



PARA SKI RACING SAFETY GRANT INITIATIVE: ROUND 2 FUNDING CRITERIA AND APPLICATION FORM

The PARA Ski Racing Safety Initiative provides matching grants up to \$2,000 to member clubs in good standing to support the club's purchase of B-Nets and other ski racing safety equipment.

Clubs are highly encouraged to apply for PARA matching funds in the Round 1 application process.

Round 1 Grants are for those clubs who commit to apply for a Kelly Brush Foundation (KBF) matching grant that same year, AND commit to apply to KBF for the combined amount of the both the club's funds and the amount requested from PARA.

The deadline for Round 1 Grant Applications is the 6PM on 2nd-to-last Friday in May (e.g. 5/23/25).

This application is for clubs seeking PARA matching funds as part of the PARA's 2nd round of Safety Grant Applications. (Club's applying for Round 1 funding only need to respond to the criteria listed on the PARA website via an email to the Executive Committee.)

Round 2 grants are subject to PARA funds remaining after Round 1 decisions are made. **Round 2 applications are due by 6PM on September 30th each year.**

PARA Funds are only paid to the vendor supplying the B-Nets to the club (e.g., World Cup Supply or Reliable Racing, etc.) after the club has paid its portion. PARA does not provide the funds directly to the applicant club or reimburse a club for equipment already purchased.

PARA matching grants can be used for the purchase of complete B-net systems or replacement parts, A-netting, other ski racing venue safety equipment, or trail modifications related to ski racing safety that is required to achieve homologation by USSS.

Applicants must complete all questions on the application form (below) in order to be considered for a Round 2 PARA Ski Racing Safety Grant. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Organizations applying for a grant must be a PARA Member club in good standing.

A complete application includes:

1. The amount of funds the club is asking PARA to match (up to a maximum of \$2,000).
2. A detailed description of the ski racing safety items or trail modifications that the funds will be used for
3. An unpaid vendor quote itemizing the equipment to be purchased with matching funds.
4. A detailed description of where the nets will be stored in the off-season which protects the nets from UV exposure. (Club resources spent on building or purchasing a netting storage structure would be considered as part of the club's funding which could be matched by PARA.)

For more information, **please contact Kurt Zwally, PARA Safety Grant Chair at vicepresident@paracing.org.**



ROUND TWO PARA SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION FORM

For Round 2 Funding, please complete and submit this form to the Executive Committee by no later than 6PM on September 30th each year. (Clubs applying to PARA for a Round 1 Grant do not need to complete this form. See PARA website for the Round 1 Grant funding requirements and deadline.)

Date:	
Contact Name:	
Club Name:	
Organization Address	
Contact Phone Number	
Email:	
Website:	

Please complete the following questions.

1. Please state the amount of funds requested from PARA.

2. Did your club apply to the Kelly Brush Foundation? (If no, please state why your club did not apply to KFB. If your club applied to KBF and its application was denied, please provide the letter from KBF or the reason why KBF denied your application.)

3. Please describe the proposed use of funds and how the funds requested would specifically enrich ski racing safety.

(e.g., our club currently has X nets; our homologation report requires a minimum of X nets for GS X nets for slalom; typically, we set X nets depending on conditions/course set, etc. We host X races per year (include dates). For training courses, we typically set X nets for GS & X nets for slalom)

4. Please provide the total cost of the equipment purchase or safety improvement project.

For requests to help fund netting or other equipment purchases, please also attach a written quote from the vendor itemizing the equipment to be purchased and the prices of each. For improvement projects (e.g. trail widening), please provide an estimate from a vendor showing the services to be provided and the costs.



5. Please detail the plans for achieving desired outcomes, including a plan for assessing progress toward goals and a projected timeline for the use of funds.

(e.g., nets would be ordered by X date and to be shipped by no later than X date; Trail widening is expected to take X weeks and would start no later than Y date)

6. If requesting funds to purchase nets, do you have a space to store them in the offseason to protect them from damage or are you planning to build or otherwise acquire sufficient storage space? Please provide a picture of the space or describe your plan to build/purchase it?

(Club resources spent on building or purchasing a netting storage structure would be considered as part of the club's funding which could be matched by PARA.)

7. Is your course homologated? Please attach a copy of your homologation report. If not homologated, what are your plans to make it homologated?

8. Has your club already raised the matching funds? If not, please detail how you plan to raise the matching funds.

(e.g., we are holding a golf tournament on X date; or at our annual awards banquet, we will ask our member families to contribute to the netting fund; etc.)

The Application Review & Award Process:

Completed applications are due to the Executive Committee by no later than September 30th. Executive Committee decisions are due by October 30th.

PARA Funds are only paid to the vendor supplying the B-Nets to the club (e.g., World Cup Supply or Reliable Racing, etc.) after the club has paid its portion. PARA does not provide the funds directly to the applicant club or reimburse a club for equipment already purchased.

Upon notice of an award from PARA, the Club shall provide the Executive Committee with an invoice from the netting vendor that shows a) the netting materials the club intends to purchase, and b) that the club has already paid its portion to the vendor. Upon receipt of the above, PARA Treasurer will pay the vendor the amount of the grant award.

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