, do the organisers have the support of Adult Social Care or Children's Services at Dorset Council?
Yes		Will a representative be attending an F&G meeting?

Assessing officer: Helen Legg

Date of assessment: 1st June 2023

Decision (delete as applicable): proceed to committee

Approved as agenda item for the Finance and Governance meeting on: 7th June 2023