

## Become a Sported member or Sported Network Associate

### You are eligible to become a Sported member if your group:

- Intentionally use sport / physical activity to **improve the lives of young people and tackle the problems that matter in their local community** (e.g. mental health, anti-social behaviour, employability, low activity levels), OR you want to join Sported in order to get support to start doing this
- Directly delivery regular sport/physical activity to young people **aged 11 – 25**
- Are committed to [Sport for Development outcomes](#) over competition
- Are a **non-profit organisation** or, if you are a profit making enterprise, you must have been formed for the purpose of advancing social purpose over and above private gain

### Please note:

- For religious organisations or those operating in a religious building, groups will not be eligible if their activity is used to promote the religious beliefs of the organisation
- If you are part of a larger membership body (eg Mind/Mencap etc) you need to be constituted separately to become a member. If you are not, please see Network Associate option

### You may be eligible to become a Sported Network Associate if you are from:

- Organisations that do not directly deliver sport/physical activity but support the delivery of this work in the sector
- Further Education Institutions
- Active Partnerships
- Charitable Foundations
- Local Authorities
- NGBs
- Statutory Bodies
- Voluntary Sector organisations
- Leisure centre operators and trusts
- Trusts and Foundations linked to professional sports teams
- Membership bodies where individual branches are not constituted separately

Before beginning your application to become a Sported member or Sported Network Associate, please check the eligibility criteria below. If you're unsure or would like to ask our team, please email [membership@sported.org.uk](mailto:membership@sported.org.uk).

### The following groups are not eligible to become Sported members or Network Associates:

- Primary or secondary schools and sixth form colleges
- Uniformed organisations such as Guides/Scouts/Girls and Boys Brigades/Sea Cadets
- Groups that only deliver in school settings and are paid by schools as part of their statutory provision
- Groups that only deliver during school holiday