

Guidance Notes

1. Aim

The Scheme aims to support Clubs to provide regular cricket opportunities for disabled individuals.

2. Eligibility

In order to apply for a Grant under the Scheme, Clubs will need the following:

- To be affiliated to ECB via their County Cricket Board (CCB) in 2021
- A Constitution
- Valid Buildings, Contents & Public Liability Insurance
- Security of Tenure – Leasehold, Freehold or Rental Agreement (minimum of one year)

3. Approved Grant Activities

If awarded a Grant, Clubs will be able to spend the Grant in one or more of the following areas in respect of the 2021 cricket season only ("**Approved Grant Activities**"):

- **Additional equipment** – Grant can be used to purchase additional equipment that assists with making the game more accessible.
- **Coaching** – Grant can be spent on paying a coach to support with the delivery of disability cricket sessions; however, there **must** be at least one coach engaged in each disability cricket session from the host Club, to promote integration within the Club set-up, as well as increasing the confidence of the coaching workforce and sustainability of disability cricket within the Club.
- **Promotion** – Grant can be spent on the promotion of disability cricket sessions at the Club through physical and digital assets and taster sessions.

The ECB recognises that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Club may be prevented from undertaking Approved Grant Activities in 2021. In such circumstances, the Club must notify the ECB without delay and the Agreement (including the application form) will be deemed to be void ab initio and, for the avoidance of doubt, the ECB will not be required to pay the whole or any part of the Grant to the Club. Provided it continues to comply with the eligibility criteria, the Club will be permitted to resubmit an application form for the 2022 Scheme (if applicable).

4. Amount of Grant

£500 per Club.

5. Key Dates

Mon 25 th January 2021	Scheme is open to applications from Clubs
Fri 30 th April 2021	Closing date for Clubs to submit application forms to the ECB Disability Team
Fri 26 th Nov 2021	Last date for Claim Forms to be submitted

6. Scheme criteria

- 6.1 In 2021, the ECB will provide Grants to up to 120 Clubs across England and Wales. Once this number has been reached, no further grant funding will be available in 2021 under the Scheme. However, Clubs interested in supporting disability cricket activity will still be encouraged to access support and resources through the ECB website and from their local CCB, and to submit an application for grant funding under the 2022 Scheme (if applicable) or similar funding schemes in the next calendar year.

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6.2 Within the application form Clubs must give a 'Brief Programme Description'. Clubs must demonstrate in their application form how the Grant would allow them to:

- introduce disabled people to cricket at their Club and/or increase the frequency that disabled people play cricket at their Club;
- improve the cricket experience for disabled people at their Club.

6.3 This is a new ECB scheme for 2021 and as such any club who has previously supported disability cricket activity can submit an application form under the Scheme and would be encouraged to do so. Historical delivery and any links with external disability support providers should be detailed within the Programme Description on the application form.

6.4 Please note that Clubs will be entitled to receive a Grant under the Scheme once. Accordingly, any Club who is awarded a Grant under the Scheme will not be permitted to receive grant funding under the Scheme in subsequent years.

6.5 All application forms will be reviewed by the ECB Disability Cricket team to be assessed against the Scheme Criteria set out above and consideration will be given to ensuring a reasonable geographic spread of supported Clubs across England and Wales.

7. Application Process

7.1 Clubs interested in receiving a Grant under the Scheme must submit a completed application form – accessible from <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/open-age/disability-cricket/championclubs>. Completed application forms must be emailed to disabilitycricket@ecb.co.uk within the timeframe detailed below.

7.2 Application forms must be submitted between Monday 25th January 2021 and Friday 30th April 2021. Application forms received after Friday 30th April 2021 will not be considered.

7.3 ECB will aim to respond to all application forms within 1 month of receipt and by no later than Friday 4th June 2021. Application forms will be assessed against the Scheme criteria as and when application forms are received by the ECB.

7.4 If an application form cannot be supported under the Scheme, the Club will be notified and, where possible, given guidance and assistance to engage with the Scheme or a similar scheme in subsequent years.

8. If an Application is Successful

8.1 ECB will notify the Club (by email to the "Main Contact" email address provided on the application form) if their application form has been successful.

8.2 If successful, a Claim Form will be issued (by email to the "Main Contact" email address provided on the application form) to the Club and the kit bag will be distributed to the Club's nominated delivery address as set out in the application form.

8.3 All completed Claim Forms must be submitted to ECB, together with reasonable evidence that the Approved Grant Activities have been delivered including (as applicable) that (a) disability cricket sessions have taken place (such evidence to include, without limitation, number of attendees/participation figures and dates of sessions), and/or (b) proof of purchase of any equipment designed to make cricket more accessible, and/or (c) proof of expenditure incurred in the promotion of the disability cricket sessions, by Friday 26th November 2021.

8.4 The Grant will be paid in a single payment in arrears directly to the Club's nominated bank account via BACS transfer, within 30 days of receipt of a completed Claim Form which complies with paragraph 8.3 above.