

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 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.

What is involved?

Once the candidate has been selected they will be expected to contact the Sports Development Officer to discuss the Scholarship

SportBorders will determine the timescale for completion once the Scholarship has been accepted.

Successful candidates will be expected to continue coaching in the Scottish Borders for the foreseeable future and be committed to helping other coaches through the Scholarship scheme by becoming a mentor.

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 contact 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 **SILVER** award coaches will be expected to;

- Be committed to coaching within the Borders for a minimum of 1 year, which will include 40 hours of coaching/mentoring recorded in a log book.
- Attend a coach mentoring training course which will enable you to support less experienced coaches on the Scholarship scheme and at your club.
- Support and contribute to local events such as Scottish Borders Coaching Conference, Holiday Programme, Borders Sports Academy and help other clubs with less experienced coaches.
- Attend two Coach Development Workshops which will be funded through your Scholarship i.e. First Aid, Safeguarding and Protecting Children etc.

Mentoring

You will be expected to support other coaches at a lower level of the Scholarship scheme and at your club e.g. supporting coaches through their UKCC Level 1 in your chosen sport by making a phone call or meeting up to see how they are progressing on their course and see if they need any advice.

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. 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.

Silver Application Forms

How to apply for the Silver level Scholarship
'Developing Coaching, Developing Players'

1. Make sure you meet the essential 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, an employee of the Sports Development Unit or a National Governing Body Representative.
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 issued 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 two Coach Development Workshops)
8. 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.

SportBorders reserve the right to reject an application and may ask for an informal interview.



Criteria for Silver Scholarship

Essential Criteria	Desirable Criteria
Knowledge and interest in your sport	Have a willingness to undertake necessary training
High level of communication skills	Ability to meet targets and deadlines
Interest in coaching and developing your sport	Knowledge of your sports structure and coaching programmes
Previous coaching experience	Ability to plan structured sessions
Level 1 Governing Body award (2/3 depending on the sport or equivalent)	
Commitment to coaching and development of sport in the Scottish Borders	
Be involved with a club/sports development/active schools programme	
Work to recommended coaching ethos of your National Governing Body	
Promote fair play	
Work in line with the Long Term Athlete Development structure	
Have satisfactory insurance. (This may be covered by your club or through your NGB when you gain a Level 1 qualification. Applicants should check this before applying)	
Committed to mentoring others in the Scottish Borders	

The maximum Scholarship amount awarded to any individual for a Silver application is **£400**.

All Silver applications **must** be supported by a Sports Development Officer, Employee of the Sports Development Unit or a representative of the National Governing Body.

Funding will come in the form of a two stage payment, and will be allocated as a suitable percentage of the total cost (0%-100% max).

In exceptional circumstances, greater rewards may be considered for any of the levels of Scholarship. Any decision will be at the discretion of SportBorders.



Silver Scholarship Application Form

Personal Details			
Name:		Date of Birth:	
Address:		Postcode:	
Tel. Number:		Mobile Number:	
Email Address:			
Sport(s):		Clubs(s):	
Coaching Qualifications:			
Disclosure checked	Yes		
Nomination Details (You must attach a completed nomination form)			
Person Supporting your Application (name and Job position):			
Contact Number and Email:			

Sports Council Affiliation	
Sports Council Affiliation(delete appropriate):	Tweeddale/Berwickshire/Roxburgh/Etrick & Lauderdale
Are you or your club a member of the sports council?	
Contact name of person at Club you are a member of to verify Membership/Disclosure?	
Membership application in process:	

Coaching Delivery

Please state the required information regarding the coaching sessions that you will be delivering

Location/venues:			
Club/School/programme			
No. of sessions per week		Times:	
Participant age			
Ability of performers			

Coaching Status

Section	Please tick one in each section	√	Further information
Current coaching Commitment	1-3 hours per week	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	3-7 hours per week	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	7-12 hours per week	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	12+ hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Experience	No experience	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	0-12 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	12-36 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	3+ years	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Professional Status (Tick all applicable)	Paid Coach	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Expenses only	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
How many coaching hours are paid per week?			Voluntary per week?
Any other relevant info:			

Course Details

Title of course:			
Venue/Location:		Date(s):	
Course Cost			
Additional Costs: Please identify any other expense that will accrue as a result of this course: (i.e. travel, accommodation)			

Coaching Details

Club/organisation you coach for:	
Describe your coaching experience	

Supporting Statement

Please state why you think you should be awarded a Scholarship.

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 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 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)	
				Total:	
<u>Name of Nominated Coach</u>					

<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	

