



SPORT INVERCLYDE

GRANT AID SCHEME 2009 - 2010

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. Each grant application will be considered on merit, and the awarding of a grant, must not under any circumstances, be assumed by the applicant.
2. All grant applicants will require to provide details of all other sources of financial assistance which he/she is in receipt of, or which he/she has applied for, from both statutory agencies and voluntary associations. Sport Inverclyde may be able to advise on other sources of income. Grant applications will not be considered from applicants who are in receipt of lottery funding.
3. Sport Inverclyde's Grant Aid Scheme, aims to supplement rather than to replace voluntary effort, and all applicants must show evidence of commitment and performance. This is especially appropriate for those applying for grants for governing body coaching courses.
4. Sport Inverclyde will distribute Grant Aid as appropriate to those affiliated clubs, who have been affiliated for a period of more than six months, and to members of clubs which are currently members of the Sports Council or exceptionally, if no appropriate club exists in the area, applications will be accepted from individuals. Applicants must reside within the Inverclyde area, for more than seven months of the year. Students whose home address is in the area will qualify for Grant Aid.
5. Applications for Grant Aid will only be considered for future expenditure and evidence of this expenditure will be sought if a grant is awarded. Normally no grant application will be accepted for retrospective expenditure, except in the case of overnight subsistence allowance when agreed payment will be refunded on the production of a receipt.
6. Sport Inverclyde recognise the importance of Coach Education/Development within sport and will provide a grant of up to 50% of Coach Education/Development course fees, of recognised governing body courses, for club coaches or aspiring coaches, from member clubs to attend., during the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.
7. Sport Inverclyde reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a grant, if the grant is not used within six months of being awarded.
8. Sport Inverclyde's Grant's Sub – Committee will meet once each month, so grant applications may be made at any time. Applications will be considered at the earliest opportunity and the outcome will be communicated to the applicant as quickly as possible. If for whatever reason a decision cannot be reached about an application, then it will be considered for a second time at the next Grant's Sub – Committee meeting. Applicants will be advised if this happens.
9. Grant Aid will not be provided for general administration, routine maintenance or for personal sports equipment.
10. Individual Grant Aid is not available to any applicant over the age of 35 and who are considered to be in the 'Masters' competitive age category of their sport. Applications will however be considered, by 'Master' sports' applicants for coach education courses, for the furtherance of their particular sport.

11. In normal circumstances, Grant Aid will be at the rate of no more than 50% of eligible expenditure up to a maximum of £200 for clubs and individuals.
The combined total of Grant Aid awarded to a club and its individual members will not exceed £500 in any one year.
12. Sport Inverclyde will not consider applications from individuals or clubs for projects involving capital expenditure in excess of £1000.

SCOPE OF GRANT AID

13. Grants are available for the following:-
 - a) New Club start up
 - b) Club Equipment
 - c) Player Improvement
 - d) Coach Education/Development
 - e) Special Events
 - f) Representative Duties
 - g) District Squads
 - h) Ad Hoc at the discretion of the committee

EXCELLENCE GRANTS

14. To apply for an Excellence Grant, individuals, teams or groups will have to demonstrate that they have reached a governing body of sport Regional or National standard. These grants will be awarded specifically for travel or training expenses while at representative level.
15. Applicants for Excellence Grants should be aware that because of the limited funds available for this category of grant, consideration will be taken of previous Excellence grants awarded to them by the Sports Council and by other agencies.

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

15. Sport Inverclyde in partnership with the Scottish Football Association, operates a Football Development Grant Scheme, where applications will be considered from members of affiliated clubs, for funding of up to 50% of course fees, in attending a Scottish Football Association Coach Education or Player Development Coaching Courses.

HOW TO APPLY

16. All applications for the Grant Aid Scheme should be made on the appropriate form. Additional support material, where asked for should accompany this application. Application forms are available from Sport Inverclyde's Secretary, c/o Inverclyde Leisure, Greenock Sports Centre, Nelson Street, GREENOCK PA15 1QH. Tel. No. 01475 715766.
17. Notwithstanding the above, the Sport Inverclyde may, at its discretion, award grants for amounts, purposes and categories other than those specified above.