



Guidelines for Grant and Loan Applications from Volleyball England Foundation

The key objectives for the Foundation are:

- Maintain health.
- Assist in advancing educational opportunities through volleyball.
- Help provide facilities in order that the opportunity to play volleyball is available for all and not limited by income.

The Foundation will provide grants to volleyball clubs/groups for:

- the purchase of playing equipment,
- the provision of training time in sports halls/gyms,
- the provision of training and training materials for coaches, officials and volunteers such as Level 1 Coaching Courses, Introductory Referee Awards, Young Officials Courses, Safeguarding and Child Protection Course and materials.

The Foundation will not initially train coaches, referees or managers directly, but will direct them to appropriately qualified and accredited training organisations, such as the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit, Sports Coach UK, Sports Leaders UK and Volleyball England. They may support coaches, referees or managers by providing grants for attendance at training opportunities. The Foundation would not support a coach or referee who is not registered with the National Governing Body and who, therefore, did not have appropriate insurance in place.

Grants for facilities could include:

- the purchase of equipment such as balls, nets and any additional supporting equipment, lines, antenna, drink carriers, paddles and first aid kits;
- the cost of hire of facilities;
- modifications to facilities, such as putting slider wall kits into school gyms; and
- sporting activities, such as running an outdoor sporting tournament or festival, arranging coaching education courses, or contributing to employing a coach or the costs of a referee.

The Foundation will advance education by providing grants to:

clubs/schools/groups for teaching resources, including modified games for young people and people with special educational needs (Mini Volley, Super Mini Volley and Volley Sport). They would also consider applications from clubs/groups/organisations considering organising training courses in all these areas, as well as safeguarding children, equal opportunities and first aid training.

Clubs applying for grants will need to provide with the application form:

1. A copy of the club constitution
2. A copy of your club Equity Policy document.
3. Annual accounts for the last year.

Projects involving people aged Under 18 need to also provide:

4. A copy of your Child protection/safeguarding policy

Note: Club Constitution Templates and other information can be found on the Volleyball England website - Club section and under Volley 123.

Individual applications

Bursaries will be specifically awarded to young people (under 18) who apply for support due to hardship. Opportunities for individuals to participate can be currently denied to those who do not have sufficient financial means to participate. This could include players in single parent families, or where there is no parent/guardian in employment. For talented young amateur players there may be a need to travel long distances for training and the parents of children from poorer backgrounds may not be able to afford this. For players with disabilities, grants may be required to purchase specialist equipment to enable them to participate.

Individuals will need to supply with the form:

A reference from 2 people in support of the application. These must be people who know your personal situation and are involved with you in the sport.

Loans

Volleyball England Foundation will also consider applications for interest free loans repaid over a specified time period for volleyball activities.

Notes:

i. VEF grant maximum for a club/group will be to a maximum of £5000 and to £1000 for individuals. VEF will monitor all grants on an annual basis. Funding will only be awarded to amateur players and events for amateur participation.

ii. Volleyball England Foundation may require further information from applicants.

Please contact the Foundation Secretary with any queries foundation@volleyballengland.org .

Terms and Conditions

Volleyball England Foundation (VEF)

1. If the offer of a grant has not been accepted within six months of VEF's acceptance correspondence, it will automatically lapse.
2. VEF reserves the right to ask for a return of any grant/loan if it is not used in the specified period or not used for the specified purpose.
3. It is the applicants responsibility to ensure that all procedures are put in place that are required within good governance e.g. appropriate insurances, CRB checks.
4. Successful applicants agree to provide VEF with photographs, stories, webpages and any media coverage gained during the period of the grant/loan for VEF's records and publicity; this will help to obtain further support for VEF's work.