



Coach Financial Assistance Application

OUTLINE

Somerset LTA is keen to support current and aspiring coaches in gaining LTA coaching qualifications so that the county coaching workforce is enhanced and players of all ages and standards benefit from coaching delivered by experienced and knowledgeable professionals. Somerset LTA can fund up to 50% of the professional fees on completion of the successful passing of the course and subject to the criteria detailed below. The remainder of the costs are to be borne by the individual or through additional support provided by clubs, schools, local authority or sponsorship.

CRITERIA

To be eligible to apply for the grant you must be:

- Over the age of 16 and living in the county.
- A member of a tennis club and hold a BTM.
- In a recognised coaching role and be recommended by your club, school or local authority (for those applying for Level 2 and above).
- All venues where the applicant is a member/coach must be LTA registered.
- Committed to work as a coach or assistant in a Somerset venue for at least the next 24 months after qualifying.
- Plan to deliver at least 6 hours of coaching each week after qualifying (Level 2 and above).
- Support the county championships/junior county training programme by volunteering to help the referee/coach for 2 consecutive years following qualification.
- Achieve/maintain LTA accreditation or accreditation plus status on completion of the course.

GRANT STRUCTURE

Regardless of the level of the course undertaken, Somerset LTA can provide up to 50% of the professional fees of the course. In addition to providing 25% of the costs themselves, applicants are expected to pay their own travel and accommodation costs as well other expenses including attaining a DBS, gaining a first aid certificate and the cost of accreditation.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The applicant must be officially linked to a tennis venue or coaching programme and the head coach or club official must sign the application to confirm that the applicant has the attributes to pass the course.
- Applications must be received at least one month prior to the start of the course. Retrospective applications will not normally be considered.
- Grants are payable upon successful completion of the course therefore the applicant needs to have the means to cover the full cost of the course.
- Once completed, applicants are to provide proof of completion along with confirmation of accreditation (Level 2 and above). In addition applicants are to provide bank details to the County Administrator (address below) to claim the grant which is paid electronically by BACS.
- Applicants are expected to continue to work in Somerset after they are qualified for a minimum of 2 years and support county events as detailed above.



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APPLICATION FORM COMPLETION

LTA Coaching Courses are in demand and fill up very quickly so applicants are advised to book early to secure their place. Please return the completed form at Annex A by email to the County Administration Officer at countyadmin@somersetlta.co.uk. All applications will be acknowledged and considered by the Grants and Loans sub-committee at the earliest opportunity. A provisional response notifying the applicant of the likelihood and amount of support is provided within 4 - 6 weeks; payment is due after proof of completing the course successfully and gaining accreditation.

ANNEX.

A. Application Form

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**APPLICATION FOR COACH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Name			
BTM Number		Coach Code	
Licensed / Registered / Neither (<i>delete as appropriate</i>)		Expiry Date	
Contact Phone Number			
Contact Email			
Current Coaching Qualification		Date Passed	
Course Applied for		Full cost	
Start and expected finish dates		Age if under 18	
Please give the name of the club/school/local authority programme you are linked to, along with some basic details about how you are involved in the tennis programme.			
Signed (Head Coach)		Or Signed (Committee)	
Please explain how this will enhance/add value to the tennis programme you are involved in and confirm that you have the opportunity to carry out on average 6 hours coaching per week for 2 years following successful completion (Level 2 and above).			
I confirm I have read and understood the criteria and terms and conditions of this application.			
Signed		Date	