



## **FOOTBALL EDUCATION COURSE REIMBURSEMENT SCHEME**

### **CRITERIA**

#### **Objectives:**

This fund is designed to assist the borough's football clubs / leagues with the cost of football education qualifications.

It is essential that club / league personnel are appropriately qualified in order to ensure it operates safely and competently. The qualification of personnel is integral to achieving Charter Standard status. 50% of the borough's football clubs have achieved Charter Standard status to date. The aim is to increase levels to 85% by 2012. Therefore this grant scheme will take into consideration whether clubs have achieved or are actively working towards achieving Charter Standard Status.

#### **What courses can be funded:**

The reimbursement scheme can be used to fund the courses below:

- FA Coaching courses including Age Appropriate courses
- Emergency Aid courses
- Child Protection and Child Welfare courses
- Football Administration courses

Please contact Sue Parker at [susan.parker@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:susan.parker@basingstoke.gov.uk) or 01256 845685 if you have enquiries about reimbursements for any other football education courses.

#### **Who Can Apply?**

Any football club / league may apply provided that it is:

- non profit making (including charities) and is operated with no undue restrictions on membership
- registered / operates in the borough of Basingstoke and Deane
- affiliated to Hampshire FA

#### **What are the priorities?**

Priority will be given in the following order to:

- Clubs / leagues which have not previously received funding as part of this scheme.
- Clubs / leagues who are actively working towards achieving or renewing Charter Standard Status.
- Clubs / leagues that play on pitches which are operated by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

#### **What conditions must be satisfied?**

- The course must not have started. Applications are required at least one month prior to course commencement.
- Applicants must submit a fully completed application form including relevant contact details.
- Each individual who is attending a course must make a commitment to utilise this qualification within the club / league for at least two years after funding is received. If this condition is not satisfied, the individual shall be liable to refund all or part of the grant to Basingstoke and Deane Football Development Council on demand.

#### **How much is available?**

- Up to 90% of the cost of a course
- Up to a maximum grant of £800 per club / league per financial year (April to March).

Please note these are the maximum sums available – there is no guarantee that a club will receive these sums.

#### **Payment conditions**

If approved, payment will be provided after the course is completed and upon receipt of:

- A copy of the invoice for the course(s)
- A copy of the attendance or pass certificate for each individual

Please note, payment will be made to the club / league, not an individual.

#### **When and how can I apply?**

Applications are welcome any time but must be received at least one month prior to the course(s). Application forms must be submitted by a club / league and supported with a signature from each individual attending a course. Forms should be posted to:

Sue Parker  
Sports Development Officer  
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council  
Civic Offices  
London Road  
Basingstoke  
Hampshire  
RG21 4AH

Or emailed to: [susan.parker@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:susan.parker@basingstoke.gov.uk)