

Badminton England Covid-19 Hardship Fund Guidance

Fund overview

The Covid-19 Hardship Fund is designed to help affiliated clubs and registered coaches restart activity after the enforced shutdown. It will prioritise those experiencing short term financial hardship and who have genuine concerns with being able to make sessions financially viable or facing the potential ceasing of operations. Grants of up to £500 per club/coach available (one application per club/coach).

Eligible costs

Eligible costs that the fund could support include costs associated with:

- Facilities
- Restart activity
- Equipment
- Meeting Covid-19 regulations

As the fund is focused on supporting the restart of play it cannot be used for costs associated with:

- Affiliation and membership
- Retrospective costs
- Online payment transaction fees

Criteria

To be able to apply to the Covid-19 Hardship fund clubs / coaches need to meet the following criteria:

- Affiliated club/registered coach
- Demonstrate clear financial hardship in relation to the restart of play
- Highlight specific challenge being faced in relation to the restart of play
- Be able to evidence impact from not receiving funding
- Be delivering sessions (club/coach) that are at risk of folding/ceasing
- Agree to completing a case study demonstrating impact of work & difference BE funding had

Fund priorities

The Covid-19 Hardship fund is open to all affiliated clubs and registered coaches that are facing financial hardship and challenges relating to restart of play to apply. We expect demand will outweigh the funds available so for the purposes of panel decisions priority will be given to:

- Clubs & coaches that work with one or more of the following:
 - Juniors
 - Disabled players
 - Deliver coached activity
- Demonstrate a commitment to reaffiliate / re-register for the 2020/21 season
- Have a previous history of affiliation & engagement with Badminton England

Application process

- Applications open on 10th August with application window open for three weeks (closing date 30th August 2020)
- All applicants must complete the **Covid-19 Hardship Fund application form**
- Applications will be assessed by a panel that includes Badminton England staff and individuals from the wider badminton community
- Panel will meet weekly to assess applications with applicants notified of decisions within 14 days of applying
- Successful applicants will be notified on process to receive funding which will be paid in one instalment
- Successful applicants will need to provide relevant bank details to receive funding
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified and signposted to other types of support available.