

# **Grassroots Sports Monetization Market Forecasts to 2032 – Global Analysis By Revenue Stream (Sponsorships & Partnerships, Ticketing & Event Revenue, Merchandising & Licensing, Media Rights & Broadcasting, Digital Platforms & Streaming Services, Donations, Grants, and Crowd Funding), Sport Type, Business Model, End User and By Geography**

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## **Abstracts**

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Grassroots Sports Monetization Market is accounted for \$3.3 billion in 2025 and is expected to reach \$6.8 billion by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 10.9% during the forecast period. Grassroots sports monetization refers to strategies and platforms that generate revenue from community-level sports through sponsorships, digital engagement, ticketing, streaming, and merchandise. It enables local clubs, athletes, and organizers to build financial sustainability while expanding fan participation. Growth is driven by rising sports culture, digital transformation, and interest from brands targeting regional audiences. Emerging technologies like mobile apps and blockchain-based ticketing enhance monetization potential.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Rising popularity of local sports participation

The increasing engagement in grassroots sports is a significant driver of market growth. Communities are investing in local leagues, youth programs, and recreational facilities, fostering a culture of active participation. This surge in involvement enhances fan

bases, attracts sponsors, and creates monetization avenues through ticket sales, merchandise, and local broadcasting rights. Moreover, the emphasis on community health and wellness further propels this trend, establishing grassroots sports as a foundational element in the broader sports ecosystem.

#### Restraint:

##### Limited funding for community sports

Financial constraints remain a substantial barrier to the expansion of grassroots sports. Many local programs struggle with inadequate budgets, hindering the development of infrastructure, coaching, and talent identification initiatives. This lack of investment can lead to subpar facilities and limited outreach, reducing the overall quality and appeal of grassroots sports. Consequently, attracting sponsorships and media attention becomes challenging, stifling potential revenue streams and growth opportunities within the sector.

#### Opportunity:

##### Growing brand interest in local audiences

Brands are increasingly recognizing the value of connecting with local audiences through grassroots sports. This shift is driven by the desire to build authentic relationships with communities and enhance brand loyalty. Sponsorships, localized marketing campaigns, and community engagement initiatives present lucrative opportunities for brands to tap into this market segment. Additionally, the rise of digital platforms enables brands to reach and interact with local sports fans more effectively, further amplifying their presence and impact.

#### Threat:

##### Challenges in scaling across regions

Expanding grassroots sports initiatives beyond local boundaries presents significant challenges. Variations in regional interests, cultural preferences, and economic conditions can impede uniform growth. Moreover, logistical issues related to infrastructure, talent development, and regulatory compliance complicate efforts to scale. These obstacles can lead to inconsistent program quality and limited market penetration, affecting the overall sustainability and profitability of grassroots sports

ventures.

#### Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 pandemic severely disrupted grassroots sports, leading to the suspension of local leagues and community programs. Lockdowns and health concerns limited physical participation, while financial uncertainties curtailed sponsorships and investments. However, the crisis also accelerated digital transformation, with virtual events and online engagement strategies emerging as alternatives. This adaptation highlighted the resilience of grassroots sports and underscored the importance of innovative approaches in maintaining community connection and engagement during challenging times.

The hybrid models segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The hybrid models segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period. This approach combines traditional in-person events with digital platforms, offering flexibility and broader reach. By integrating online streaming, virtual participation, and social media engagement, hybrid models enhance accessibility and fan interaction. This adaptability is particularly advantageous in the post-pandemic era, where audiences seek diverse and convenient ways to engage with grassroots sports.

The cricket segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the cricket segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate. This surge is attributed to the sport's deep-rooted popularity in regions like Asia and its expanding global footprint. Grassroots cricket initiatives are benefiting from increased youth participation, enhanced coaching programs, and improved infrastructure. Additionally, the sport's commercialization at the grassroots level, through local leagues and digital platforms, is attracting significant investment and sponsorship, fueling its rapid growth.

#### Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Europe region is expected to hold the largest market share. Europe's well-established sports infrastructure, strong community engagement, and diverse sporting culture contribute to its dominance in grassroots sports monetization. Countries with robust sports policies and funding mechanisms further bolster the region's position. Moreover, the integration of digital platforms and innovative

monetization strategies enhances the scalability and profitability of grassroots sports in Europe.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR. Rapid urbanization, increasing disposable incomes, and a growing middle class are driving the demand for grassroots sports in countries like India, China, and Japan. Investments in sports infrastructure, government initiatives promoting physical activity, and the popularity of sports like cricket and basketball are fueling this growth. Additionally, the rise of digital platforms facilitates broader reach and engagement, further accelerating market expansion in the region.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Grassroots Sports Monetization Market include Genius Sports, Hudl, IBM, Orion Innovation, Podium Analytics, SAP, Sportradar, Sportz Interactive, SportVot, STATS Perform, Telecoming, and Trumedia Networks.

Key Developments:

In September 2025, Genius Sports announced a partnership with Todos Querem Jogar to power multiple Brazilian sportsbook brands with official data and BetVision technology. This partnership covers top-tier sports competitions.

In August 2025, Hudl acquired SportContract, a hockey-first software platform built to streamline video, data, and communication workflows for professional and youth teams. This strategic move represents their third acquisition in hockey as they continue to invest in the sport.

In June 2025, TruMedia announced a first-of-its-kind partnership with Trackman and the Cape Cod Baseball League to bring Trackman's ball-tracking data to college baseball teams through TruMedia's platform. This collaboration allows college teams to utilize data for scouting and transfer portal efforts.

Revenue Systems Covered:

Sponsorships & Partnerships

Ticketing & Event Revenue

Merchandising & Licensing

Media Rights & Broadcasting

Digital Platforms & Streaming Services

Donations, Grants, and Crowd Funding

#### Sports Types:

Football (Soccer)

Basketball

Cricket

Athletics & Running Events

Rugby

Other Community Sports

#### Business Models Covered:

Direct-to-Fan (D2F) Platforms

Franchise & Academy Systems

Hybrid Models

#### End Users Covered:

Local Clubs & Academies

Schools & Universities

Community Associations

Sports Event Organizers

Regions Covered:

North America

US

Canada

Mexico

Europe

Germany

UK

Italy

France

Spain

Rest of Europe

Asia Pacific

Japan

China

India

Australia

New Zealand

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