

Grants to assist Coaching, Leadership and Safety

The KCC Committee is keen to support club development and is open to requests for financial assistance from all members seeking safety, coaching or leadership awards that will significantly benefit or advance the club's activities and programme. The club has only a limited budget, the allocation of which is at the discretion of the KCC Committee, who from time to time may therefore need to reject some applications even if a similar one was previously supported.

Application criteria

Applications can be made for the following courses:

- Coach training and assessment
- Coach Educator training and assessment (or equivalent at the time of the request)
- The KCC Committee will also consider courses with a significant emphasis on leadership and group safety, e.g. leadership training and assessment and advanced safety courses.

Applications for FSRT and other personal skills awards are unlikely to be supported unless significant personal challenge or hardship is claimed.

First Aid training will usually be supported by means of running club courses where the course fees are already subsidised by the club, allowing participants to pay a reduced rate. Exceptional to the limit on total funding per person per year, active, qualified coaches delivering club courses will be 100% subsidised on club organised first aid courses, subject to application and approval. Additionally, in recognition of the importance of this type of training, applications for grants to cover non-club organised courses will be considered on the basis of club needs and availability of club courses at the time of application, within the overall rules of this policy. Similarly, requests for funding of relevant safeguarding courses by active, qualified coaches, committee members and other club members with a legitimate basis will also be considered in the same manner. This will be to a maximum of 50% of the safeguarding course cost if the member is also using it elsewhere eg Scouts or school activities.

Applications must be made in writing or email a minimum of 4 weeks before the training or assessment commences and applications can not be considered retrospectively.

If successful, the grant will be paid upon production of a receipt for the course and proof of attendance sent to the KCC treasurer within three months of completion of the course. Failure to claim the grant within the three months period will result in the grant lapsing. If a course is not attended the application will lapse and no grant will be paid.

General grants eg WWSR / Maintaining Coaching Qualifications / Non-club First Aid Course Grant amounts will depend on KCC funds being available, will in general not exceed 50% of the course fee (ie travel and accommodation cannot be included in the grant) and are subject to a maximum amount equal to the current KCC full adult membership per person per year. This may be adjusted at the KCC Committee's discretion.

The applicant should already be an active volunteer and supporter of the KCC and for third party liability purposes must be an individual member of British Canoeing.

A recipient of a general grant should commit to offer coaching support of at least 10 hours, for example equivalent to regular support of a beginner's course.

Enhanced grants eg New Coaching Qualifications

In recognition of the significant cost of embarking upon coaching qualifications, the KCC Committee will also consider requests for enhanced funding up to 50% of a course cost, up to a maximum of three times the current annual KCC adult membership fee, for courses leading to new coaching or leadership qualifications. Due to the need to prioritise, maintenance of existing qualifications for active coaches will usually be supported through a general grant, though the KCC Committee reserves the right to award an enhanced grant if special circumstances or exceptional personal challenges exist.

A recipient of an enhanced grant should undertake a minimum of 20 hours of coaching or leadership for the club. This is approximately one course or two occasions as river leader to a group of Kingfisher members.

Course eligible for enhanced grants include but are not limited to:

- Coaching training and assessment
- Coach educator training

Application process

Members may receive multiple grants per year but the maximum awarded remains as stated above. For a combination of general and enhanced grants, the enhanced grant limit applies.

Applicants should provide the following details when making an application (see attached form):

- Applicant's name, address and BC membership number
- Current coaching / Leadership awards
- Name or title of course
- Date, provider and location
- Cost (excluding accommodation and travelling expenses).

Applications should be sent by email or letter copied to either a KCC Development Officer, the Club Chairperson or the Club Treasurer, who will submit it to the KCC Committee for review at their next meeting. A decision will be made and the applicant notified in a timely manner. The KCC Committee reserve the right to request further information and the applicant has the right to submit one amendment to an application, after which the KCC decision will be final.

Applicants are advised that the Canoe England, SRDT are open to requests for financial assistance to obtain paddlesport awards.

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Application Form - General and Enhanced Grants

Forname		Surname	
Address			
Member Type		Month joined this year	
BC number		Course Date	

Current Relevant Qualifications			
Course Name			
Course Provider		Course Location	

Course Cost (excluding travel or accommodation)			
Grant Type Requested	General grant / Enhanced grant (delete as appropriate)		
Grant Amount Requested			

Declaration

In accepting any grant made by the KCC Committee in relation to this application I understand that this is intended to further the development of Kingfisher Canoe Club. On this basis I recognise that with the award of the grant is an obligation to contribute towards club coaching and development and commit to the following.

For general grants, coaching support of at least 10 hours. For enhanced grants, to undertake a minimum of 20 hours of coaching or leadership for the club.

Signed: _____

Date: _____