

Dedicated facilities support guide – January 2021

With the latest national lockdown restrictions announced by the Government meaning all forms of badminton having to stop we appreciate this is a hugely challenging and worrying time for all badminton facilities, particularly those dedicated to badminton or for which badminton is a significant user.

Please be assured, we will continue our efforts to support and keep the badminton community engaged throughout this challenging time.

In the meantime, we thought it would be useful to highlight and summarise support you may be able to access via the Government, your local Council or Sport England.

Government support

On the 5th January 2021 the Government released various support packages which they have made available to try and reduce the negative financial impact on organisations (including clubs/groups), businesses and the self-employed. Full information on the support available can be accessed here however these schemes include:

- **[Business rates holiday for retail, hospitality and leisure](#)**

You will not have to pay business rates for the 2020 to 2021 tax year if your business is in retail, hospitality or leisure. You do not need to do anything. If you are eligible, your local council will apply the discount automatically. Leisure properties are eligible for this.

[Contact your local council](#) if you think you're eligible and you have not received the business rates discount.

- **[Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#)**

If you employ staff and have had to ask them to stop working or work less because of coronavirus (put them on furlough) you can get support to pay their wages for the hours they do not work. The Government will pay 80% of employees' usual wages for the hours they do not work, up to a maximum of £2,500 per month. The scheme is open, currently, until the 30th April 2021.

- **[Statutory Sick Pay rebate](#)**

You can reclaim Statutory Sick Pay you've paid for employees who are off sick, self-isolating or shielding because of coronavirus. This scheme will cover up to 2 weeks of SSP for every eligible employee. You're eligible if both of the following apply to your business:

- it's based in the UK
- it has had fewer than 250 employees since 28 February 2020

- **[Deferring vat](#)**

If you're a UK VAT registered business and had a VAT payment due between 20 March 2020 and 30 June 2020, you can defer payment until 31 March 2021.

- **[Coronavirus business interruption loan scheme](#)**

You can get loans and other kinds of finance of up to £5 million for small or medium-sized enterprises or if you're self-employed.

- [Coronavirus bounce back loan](#)

You might be able to borrow between £2,000 and £50,000 for a small or medium-sized enterprise, or if you are self-employed.

- [Support for businesses paying tax: time to pay service](#)

If you cannot pay your tax bill on time because of coronavirus, you may be able to delay it without penalty using HMRC's Time to Pay service.

- [Support to create job placements: kickstart scheme](#)

The Kickstart Scheme gives you financial support to create new 6-month job placements for young people who are currently on Universal Credit and at risk of long-term unemployment. The scheme is open to all organisations.

Local support

In addition to the support from central Government you may be able to access grants from your local council. These include:

- [Local Restrictions Support Grant \(Closed addendum\)](#)

You might be able to get a grant from your local council if your business has been closed by law since 5 November 2020 because of national coronavirus restrictions. The grant covers your business being shut between 5 November and 2 December 2020.

Businesses that are required to close due to national restrictions as of 5 January 2021 might be eligible for a one-off grant of up to £9,000. How much you can get depends on the rateable value of your property.

- [Local Restrictions Support Grant \(Closed\)](#)

You might be able to get a grant from your local council if all or part of your business was closed by law at any time either:

- between 1 August and 5 November 2020
- after 2 December 2020

Your business must have been in a tier 2, tier 3 or tier 4 local alert level at the time. Ask your local council if you do not know what tier your business was in. How much you can get depends on the rateable value of your property. You can claim for each 14 day period your business was closed for.

- [Local restrictions support grant \(open\)](#)

You might be able to get a grant from your local council if your business stayed open between 1 August and 5 November 2020 in a 'high' (tier 2) or 'very high' (tier 3) local alert level. Check with your council if you do not know what alert level your area was in. You'll need to demonstrate to the council that your business was negatively affected by coronavirus.

- [Additional restrictions grant](#)

You might be able to get this grant from your local council if your business has been negatively affected by coronavirus. Your local council will decide which businesses are eligible and how much they are entitled to.

Sport England support

Despite the current national lockdown restrictions Sport England funding to support return to play remains open for applications. Sport England have also recently updated their criteria and made some changes to the accompanying information to reflect the new national lockdown measures. These include:

- Organisations based in Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 1-5 can now seek support towards ongoing running costs - for example rent, utilities and insurance. This is capped at a maximum of £3,000 and will only be considered with an eligible funding request. Sport England will not solely support only running costs.
- Eligible organisations/activities in IMD 6-10 locations can apply to our crowdfunding option, Return to Play: Active Together, to seek support towards running costs.
- Flexibility over start date – Sport England ask that activity resumes within six weeks of national/local lockdown restrictions being lifted.
- Sport England have increased the total budget by £5 million to allow them to support more organisations.
- They are also extending the programme and it will remain open up to 30 June.

This is just the summary points, further information can be found on the [Sport England website](#) for both potential and existing awardees regarding the programme and the changes. To check which IMD area your facility falls you can use you can use [this postcode checker](#) or this [Index of Multiple Deprivation map](#) to check your neighbouring areas and demonstrate who you cater for as a facility.

- **[Community Asset Fund](#)**
Capital awards of between £10,001 and £50,000 will help clubs and community groups adapt and open important places and spaces, so that sport and physical activity can happen during the pandemic.
- **[Small Grants](#)**
This £15 million fund focuses on awards of up to £10,000 that support clubs and community groups respond to the challenges of returning to play during the coronavirus pandemic.
- **[Active Together](#)**
A £2.5 million fund, with up to £10,000 in match funding, as part of a support package to help clubs and organisations set up and run crowdfunding campaigns related to Covid-19, such as for a loss of income due to the pandemic.
- **[Tackling Inequalities Fund](#)**
This fund exists to help to reduce the negative impact of coronavirus and the widening of the inequalities in sport and physical activity.

Badminton England Support

We remain committed to continuing to do all we can to support you all and ensure we do all we can to get you back on to court as quickly, and safely, as possible when the time is right. If there is anything you wish to discuss or further support, you think we can provide please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).