

KCC Coach & Official Scholarship Scheme – Guidance Notes

What are the aims and objectives?

The KCC Coach Scholarship Scheme provides funding for coach development. It seeks to support Governing Bodies of Sport to increase the quantity and quality of coaches and officials in Kent, and therefore assist the development of the sport in the county.

Who is eligible?

Applications are welcomed from Governing Body representatives to nominate individual coaches or officials, where it can be demonstrated that supporting the individual will contribute to the overall development of the sport.

What will grants be awarded for?

Grants will be made towards the cost of development opportunities for qualified or unqualified coaches or officials. This could include, but is not restricted to;

- NGB / UKCC qualifications (may be redirected where ESF or other funding is available)
- VRQ / NVQ or other qualifications
- Tutor training
- Mentoring
- Conferences
- Workshops
- Courses
- Distance learning
- Apprenticeships

Grants will not be awarded for;

- Workshops required for Club Mark, except Safeguarding / Protecting Children courses
- First Aid courses
- Any training undertaken prior to the submission date

How are applications made?

Nominations will only be accepted from Governing Body representatives or Sport Specific Development Officers responsible for the development of the particular sport in Kent.

Applications must be made on the Kent Sport Coach & Official Scholarship Nomination Form (one form per nominee) and submitted by the date below. Applications for the current round will not be accepted after this date. A maximum of three nominations will be accepted per round from each sport.

When are grants awarded?

Submission Deadline - 30th September 2010

These are for development opportunities between September 2010 – October 2011

Nominations will be considered by a panel, and applicants will be notified of the decision within one month of the submission deadline.

How are grants awarded?

Grants will be awarded by BACS transfer to the Governing Body and not to the nominee, on receipt of confirmation that the coach has committed to, or completed the training. It is the

responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the grant is administered for the purposes outlined in the application.

How will grants be monitored?

Successful applicants will be required to complete and submit a Kent Sport Coach & Official Scholarship Report Form within six weeks of the completion of the training / development.

Additional Information

- Applications should be for identified development opportunities for nominated individuals.
- Awards are unlikely to be made for 100% of the cost, therefore applications which can identify other sources of funding (including the coach / Governing Body) are encouraged.
- Preference will be given to Governing Bodies who have contributed to, or whose application reflects the following plans:

- [Sport England Strategy 2008 - 2011](#)

Outlines the three key outcomes required to fulfil the vision of a world-leading community sport system in England:

- Grow – increasing regular participation in sport
- Sustain - ensuring high quality and reducing 'drop-off' in sports participation
- Excel – developing and accelerating talent

- [UK Coaching Framework / The Coaching Workforce 2009 - 2016](#)

Outlines the key deliverables required to fulfil the vision of a world-leading coaching system. Includes the concept of the 'coach development model' which identifies:

- Stages of Development - novice, advanced beginner, competent, proficient, master
- Specialisation of Role - children's coach, participation coach, performance development coach, high performance coach

- [NGB Whole Sport Plans](#)

Articulate objectives and associated actions to meet Sport England's strategic goals.

- [Kent Disability Sports Strategy 2008 – 2012](#)

Sets out a framework and recommendations for development of disability sport in Kent.

- [Kent Strategy for 2012 Games](#)

Outlines the opportunities and priorities for maximising the legacy of the 2012 Games.

- Priority will ultimately be given to applicants who can demonstrate how supporting the development of the nominated individual will have a wider impact than on just the coach, and can contribute to the overall development of the sport in Kent.

Please send completed application forms to:

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