

What is a coach Scholarship?

The Coach Scholarship Scheme replaces the financial support that was available to coaches/umpires from Local Sports Councils within the Scottish Borders. It has been introduced to encourage new people to get involved in coaching as well as motivating existing coaches to progress their careers by awarding them financial support.

Who is the Scholarship Scheme for?

The Scholarship scheme is for those who:

- Want to participate in sports coaching/umpiring within the Scottish Borders.
- Are keen to further qualify and develop their coaching skills.
- Are currently coaching/or looking to coach people throughout the Scottish Borders.
- Are affiliated to a local Sports Council.
- Live in the Scottish Borders Area

How can coaches become involved?

Coaches may be directly targeted or can apply to be considered for Scholarship support by completing an application form along with a supporting nominated reference available at www.sportborders.org.uk or from the Sports Development Unit (3 St John Street, Galashiels, TD1 3JX). The application form and reference provided will be the basis of determining whether the candidate is eligible for the Scholarship scheme.

How does the Scottish Borders Scholarship programme work?

Once SportBorders receives the completed application and supporting reference we will review the application against the set criteria and decide if we are able to offer you the Scholarship level you have applied for. If you are successful we will send an offer letter determining the percentage of funding, along with a coach agreement and claim form. You will then be asked to talk with the Sports Development Officer to discuss the Scholarship.

Coaching Commitment?

Coaches will be expected to report their progress to the Sports Development Officer and update their coaching details, when necessary, so that SportBorders can track your coach development.

All coaches working with athletes under 18 year olds **must** complete a Disclosure Scotland check prior to any funds being released.

For the **BRONZE** award coaches are expected to;

- Be committed to coaching within the Borders for a minimum of 1 year.
- Attend a Coach Development Workshops within that year i.e. First Aid, Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshops etc.

Payment Process

The payment for the Scholarship will be split into two payments. The initial 50% of the award granted will be received once you have agreed to the Scholarship offer and have returned and signed the offer letter. The second payment will be issued once you have completed the course and fulfilled your coaching commitment. All paperwork must be returned and verified before payment will be received.



Bronze Application Forms

How to apply for the Bronze level Scholarship
Get Qualified, Get Started

1. Make sure you meet the criteria.
2. Complete the application form which is available from the Sports Development Unit or at www.sportborders.org.uk,
3. Have your request nominated by an appropriate referee e.g. Sports Development Officer, Head Coach, P.E Teacher, Active Schools Co-ordinator.
4. Return the application form and nomination form to the Sports Development Officer.
5. A decision will be given in writing/email
6. You will be notified of an award offer before the course starts, and will receive 50% of payment once agreeing to the award offer and making contact with the Sports Development Officer.
7. The remaining 50% of payment will be provided once proof of completion has been received and your coaching commitment has been fulfilled. (return of claims form, copies of relevant evidence, coaching certificates and attendance at three Coach Development Workshops)

You will be required to complete a simple evaluation form and update your details on www.sportborders.org.uk so that SportBorders can advise you of the relevant training courses and help provide accurate coaching statistics.



Criteria for Successful Applicant

<u>Essential Criteria</u>	<u>Desirable Criteria</u>
Knowledge and experience of your sport	Previous coaching experience
High level of interpersonal and communication skills	Awareness of good practice and child protection
Good at motivating and encouraging others	Ability to work as an individual or as part of a team
Attachment to a school/club/coaching opportunity	Be confident, friendly and outgoing
An interest and knowledge in coaching	Be self-motivating and able to use own initiative.

The maximum Scholarship amount awarded to any individual for a Bronze application is **£200**.

All Bronze applications **must** be supported by a Sports Development Officer, Head Coach, Active Schools Co-ordinator, P.E Teacher or an Employee of Sports Development Unit.

Funding will come in the form of a two stage payment, and will be between 0%-100% of the total cost of the course up to a maximum of **£200**.

Football coaches applying for children and youth pathway courses will be rewarded as follows:

Level 1, 2 & 3 will be rewarded with 75% of total cost.

Level 1 & 2 will be rewarded with 60% of total cost.

Level 1 will be rewarded with 50% of total cost.



3.1 Single Application Form

<u>Personal Details</u>			
Name:		Date of Birth:	
Address:		Postcode:	
Tel No.		Mobile No.	
Email Address:			
Sport(s)		Current Club(s)	
Coaching Qualifications (if any)			
Disclosure Checked	Yes/No		
<u>Nomination Details</u> (You must attach a completed nomination form)			
Person Supporting your Application (name and Job position)			
Contact Number and Email			

<u>Sports Council Affiliation</u>	
Sports Council Affiliation(delete appropriate):	Tweeddale/Berwickshire/Roxburgh/Etrick & Lauderdale
Are you or your club a member of the sports council?	Club/Individual
Contact name of person at Club you are a member of to verify Membership/Disclosure?	
Membership application in process:	Yes/No

Course Details			
Title of course(s):			
Venue/Location(s):		Date(s):	
Course Cost(s):			
Additional Costs: E.g. travel, accommodation)			
Workshops you wish to attend as part of your Scholarship?			
Coaching Details			
Club/organisation you coach for:			
Coaching hours per week:	Voluntary:	Paid:	
Describe you coaching experience (include: age & ability of participants, Group size)			

How did you hear about this funding: word of mouth/Leaflet/Website/Other:
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return Completed forms to:
Sports Development Officer, Sports Development Unit 3 St John Street Galashiels TD1 3JX



If you would like more information on the Scholarship programme please Contact Neil Renton at **01896 756274** or email: nrenton@bslt.org.uk

This form **must** be completed by the relevant nomination referee and returned with your individual/group application form.

<u>Nominating Person Details</u>			
Name:			
Position:			
Address:		Postcode:	
Tel No.		Mobile No:	
Email;			

<u>Course Details</u>				
Title	Course Organiser	Venue	Date(s)	Cost (per person)

<u>Name(s) of Nominated Coach(es)</u>		
(Please make sure the coaches have been disclosure checked before nominating them)		
1.	4	7
2.	5	8
3.	6	9

<u>Coaching Experience</u>	
Please detail the coaching experience of the nominated coach(es)	
<u>Existing qualification</u>	<u>Previous Coaching Experience</u>
Will the coach receive Payment or expense for their coaching time? Yes/No/Partly	

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3.2 Group Bronze Application Form

Group Co-ordinator Details

Name:			
Position:			
Address:		Postcode:	
Tel No:		Mobile No:	
Email Address:			

Course Details

Title	Course Organiser	Venue	Date(s)	Cost (per person)

Sports Council Affiliation

Sports Council Affiliation(delete appropriate):	Tweeddale/Berwickshire/Roxburgh/Etrick & Lauderdale
Is your club a member of the sports council?	Yes/No
Contact name of person at Club to verify Memberships/Disclosures?	
Membership application in process:	Yes/No

Name of Nominated Coaches	Email Address	Nominated Coach Signature

Please make sure coaches have been disclosure checked before nominating them.

Please detail coaching experience of the nominated coaches
(including existing qualification and previous coaching experience)

Please detail the session that coaches will be delivering
Provide information regarding the location, frequency and duration of session and age of participants

Will the coach receive payment or expenses for their coaching time? Yes/No

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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