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INTRODUCTION

Raising the money to carry out your plans is without doubt the most challenging task faced by cricket club committees and members.

Through this publication the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has set out to help steer you through many of the grant aid and development funding agencies which exist and to give you an insight into their respective funding criteria. You will also find a number of ideas and issues to consider when preparing applications.

Your Cricket Development Officer (CDO) can also offer you valuable advice on development planning and funding. The contact address for your CDO can be found at www.cricketwales.org.uk

Also listed for your convenience are all the addresses of the Regional Offices of Sport Wales on page 42.

For further advice concerning grant aid or funding you may also contact Mike Turner, MBE, ECB Consultant, on (0116) 283 1615. There is no charge as this advisory service is provided by the England and Wales Cricket Board.

If you require information about technical guidance notes or wish to make a general enquiry about facility development, telephone the ECB on 0161 877 6643, email: facilities@ecb.co.uk or refer to the website www.ecb.co.uk/funding

Also in this booklet, on page 37, is a complete section with general information about Cricket Wales.

This publication was compiled by: F M TURNER, MBE, ECB Consultant, who may be contacted on (0116) 283 1615 should you require further information.
1. PUTTING YOUR APPLICATION TOGETHER

1.1 Planning
Careful planning to ensure your ambitions and objectives about what the club wants to achieve in the form of a Development Plan or Business Plan. Within these plans you should show how the facility will support the delivery of the aims and objectives.

Your plan forms a statement of your future intentions and will demonstrate to funding agencies how your plans will satisfy their requirements adding to the cricket provision in your area.

Tips to Achieving a Successful Application:
- You should demonstrate how your project represents value for money.
- Emphasise your level of need for financial support (based on your annual accounts).
- Make sure your application is honest and you request only funds you require.
- Be prepared to undergo a process of monitoring by funding agencies. Some agencies reserve the right to reclaim funding if they are not satisfied with its use.
- Demonstrate a degree of “self-help” - whether in cash or in kind (labour, expertise, etc.). Most funding agencies set a minimum portion as “self-help”.
- Have contingency plans in the event of a rejected application or a reduced award.

1.2 Costing Your Plan
Once you have assessed what you currently have, and decided upon your chosen future direction, it is vital you then put some detailed costings to your plans. These can be in the form of quotations from contractors and/or suppliers or costs in “man hours” (e.g. a contribution in kind).

This will help you assess what financial support you will need and allow you to chart your best possible route to obtain the funds your proposed developments require.

Tips to Achieving a Successful Application:
- Check how much you are eligible for. Some funding agencies make provision in certain urban and rural areas for additional support.
- Ensure your chosen funding organisations are complimentary. Some agencies will not commit to funding if certain others have been applied to.
- Ensure the tenure of your ground is of sufficient length as set by respective funding agencies. Most funding agencies require a minimum of ten years lease, freehold, or other security of tenure.
- Do not start any projects or plans before you receive official written notice of award or permission to go ahead. Most funding agencies will not fund retrospectively.
- Consider every possible option available including sponsorship, Sportsmatch, donations, loans, fund raising activities etc.
- You should give the funding agency full recognition for any support - letters of thanks, plaques, local publicity etc., should be considered to recognise their generosity.

1.3 Approaching the Relevant Funding Organisations
It is important that you choose the correct funding agency(s) for your respective plan/elements within your plan.

Each organisation has its own particular criteria and requirements. It is therefore vital that you make contact with the individual organisation and match your plans to its respective criteria before you compile an application.

Tips to Achieving a Successful Application:
- Your application must demonstrate clear plans in accordance with the criteria of the respective funding agency.
- Where necessary forward any consultation forms as required by the funding agency.
- Submit your application ahead of deadlines set by respective funding agencies.
- Apply to the number of funding organisations you need to ensure the funding you require.
- Identify, where necessary in your application(s), other sources of partnership funding.
- Include details of other confirmed awards and, where not confirmed, when you expect to hear a decision.

It is also important at this stage to identify a timescale outlining when you intend to implement each element of your plans.

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Tips to Achieving a Successful Application:
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1.4 Prepare Your Application

— Make sure your plans are thorough, have been costed and have an identified timescale.
— Ensure you have, and can identify, the people and resources available to you to run the project after it has been built, installed or set up.
— Where relevant, your application should outline how your plans provide for women, people with disabilities and “minority” groups.
— Where relevant, demonstrate how your plans have strategic relevance – refer to the County, Regional and/or National Cricket/Sport Development Plans.
— Consult as widely as possible before submitting your application(s).
— Ensure the timescale of your plans are in line with that of your funding agency(s).
— Plan your cash flow thoroughly as some funding agencies will only release funds upon completion of works.
— Demonstrate the benefits of your plans to an identified local or wider community.
— Emphasise the benefit to the local community of your plans. Where necessary identify how many hours a week your facility or project will be available for community use.
— Make provisions for junior usage, quality coaching and supervised activity of juniors; if necessary make plans to start a junior section.
— Ensure, where necessary, you have the relevant planning permission or written confirmation that it is not required.

— Any equipment purchases or facilities you install should meet certain design and/or performance criteria. For guidance please refer to relevant Sport England Guidance Notes and ECB technical guidance notes (contact your CDO for details).
— Utilise all the help that is available from ECB, the respective funding agency, consultants and Sport Wales.

You should now be in a position to complete and submit a strong application for funding. There are many organisations which have money available. The following pages offer details of the many agencies you may consider applying to. Your CDO is a vital source of information.

2 ENGLAND & WALES CRICKET BOARD

2.1 Application Process/ECB Single Investment System

The ECB has developed a Single Investment System (SIS) to manage all funding applications which it administers:
— ECB Grant Aid Programme (page 6)
— England and Wales Cricket Trust (EWCT) Interest Free Loan Scheme (page 7)

The Single Investment System has been designed to capture all of the components which Clubs are required to fulfil when developing a funding application, using a simple step by step process, as shown opposite:
2 ENGLAND & WALES CRICKET BOARD continued

2.2 ECB Grant Aid Programme (EGAP)
ECB works both nationally and locally to a tightly defined National Strategy for Cricket backed up by a fully integrated National Facilities Strategy. The EGAP is therefore seen as an exciting and timely resource to assist in the fulfilment of the strategic objectives of ECB.

Running in parallel to the core objectives of the ECB are those of the Government and Sport Wales. Analysis has shown, and therefore ECB are confident that, the proposal for the use of EGAP monies will achieve many of the common objectives.

The proposal revolves around the key strategic grass roots strand of the ECB National Strategy.

This strand of activity is best placed to deliver on the development outcomes required and will also be the focus for the ECB and third party revenue funding to add value to capital investment.

Dovetailed into this key strand are 4 key areas of investment emanating from the National Strategy:

— Non Turf Practice Net Areas
— Indoor Centre Upgrades/New Build
— Fine Turf Match Pitches
— Communal Changing Areas

These four investment areas form the basis of the proposal and will be delivered in line with the following:

— ECB Technical Specifications
— ECB Approved Technical Consultants
— ECB Approved Non Turf Pitch Systems

Clubs/Applicants
Eligible Applicants for EGAP will be identified via the County Cricket Board and their Club Development Plan / Business Plan and will be subject to screening, prioritisation, and an application exercise.

ECB has undertaken a comprehensive exercise to ensure the funding is, indicatively, allocated according to Cricket and social demographics. Clubs will only be funded where:

— They are identified locally as being of strategic importance
— They can demonstrate a recognised commitment to adult/junior development
— They commit to delivering activity to a baseline of quality
— They are the focus of revenue investment and professional development support
— Write and annually update a Club Development Plan / Business Plan
— Reach and sustain Clubmark accreditation
— They demonstrate a security of tenure consistent with the level of investment to be made, as follows:

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— Can support/sustain the project over the next ten years
— Acquire additional capital investment
— Acquire complementary revenue funding
— Provide in kind costs
— Comply with the ECB IT strategy
— Completing Club Development Plan / Business Plan
— Completing Single Investment System (SIS) Applications online.

Bid Submission
Eligible Applicants must apply by following the ECB SIS guidelines (page 5).

Clubs must develop the sport Club Development Plan / Business Plan prior to applying for project funding. ECB will seek a minimum of 25% partnership funding against applications. Precedent and development conditions may apply. In some cases a legal charge may be required.

Contacts
In the first instance contact should be made with your Cricket Development Officer; a complete list of CDOs with contact numbers is on page 42 of this booklet.

3 ENGLAND & WALES CRICKET TRUST

3.1 Interest Free Loan Scheme
The England and Wales Cricket Trust promotes community participation in cricket as a means of promoting and improving health – which is a charitable purpose. Community participation is essential to the charitable nature of such a purpose. The England and Wales Cricket Trust also promotes work to improve provision of cricket in schools, clubs and other youth cricket activities.

Activities funded by England and Wales Cricket Trust must benefit the community in its widest sense and not just a small group or elite.

This is a primary obligation of an application when applying for funds provided by the England and Wales Cricket Trust.

Secured Loans
The maximum amount of loan shall be £50,000 and the maximum term shall be five years. Any applications for loans greater than £50,000 or for a loan with a repayment term of greater than five years may be considered by the England and Wales Cricket Trust who shall have absolute discretion to agree or reject such an application.

The England and Wales Cricket Trust may in its absolute discretion require that:

— A Club provide a legal charge over property owned or leased by the Club, or;
— Guarantor(s) are identified to guarantee the repayment of all monies due to England and Wales Cricket Trust, and/or;
— Such other security for the loan as it considers appropriate.
Types of Projects to be Considered

Eligible project themes – amongst others:
- Synthetic net bays/match play pitches (Non Turf Pitches - NTP)
- Fine turf square and outfield
- Drainage/Irrigation
- Machinery (subject to suitable Health & Safety qualifications)
- Land purchase for cricketing purposes
- Security (perimeter fencing/ball stop netting)
- Machinery storage (compliant with Health & Safety risk assessment)
- Changing room development/minor works to changing rooms
- Sight screens, mobile covers and cages
- Scoreboards
- Clubhouse development and renovation.

Not eligible – amongst others:
- Projects that are under criminal investigation (subject to insurance claim due to arson etc)
- General landscaping
- Commercial activities including bar areas
- Car parks
- Outdoor lighting
- CCTV
- Single plant equipment (not incorporated within a larger scheme of work)
- Coaching items
- Video recorders
- Bowling machines
- Indoor Facilities (such as indoor practice facilities or teaching classrooms etc).

Refurbishment/Replacement
- Any project that seeks to refurbish existing facilities will also only be considered if compliant with current ECB/Sport England/Sports Council for Wales technical standards.
- Reconditioned machinery is acceptable provided that a warranty of no less than 12 months can be supplied and the applicant can prove that they have the qualified staff to operate it.

Bid Submission

Eligible Applicants must apply by following the ECB SIS guidelines (page 5).

Clubs must develop the sport development plan prior to applying for project funding. ECB will seek a minimum of 25% partnership funding against applications. Precedent and development conditions may apply.

Contacts

In the first instance contact should be made with your County Development Manager and a complete list of County Board contact numbers is on page 42 of this booklet

Alternatively for more information or to download a full copy of the Guidance Notes please go to www.ecb.co.uk/funding

3.2 EWCT Small Grant Scheme

Aim

The England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited (EWCT) Small Grant Scheme aims to help applicants make small, incremental changes to improve the quality and sustainability of cricket provision that:
- directly impacts on the playing of the game of cricket, and/or
- reduces the operating costs of Cricket Clubs by the purchase of materials.

Eligible Applicants

Any affiliated Cricket Club with a Junior Section* that has ECB Clubmark Accreditation or, as a minimum, is registered and actively working towards ECB Clubmark Accreditation.

Applicants who have been successful in receiving an award from the EWCT Small Grant Scheme will not be eligible to apply to the scheme the year after their award was granted.

Types of Projects to be Considered

Eligible project themes – amongst others:
- Energy consumption/energy saving devices or systems
- Water consumption/water saving devices or systems

Examples of the above include (but are not limited to) insulation, double glazing, rain water harvesting systems, energy saving boilers, flush reduction devices.
- Covers and flat sheets
- Water hogs or similar
- Perimeter ball stop netting
- Purchase of materials for the refurbishment and renovation of communal changing facilities

This list is not exhaustive but the EWCT reserves the right to reject any application that it believes does not evidence achievement of the aims of the scheme.

Contacts

In the first instance contact should be made with the Cricket Wales Development Manager and a complete list of Cricket Wales contact numbers is on page 40 of this booklet.
The Cricket Foundation is an independent, registered charity (No. 1123385) fully backed by the England and Wales Cricket Board. It was established in 1982 and is answerable to a Board of Trustees.

The charity delivers and raises funds for two main grassroots cricket initiatives: the schools’ programme ‘Chance to Shine’, supported by Brit Insurance, and the inner-city cricket programme ‘StreetChance’, supported by Barclays Spaces for Sports.

Launched in 2005, Chance to Shine aims to bring cricket and its educational benefits, initially, to a third of state schools, reaching two million children, by 2015.

The programme now links nearly 4,000 state schools to 500 local cricket clubs, through County Boards, and qualified cricket coaches provide coaching and competition to schoolchildren.

StreetChance was launched in 2008 to engage young people from a range of backgrounds in areas affected by youth crime and anti-social behaviour. The nationwide project aims to increase aspiration, promote mutual respect, and enhance relationships with others, including schools, police and the wider community.
The Cricket Foundation needs to raise £5 million a year to deliver these two ambitious programmes.

The charity will fund – through County Boards – Focus Clubs engaged to deliver Chance to Shine programmes to local schools. For more information on whether your club is eligible to take part please contact, in the first instance, your County Cricket Development Manager. A list can be found in the Development section of the ECB website.

For other information, contact the Cricket Foundation, Lord’s Cricket Ground, London, NW8 8QZ. T: 020 7432 1259.

Website www.chancetoshine.org and www.streetchance.org

Sport Wales is the national organisation responsible for developing and promoting sport and physical activity in Wales.

Sport Wales aims to not only improve the level of sports participation at grassroots level but also provide aspiring athletes with the support required to compete successfully on the world stage.

Sport Wales and the wider sport sector have a vision for how sport can better deliver on the Welsh Government’s sport and physical agenda: inspiring, developing and delivering positive experiences for all.

Vision Statement
UNITING A PROUD SPORTING NATION

Aspiration
EVERY CHILD HOOKED ON SPORT FOR LIFE
A NATION OF CHAMPIONS

Priority
SPORTING INNOVATION
SKILLS FOR A LIFE IN SPORT
SPORTING COMMUNITIES
SPORTING EXCELLENCE

GROWING A SKILLED AND PASSIONATE WORKFORCE

The sector’s vision is to unite a proud sporting nation, where every child is hooked on sport for life and Wales is a nation of champions.

This vision will help spur our motivation and commitment to delivering the very best for Welsh sport.

This vision is supported by clearly defined priorities.

Sport Wales Priorities
The priorities in the diagram opposite form the building blocks to deliver a Wales where sport is at the heart of every community, impacting positively on the lives of all.

We can only achieve this by working together, but for ourselves, it also means working across departments; aligning our work to deliver on specific themes, across the sporting pathway:

Sporting innovation
Wales has a sport sector that embraces collaboration, encouraging new ways of delivering opportunities to increase participation and improve elite performance.

Skills for a Life in Sport
Every child and young person is provided with the skills and confidence from an early age to be physically literate through high quality, engaging sporting experiences.

Sporting Communities
We have communities with sport at the heart of them, offering joined up opportunities for every child and young person to undertake at least five hours of safe, high quality sport every week and sustaining their engagement throughout their adult life.

Sporting Excellence
We are a nation that excels in nurturing sporting talent and delivers on-going success on the international stage.

Growing a Skilled and Passionate Workforce
All those involved in sport, whether in a professional or voluntary capacity, are supported to pass on their skills and passion for sport to the people of Wales.

Support Available
Sport Wales sees the benefits of sport in the widest sense, not solely impacting on improving the physical health of the nation, but also in bringing communities together, building confidence in young and old people and providing new skills and training. We will boost our efforts to champion the positive impact of sport on all aspects of Welsh life, and encourage partners to articulate the benefits of sport.

To help champion sport across Wales, we have a number of funding streams which help clubs, community groups and associations across Wales with everything from purchasing new equipment, establishing new teams, sending volunteers on coaching courses to projects that can make a significant impact against our Community Sport Strategy.

The two major schemes are as follows:

Community Chest
Community Chest offers grant of up to £1500 in any 12 month period for activities that:
— Encourage more people to become more active, more often
— Raise the standards of existing activities.
Development Grant
Development Grants offer a grant of between £1,501 and £25,000. These are available to cover all of the above projects as well as:
— Coach education
— Floodlighting for training purposes
— Purchase of land or rights in land to develop activity areas
— Start-up grants to support new enterprises.

Who can apply?
The scheme is open to any group as long as they hold a bank account in the organisation’s name.

Who cannot apply?
Sorry but if you are a member of the public, primary school or associated body arranging activities for children, or a secondary school that is part of the 5x60 scheme, you are ineligible to apply for a Community Chest grant.

In addition the following activities cannot be funded:
— Physical activities such as gardening, DIY, environmental improvements, performance dance or circus skills
— Existing activities/projects that have already started
— Projects that are considered to be part of an organisation’s normal day to day running costs
— Projects based outside Wales

Or the following project elements:
— Maintenance, repair or replacement of current equipment or facilities (however consideration will be given to replace equipment that no longer complies with current legislation)
— Purchase of personal items of equipment
— Catering and hospitality
— Medals, certificates or trophies
— Domestic or foreign tours
— One off events with no links to ongoing activities
— Memberships
— Capital projects (projects that involve building or buying land)
— Financial support for individuals.

How to apply?
Community Chest is run in partnership with the 22 local authorities in Wales so you need to download an application form and submit it to your local authority contact.

For up to date information and detail on Community Chest and Development Grants please visit www.sportwales.org.uk/funding

Useful Contacts
www.sportwales.org.uk/
www.chwaraeoncymru.org.uk
Head Office address:
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Cardiff CF11 9SW
Tel: 0845 045 0904
Email: info@sportwales.org.uk

South West Regional Office
Ty’r Drindod, Heol Allt-y-Cnap, Johnstown, Carmarthen SA31 3NE
Tel: 0845 045 0906

North East Regional Office
Deeside Leisure Centre, Chester Road West, Queensferry, Deeside CH5 1SA
Tel: 0845 045 0908

North West Regional Office
PlasMenai, Llanfairisgaer, Caernarfon LL55 1UE
Tel: 0845 045 0910

6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

The Community Facilities and Activities Programme (CFAP) is a capital grant scheme operated by the Welsh Government. CFAP was originally launched in November 2002. It is anticipated that the next funding round will begin in April 2013 and will be available to community and voluntary organisations and provide funding for the provision of facilities within communities.

Voluntary organisations - including cricket clubs - should apply to:
Community Facilities and Activities Programme (CFAP)
Communities Directorate
Welsh Government
Merthyr Tydfil Office
Rhydycar
Merthyr Tydfil
Wales CF48 1UZ
7 THE BIG LOTTERY – WALES GRANT PROGRAMMES

The Big Lottery Fund in Wales (BIG) will distribute approximately £250 million between 2009 and 2015. The programmes make investments in the fields of health, education, environment and the community. The programmes reflect Welsh strategic priorities and are developed in consultation with stakeholders in the voluntary and public sectors.

BIG’s strategic framework sets out the principles that underpin their approach to funding. It explains what they want to achieve and how they will deliver their Mission & Vision to bring real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. All of their future programmes will use the new framework as a starting point and it sets out their ambitions for being an efficient and responsive funder.

In Wales, they have identified four key funding priorities and will develop new strategic programmes to address them:

— Climate change;
— Building the capacity of the citizens voice;
— Older people; and
— Community asset transfer.

Strategic programmes are more prescriptive than fund organisations working in a particular field. However, BIG will continue to provide demand-led funding in the future. Details of future strategic and demand-led programmes will be publicised through the website at: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/wales

The programmes focus on the outcomes that organisations propose to achieve with the grants rather than the day-to-day work of an applicant organisation. Cricket clubs may be eligible to apply for funding if they propose to develop projects that fit with the outcomes of the grant programme that they are applying to. However, they do stress that the majority of cricket clubs’ activities will most likely come under the Sport Wales remit (they are another lottery distributor). Cricket clubs should therefore consult with Sport Wales for funding in the first instance.

At this time, BIG has two demand-led funding programmes open for applications that may be suitable for cricket clubs:

— People and Places
The People and Places programme offers capital and revenue grants of between £5,001 and £1 million. The programme aims to bring people together to make their communities stronger and to improve their rural and urban environments. The programme supports local and regional projects and projects that work throughout Wales.

— Awards for All Wales
The Awards for All programme offers grants of between £500 and £5,000. The programme aims to support community activity, extend access and participation, increase skill and creativity and improve the quality of life. However, Awards for All will not fund projects where the main purpose is to promote elite sport – the projects must have community benefits.

For all our grant programmes, any applicant will need to demonstrate what they hope to achieve through the project and meet programme outcomes. Details of all our current programmes along with additional guidance and application forms are available on our website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/wales

The Awards for All programme offers grants of between £500 and £5,000.
**8 SWALEC Community Development Fund**

**2012 Round: Cricket Wales**

**Briefing Document**

**A bit of background**

The ‘SWALEC Community Development Fund’ was developed to reward grass roots cricket clubs across Wales by providing £10,000 each season, for seven seasons, to fund required equipment, kit or upgrade to facilities.

The initiative, launched by SWALEC and in association with Cricket Wales and Glamorgan Cricket Club, aims to develop active participation in the recreational game in Wales and improve the cricket experience at grass roots level. In 2012 over 50 applications were received and, as a result, provided invaluable funding to 12 Welsh cricket clubs.

**Cricket Wales’ role**

Cricket Wales has bid to support the SWALEC Community Development Fund through offering the services of its existing Cricket Development Officers and new team of Cricket Community Officers, to help promote the funding scheme and encourage applications. Each member of the Cricket Wales team will be provided with a branded Under Armour polo shirt, hard-copy application forms and promotional posters, in order to spread the word in all the clubs they visit between March and May.

**Who can apply**

The fund is open to any Welsh cricket club that is affiliated to Cricket Wales and the ECB. Those clubs that enter will receive tickets for a Glamorgan Cricket fixture staged at either the SWALEC Stadium, St Helens or Colwyn Bay Cricket Club (excludes T20 and International fixtures).

**How to apply**

Clubs can download their application forms from [www.glamorgancricket.com/swaleccdf](http://www.glamorgancricket.com/swaleccdf) and must submit their completed applications to kerry.lloyd@cricketwales.org.uk

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**What can clubs apply for**

Welsh community cricket clubs can apply to receive up to £10,000 of funding in total per year for the provision of the following kit and/or equipment:

- Energy consumption/energy saving devices or systems
- Water consumption/water saving devices or systems
- Machinery (purchase only and not hire) to include scarifier, aerator, wicket mower and rollers
- Sightscreens
- Covers and flat sheets
- Water hogs or similar
- Ball stop netting
- Equipment – slip cradles, stumps, balls etc.
- Purchase of materials for the refurbishment of and/or renovations to communal changing facilities.

This list is not exhaustive. If there is any doubt regarding the eligibility of a project or the goods to be purchased, then please contact the organisers on the details below.

**What contribution is required**

All projects must be 50% match funded (See terms & conditions).

**Application criteria**

The SWALEC Community Development Fund will consider eligible applications on their merits, in light of the funding available and how much match funding the Club can bring in:

- The project/improvement should be located directly at the club
- The project should improve the community game of cricket and increase support/participation in the game
- The project should be of benefit to the club, its members and the wider local community
- The club must demonstrate clear evidence of need for the project/improvement
- The project must have the support of the wider club/local community
- Projects are self-sustaining once the initial funding has been awarded
- Only one application per club per season.

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**SWALEC Community Development Fund Terms & Conditions**

- Entry to this competition is deemed to be acceptance of these rules;
- Entry into the competition can be made by sending a completed application form to kerry.lloyd@cricketwales.org.uk
- The fund is open to all cricket clubs in Wales that are affiliated to Cricket Wales and ECB.
- Successful clubs will be notified within 30 days of the closing date by email.
- Clubs will be judged on the commitment demonstrated in their application to the criteria outlined.
- The winners will be selected by a judging panel from Glamorgan County Cricket Club, Cricket Wales and SWALEC.
- Only one entry, per club, per season. The application must be for a single project only.
- Applicants agree to be used by SWALEC for PR/marketing purposes.
- The panel will consider eligible applications on their merits, in light of the funding available.
- The panel will distribute the £10k using the criteria outlined.
- Successful clubs will be notified within 30 days of the closing date by email.
- Successful clubs will provide one quote/breakdown of costs to Glamorgan Cricket who will make a quote comparison with up to three suppliers. The most competitive quote will be chosen by Glamorgan Cricket, who will pay the Club directly in order to progress the booking. Glamorgan Cricket will then release the funding and require proof of purchase through a receipt or statement within six months from receiving the sum.
- Clubs that enter will receive four tickets for Glamorgan Cricket fixtures staged at either the SWALEC Stadium, St Helens or Colwyn Bay Cricket Clubs (excludes T20 and International fixtures). Tickets are non-transferable.
- No responsibility is taken for non-delivered entries.
- The Promoter reserves the right to cancel promotion at any stage. Promoter’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Please note that this is a separate initiative to the ECB Small Grants Scheme.

Promoter: Glamorgan County Cricket Club, SWALEC Stadium, Cardiff, CF11 9XR.

**Contact**

For further information or application queries please contact the Cricket Wales office on 029 2041 9341 or email cbw@glamorgancricket.org.uk visit [www.glamorgancricket.com/swaleccdf](http://www.glamorgancricket.com/swaleccdf)
Grant Aid for Non-Turf Pitches/Batting Ends/Nets

An application can be made for a grant towards the following items, up to a combined maximum of £6,000:

— Non-Turf Pitches (Practice Wicket/Match Play Pitch)
  up to £3,000
— Non-Turf Batting Ends
  up to £2,000
— Nets (mobile/Fixed)
  up to £1,000

Grants are not available for the building/renovation of grounds or pavilions, bowling machines or for ground equipment e.g. sight screens, mowers or rollers etc.

Small Grants

Small Grants of up to £750 may be awarded to a limited number of applications for youth cricket festivals/tournaments/regional competitions and for youth coaching schemes.

Grants towards refreshments, trophies, overseas tours, clothing or individual/team sponsorship are not available.

Guidelines

Applications will be considered from cricket clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body (i.e. ECB, Cricket Scotland, Northern Ireland Cricket Association), individual schools or other organisations directly involved in the development of youth cricket and which have a genuine need for assistance.

Applications for the Cricket Equipment Scheme and Non-Turf Pitch Scheme are administered by the ECB. Application forms are available from the Cricket Development Manager at your local County Cricket Board or can be downloaded at www.lordstaverners.org

Applications for the Small Grant Scheme are administered by The Lord’s Taverners. Applications are available by emailing Foundation@lordstaverners.org

For further information, please contact The Lord’s Taverners,
10 Buckingham Place,
London SW1E 6HX.
T: 020 7821 2828
E: Foundation@lordstaverners.org

For more information visit www.lordstaverners.org
Nearly all Local Authorities have departments dealing with the development of recreation and leisure.

Substantial grants can be available through County Councils or City Councils. There are general guidelines for grant aid through Local Authority sources and the following types of grants are often available but there have been inevitable cutbacks during the recession.

- Grants for Governing Bodies to help run major sporting events. Sometimes, these grants are administered through a local agency such as the County Playing Fields Association and the general guidelines are:
  - There should be no reasonable restriction on the use of a facility.
  - The facility or project should meet a real and significant need and have the support of the County Cricket Board.
  - If property is leasehold there has to be security of tenure and facilities should have long term usage.
  - Applicants must demonstrate that financial support is needed and show that the rest of the cost of the project can be funded.

Substantial grants can be available through County Councils or City Councils.
11 Local Authorities continued

In all instances contact with the relevant authority is essential. Most District and Borough Councils have grant funds for sports facilities and community centres and some will help with equipment and administrative costs. Details of schemes vary and contact with the relevant Council is essential to determine your grant aid procedures.

Parish Councils may give financial assistance under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976; section 19.1 for recreation projects in their areas and may provide facilities at subsidised cost.

Details can be obtained from the relevant Parish/District Council Clerk.

12 Rate Reductions & Relief

Although not strictly grant aid or development funding, success in reducing the burden of Non-Domestic Rates can be equally effective in easing a Club’s financial position.

12.1 Rating Assessment

Your annual rates bill is calculated by multiplying the annual rate poundage (fixed in Wales by the Welsh Assembly Government) and the Rateable Value for the property (fixed by the Valuation Office Agency). Whilst you can do nothing about the former, you can challenge the latter if you consider it excessive. Before you do so, compare your Rateable Value with those of other voluntary sports clubs in your area. You can search for these on the Valuation Office Agency website. Remember that buildings are far more valuable pro-rata than land, modern buildings (usually) more valuable than older ones and permanent structures more valuable than temporary ones. If you decide to appeal, this is easily initiated by completing a form obtainable from the Valuation Office Agency which deals with your area (the back of your rates bill should give the details of where to apply). Applications can also be made electronically on the VOA website at www.voa.gov.uk if your assessment is large or the property complex, you may wish to consider engaging a qualified and suitably experienced rating surveyor to act on the Club’s behalf.

Rateable Values are reviewed every 5 years. A revaluation of all rating assessments took place on the 1st April 2010 with the next revaluation due on the 1st April 2015. Clubs will be aware of the 2010 Rating List entry which can also be ascertained by searching on the VOA website as above. Whilst the 2010 Rating Revaluation often resulted in the Rateable Value being increased, the actual rate liability will be limited due to the lower annual rate poundage applied to the new Rateable Value.

However where liability still increases, despite the application of the lower rate poundage, there is no Transitional Rate Relief Scheme in Wales which applies in England only.

However clubs may still be eligible for other reliefs details of which appear below.

12.2 Rate Reliefs in Wales

1 Small Business Rate Relief

The Welsh Assembly Government funds a rates relief scheme for small business; most occupied business premises with a Rateable Value up to £2,400 may qualify for 50% relief, premises with a Rateable Value up to £7,800 may qualify for 25% relief and enhanced relief is available for post offices, registered child carers, credit unions and certain retail premises including pubs, petrol filling stations and independent retailers.

Between the 1st October 2010 and 31st March 2013 the rates relief thresholds have been temporarily increased to assist businesses during the current recession. Most businesses with a Rateable Value up to £6,000 will pay no rates at all and most businesses with a Rateable Value between £6,001 and £12,000 will receive tapered relief from 100% to 0% for that period.

There are a small number of instances where businesses received a higher rate of relief under the scheme operating before the 1st October 2010 than under the current scheme and in these instances they will receive the rate of relief that is most beneficial to them.

2 Business Rates Deferral Scheme

If you are a ratepayer in Wales you will be able to opt to pay part of your 2012/2013 rates increase over 3 years. This will give businesses some flexibility to help manage their rates bill.

Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs)

If your Club is registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC), mandatory relief is available at 80%. There may also be other benefits to registration including tax exemption for fund raising income and tax relief on payroll giving, gift aid or other individual or corporate donations. More information on the CASC scheme can be found on the HM Revenue & Customs website at www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/casc/tax-relief.htm and also in this booklet on page 26.

Charities

Similar relief (80%) applies on a mandatory basis if the occupier is a registered charity. This can be enjoyed as an alternative, not in addition, to CASC relief. Information on securing charitable status can be obtained from the Charity Commission at www.charity-commission.org.uk.

The Localism Act 2011/2012

The Localism Act 2011/2012 has replaced the previous restricted circumstances in which Local Authorities were able to give discretionary relief with a broader power to grant relief to any local ratepayer (including sports clubs and charities) subject to the condition that a Local Authority may only grant relief if it would be reasonable to do so having regard to the interests of Council Tax payers in its area. These new provisions do not affect the mandatory 80% available to CASCs or registered charities but may influence the remaining 20% rates payable.
12 RATE REDUCTIONS & RELIEF continued

Many Authorities supply information on this aspect of relief in the form of leaflets or on their websites. Approach the Finance Department for details of how to make an application and what supporting documentation and information would be needed (often audited accounts, membership statistics and profiles are requested).

If you already receive relief at a modest level consider whether to seek an increase. Relief of this nature is reviewable each year and applications cannot usually be back dated so do not delay in lodging your claim. Once granted, check each year that it is to continue.

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13 COMMUNITY AMATEUR SPORTS CLUBS (CASCs)

Amateur sports clubs, whatever their legal form, can generate substantial cash funding for development through the Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) scheme. This recognises that local sports clubs play a vital role in our society and in particular promoting health through regular exercise.

Clubs registered with HM Revenue & Customs as CASCs benefit from tax reliefs which include an 80% mandatory reduction in their business rates bills (which costs the local authority nothing) and tax rebates for individual donations under Gift Aid.

Since 2002 over 6,000 clubs have registered under the scheme (with cricket leading the way with over 1,200 registrations). An estimated £21 million of cash has been injected into CASC registered cricket clubs during that period.

To register as a CASC a club must satisfy the following conditions:

1. Membership must be open to all without discrimination.
2. The club’s facilities must be available to all members without discrimination.
3. Fees charged by the club must be reasonable.
4. The club’s constitution must provide that any surplus income or gains be re-invested in the club and not distributed to members or third parties.
5. Players cannot be paid for playing except for expenses of travelling to away matches.
6. They can be paid for other roles e.g. coaching juniors.
7. The club’s constitution must ensure that on dissolution of the club, any net assets are applied for approved sporting or charitable purposes i.e. given to the sport’s governing body, or to another club registered as a CASC or to a registered charity.
8. The club must be managed by “fit and proper persons”.

The key to achieving CASC status quickly is having an appropriately worded constitution. A CASC and Clubmark compliant model constitution can be found on the ECB’s website www.ecb.co.uk/clubmark

The main benefits for clubs registered as CASCs are:

- Mandatory non-domestic rate relief at 80% in respect of the club’s premises – if the local authority already offers discretionary relief it will be better off following the club’s CASC registration.
- Gift Aid on cash donations by individuals. This means that the club will receive a tax rebate of £25 for every £100 given by a UK taxpayer. Further if the donor pays tax at the 40% or 50% rates he or she will also be entitled to a tax refund. Unfortunately subscriptions do not qualify for gift aid.
- Legacies and lifetime gifts to CASCs can be made free of inheritance tax.
- Clubs are treated as companies for corporation tax purposes and therefore their profits including interest may be subject to corporation tax. CASCs are however exempt from corporation tax on interest and capital gains. They also enjoy limited tax exemptions on trading and rental income.

Applications to register as a CASC should be made to:
HMRC Charities, CASC Unit, St. John’s House, Merrow Road, Bootle, Merseyside L75 1BB (0845 3020203). A copy of the application form and HMRC’s guidance notes are available on HMRC’s website www hmrc.gov.uk

In addition further information on CASCs can be found on the ECB’s website (above) by searching on community amateur sports clubs.

Also www.cascinfo.co.uk has some useful information on CASCs.
A route for amateur sports clubs, whatever their legal form, to generate substantial cash funding for development is by registering as a charity with the Charity Commission. This is an alternative to registering as CASC but can deliver much greater benefits and should be seriously considered if, for example, the club is looking to fund new facilities or expand its junior section.

One particular advantage is that patronage and other funding may be easier to access if the club is a charity.

Whilst the benefits are much greater for a charity than a CASC the downside is that the process is significantly more involved than that for a CASC and the club will face ongoing regulation by the Charity Commission.

The main benefits of charitable status are:
— Mandatory non-domestic rate relief at 80% in respect of the club’s premises - if the local authority already offers discretionary relief it will be better off following the club’s charity registration
— Gift Aid on cash donations by individuals. This means that the club will receive a tax rebate of £25 for every £100 given by a UK taxpayer. Furthermore, if the donor pays tax at the 40% or 50% higher rates he or she will also be entitled to a tax refund
— Clubs are treated as companies for corporation tax purposes and therefore their profits may be subject to corporation tax. Charities are however exempt from corporation tax on interest, capital gains, rental income and trading income (in the latter case using an appropriate structure)
— Tax relief on company donations
— Individuals and companies get tax relief for gifts of land and quoted shares to the club
— Special VAT reliefs including possible zero-rating on the construction cost of certain new sports buildings
— Legacies and lifetime gifts to charities can be made free of inheritance tax
— Charities Act 2006 made the “advancement of amateur sport” a charitable purpose and more clubs are expected to look at the charity option in the future.

In order to become a charity, a club located in England and Wales must firstly register with the Charity Commission using its online application form and guidance notes. Once a successful application has been made the club must register separately with HMRC using HMRC’s online application form and by referring to the guidance notes. The process can be speeded up by having an appropriate constitution. Before embarking on the process the club’s management committee or Board of Directors who will comprise the Trustees for Charities Act purposes should carefully study their prospective responsibilities as Trustees. These are additional to their normal responsibilities as Committee or Board members and they should not be undertaken lightly.

For further information please see the Charity Commission website www.charitycommission.gov.uk and particularly its publication RR11 which deals with charity and sport (currently being updated). Also see the charity section on HMRC’s website www.hmrc.gov.uk.
Clubs will usually qualify through Object D, whilst they may be able to enrol with EnTRuST as an EB, there are also a number of Distributive Environmental Bodies (DEBS) who may consider applications for funding support. However, it should be noted that Object D sites must be open to the general public, which may be achieved through an appropriate administration or open membership policy.

Contact EnTRuST directly on 01926 488 300 or for information their address is ENTRUST, 60 Holly Walk, Royal Leamington Spa CV32 4JE
For more information visit www.entrust.org.uk
17 SPORTSAID

SportsAid is the UK’s leading charity for talented young sportspeople. Since 1976 it has helped many of Britain’s best known and most successful athletes by raising money and giving them cash awards during the defining early years of their careers.

Young cricketers may be nominated to SportsAid by the ECB if they fit the following criteria:
- Aged 12-18 (or above for disability disciplines)
- Member of a regional academy with the potential to move on to national/international representation
- Are not part of a fully funded programme.

The average SportsAid award for successful cricketers is between £500 and £1,000 and goes toward costs involved in training and competing such as travel, accommodation, coaching and equipment.

Anyone who would like to discuss criteria and eligibility for a SportsAid award should contact:
- Men’s Cricket – David Graveney at david.graveney@ecb.co.uk or
- Women’s Cricket – Clare Connor at clare.connor@ecb.co.uk

For further information about SportsAid visit www.sportsaid.org.uk or follow @TeamSportsAid on Twitter. SportsAid is a registered charity no. 1116112.

18 The FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

The Football Foundation is the UK’s largest sports charity, with an annual income of £26m provided by its core funding partners, the Premier League, The FA and Government (via Sport England).

19. THE COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is an independent grant making body registered with the Charity Commissioners and dedicated to the regeneration of the coalfield communities. Since its launch in 1999 the Trust has become a key agency promoting and achieving social and economic regeneration and supports initiatives which help to restore healthy and prosperous communities.

The Trust wants to improve community facilities – including the upgrade of recreational facilities – and grants are available to voluntary organisations (including Clubs) and the normal maximum limit in England, Scotland and Wales is £10,000. Training/Coaching and Summer Camps are also eligible for grant aid.

Details from:
- The Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Unit 3, Maritime Office, Woodland Terrace, Maes-y-coed, Pontypridd CF37 1DZ.
- Tel: 0144 3404 455.
- Website www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

20. THE CO-OPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP COMMUNITY FUND

Since 1997, The Co-operative Membership Community Fund has provided grants from £100 to £2,000, to community, voluntary and self-help groups across the UK, by the end of 2012 our members will have donated over £15,000,000 to some fantastic projects.

The fund is based entirely on income from Co-operative members opting to donate their share of the profits.

The income is then distributed back to the local community where it was donated, and all decisions for funding are made by area committees made up of democratically elected members.

Full details on how to apply to the fund can be found at www.co-operative.coop/communityfund
If you would like to become a member; or you already are and want to donate to the fund, then please visit www.co-operative.coop/membership
21. CHARITABLE TRUSTS
There are many Charitable Trusts throughout the country, which have funds to allocate to worthy projects. There are a wide range of organisations from national Charities to local trusts each with their own specific criteria and budgets. Sport-related applications may be considered by particular trusts or foundations if they also meet the organisations criteria for financial aid. For example, the Prince’s Trust funds projects that benefit young people.
Further information about Charitable Trusts in your area can usually be obtained from your Local Authority or County Sports Partnership. The Directory of Grant Making Trusts is also a recommended source of information.

22. BREWERIES
Many breweries are willing to give substantial loans or even grants towards the cost of improving social facilities in clubhouses and community centres.
If an existing supplier cannot help, it may well be worth trying rival companies. Contact the relevant Brewery or other supplier for details.

23. EUROPEAN COMMISSION
EU preparatory actions have been launched yearly since 2009 in order to test and prepare future EU funding actions in the field of sport.
The Commission have published every year a call for proposals in order to support transnational projects put forward by public bodies or civil society organisations in the field of sport. Every year the preparatory actions have focused on a limited number of areas.
In 2011 the projects referred e.g. to prevention of and fight against violence and intolerance in sport, and to innovative approaches to strengthening the organisation of sport in Europe. Projects must involve the participation of partners from several Member States of the EU. For more information about the past and future calls for proposals, please go to:
http://ec.europa.eu/sport/index_en.htm
The Commission has tabled in 2011 a proposal for establishing a Single Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport ("Erasmus 4 All") that will cover the period 2014-2020. Sport is included in the form of a specific chapter. The proposal, which is currently under negotiation in the Council of the EU and the European Parliament, aims to provide funding for initiatives aiming to tackle transnational threats to sport (doping, match fixing, violence, racism and intolerance), to support good governance in sport and dual careers of athletes, and to promote social inclusion, equal opportunities and health-enhancing physical activity through increased participation in sport.
More information can be found at:
http://ec.europa.eu/sport/erasmus-for-all/index_en.htm
24. PUBLICATIONS ON FUNDING

Directory of Social Change

The Directory of Social Change (DSC) is the leading provider of information and training for the voluntary sector. It is known particularly for its general fundraising guides, online funding websites and researched funding directories. These are all available direct from DSC and also from larger libraries.

They include:
- The Complete Fundraising Handbook
- The Complete Special Events Handbook
- The Directory of Grant Making Trusts
- The Guide to Company Giving
- The Guide to Educational Grants
- The Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need
- The Guide to New Trusts
- Sports Funding Guide
- Writing Better Fundraising Applications
- Youth Funding Guide

Each project’s design and specification should comply with, as a minimum, ECB Technical Guidance Notes.

www.sportengland.org
www.ecb.co.uk/techspecs

ECB technical guidance covers the full cricket project theme spectrum:
- Test match and first class match staging (TS1)
- Cricket Specific Indoor Centres (TS2)
- Indoor cricket in multi-use sports halls (TS3)
- Fine turf construction and management (TS4)
- Clubhouse and Pavilion design and construction (TS5)
- Non Turf Pitch guide to purchasing and Non Turf Pitch Standards (TS6)
- Indoor Cricket Facilities (TS7).

Designers of projects should consult with the relevant organisations and technical specifications throughout the design stage.

25. TECHNICAL GUIDANCE NOTES

26. CRICKET WALES

26.1 What is Cricket Wales?

Cricket Wales is the governing body for the recreational game in Wales and is one of thirty nine Cricket Boards affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board (the ECB). Cricket Wales is also recognised by Sport Wales and the Welsh Assembly Government as the governing body for recreational cricket in Wales.

26.2 The structure of Cricket Wales

Membership of Cricket Wales consists of the seven main senior leagues, the nine junior regions/leagues, Glamorgan Cricket, the Association of Cricket Officials (ACO) Wales and the four Cricket Groundsmans Associations. Over 230 clubs are also Associate Members of Cricket Wales. Each year at the Cricket Wales AGM, the membership elects a Board of Directors made up from representatives of the above organisations. The Board meets about five times a year.

Underneath the Cricket Wales Board sits the Cricket Wales Senior Council (consisting of all the senior leagues, ACO Wales and Wales Minor Counties), the Cricket Wales Junior Council (consisting of all the junior Regions/Leagues), the Cricket Wales Child Welfare Council (consisting of all league welfare officers) and the Cricket Wales Council for Disability Cricket. The Councils meet during the winter months to review progress and plan for the future. This comprehensive structure ensures that all aspects of the recreational game are covered and everyone has a voice.

26.3 What are our Goals?

The 2010 Single Plan for cricket in Wales identified the following five priorities:
- Cricket in clubs
- Training/supporting people
- Regional junior cricket
- Successful Welsh Squads that feed Glamorgan Cricket
- Improved profile and communications.
26. CRICKET WALES continued

The Board of the new Cricket Wales is in the process of developing its long term objectives which will focus on both the junior and the senior recreational game in Wales. These objectives will be published in 2013.

26.4 Cricket Wales Staff

The Cricket Wales Board employs a Chief Executive Officer who has responsibility for leading a team of staff to deliver the organisation’s strategic objectives. The staffing team consists of a Performance Manager, a Development Manager, five Cricket Development Officers (CDO’s) (plus a financial contribution towards the Pembrokeshire CDO), up to twenty two part-time Community Coaches, an Administrative Officer and a part-time Financial Administrator.

The Community Coaches and CDO’s have the responsibility of working with and guiding affiliated clubs and other organisations, to help them grow the game throughout Wales. The Cricket Foundation’s Chance to Shine programme is a key vehicle for achieving this.

26.5 Club Directory

To find a directory of clubs in Wales visit the Cricket Wales web-site www.cricketwales.org.uk

There are over 17000 members of clubs in Wales with the junior boys and girls game growing and the senior game in a position of consolidation. Most clubs play in competitive junior and senior Saturday leagues, but there also exist vibrant mid-week leagues in many parts of Wales.

26.6 U13 & U15 National Club Knockout and Senior Welsh Cup

All junior club sections can enter the Cricket Wales U13/U15 National Club Knockout competitions. The Welsh winners then go on to represent Wales in the ECB finals. In 2010 Newport Cricket Club were crowned ECB U13 champions. Contact Ted Tipper on cbwclubchamp@btinternet.com for entry.

All senior affiliated clubs can enter the Cricket Wales Welsh Cup by contacting the Cricket Wales office on 02920 419341

26.7 Regional Junior Cricket

Cricket Wales is divided into nine junior regions – Eryri, NE Wales, Mid Wales, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, West Glamorgan, Mid Glamorgan, Cardiff & the Vale and Gwent. A comprehensive structure of boys and girls regional junior cricket exists for the more talented junior club players. For details and contacts visit www.cricketwales.org.uk

26.8 Cricket Wales National Development Centres (NDCs)

Prior to Christmas each year the nine junior regions nominate their better players for selection for one of four Cricket Wales NDCs which then take place from January to April. NDCs are based in Cardiff, Newport, Neath and Kinmel Bay. Experienced junior coaches and professional players/coaches are involved in each of the NDCs, with the activity overseen by the Cricket Wales Performance Manager.

26.9 Cricket Wales representative teams

Cricket Wales runs Welsh representative teams from U11 to U17 boys (no U16s), U11, U13, U15, and U17 girls’ teams, and the senior Welsh women’s team. Over 150 fixtures are played each summer against English County Boards. During the winter months the most talented boys and girls attending the NDCs are invited for Welsh squad trials with competition for the final squad being intense. Each age group squad has its own national manager and coach.

26.10 Cricket Wales Emerging Player Programme (EPP)

Each Autumn, in consultation with the national coaches and Glamorgan Cricket, the Cricket Wales Performance Manager selects a limited number of the most talented boys and girls across all ages, and these form the Cricket Wales Emerging Player Programme. These individuals receive more one-to-one support due to their potential to reach Glamorgan Academy/England representation level.

26.11 Glamorgan County Cricket Club

The most talented boys on the EPP are offered the opportunity to join the Glamorgan Academy. Players aged 15 to 18 are given individual coaching and sports science support with the aim being to offer a proportion of these individuals a developmental or full professional contract. In addition to running the Academy, Glamorgan run first and second teams within all ECB competitions and have a strong track record of having a high proportion of home-grown Welsh players within their squads. Glamorgan Cricket is also an important partner in the coaching and selection of the Wales Minor Counties team which plays each year in the ECB Minor County Championships.

Whether you enjoy Test Matches, International One Day Internationals, First Class County Championship matches, the Pro40 or the Twenty20 competition, you can find them all at the home of Glamorgan Cricket. The easiest and best way to support Glamorgan is by joining as a member. Details of membership and tickets can be obtained by phoning the Club on 029 2041 9311.

Alternatively you can visit the website on www.glamorgancricket.com where you can find up-to-date information as well as ordering membership and tickets on line.

26.12 Cardiff MCCU (Cardiff University Centre of Excellence)

The Cardiff University Centre of Excellence (Cardiff MCCU) is a partnership between the MCC, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Cardiff University, the University of Glamorgan and Glamorgan Cricket. The Cardiff MCCU plays a number of first class fixtures and offers the opportunity for talented cricketers to combine an excellent cricket programme with higher education studies.

26.13 Cricket Wales Coach Education Programme

Cricket Wales recognises that Coach Education plays a pivotal role in the development of cricket throughout the country and will run various courses throughout the winter months to expand and improve its existing coaching base. The programme of courses and their contacts are listed within the ‘coaching’ section of www.cricketwales.org.uk

The ECB Coaches’ Association (ECBCA)


26.14 Institute of Groundsmanship (IoG)

The Institute of Groundsmanship work with National Governing bodies developing training courses and to ensure that recognition of the profession and the need for quality standards at all levels is at the top of their agenda. They deliver a range of local, regional and national events including seminars, conferences and awards programmes, in conjunction with leading representatives from all facets of the industry.

Within Wales there are four Cricket Groundsmans’ Associations (CGAs) – North Wales, Pembrokeshire, South West Wales and South East Wales – with their members being groundsmen at local clubs. For further information visit the ‘grounds’ section of www.cricketwales.org.uk

26.15 Association of Cricket Officials (Wales)

The England and Wales Cricket Board, Association of Officials ECB ACO is determined to characterise its membership as an essential component of the game; creating a strong and thriving organisation that everybody, but particularly the players, will appreciate, understand and respect. Its Welsh arm ACO (Wales) has branches throughout Wales, and runs training, qualification and development courses during the winter months. For more information visit the ‘Officials’ section of www.cricketwales.org.uk or visit www.walesaco.org.uk
The Board of the new Cricket Wales will publish its long term objectives for both the junior and the senior recreational game in 2013.
26. CRICKET WALES continued

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