

COACHING POLICY

We are all fortunate that, for a number of years there have been individuals who voluntarily donate their time and skills in the coaching of players, most especially junior players. Whilst regulation M11 gives the League the ability to grant funding, dependant on the current financial standing of the League, there can be no constitutional obligation placed on a voluntarily run League to provide coaching or funding. Currently, the League is keen to encourage coaching of youngsters, especially, and is willing to exercise rule M11 to this effect. From time to time the League has and will continue to organise coaching efforts and to fund it as it can, especially where this involves payment of a fee to professional coaches. This has been discussed at recent AGMs and the membership has approved that the Committee should use funds to encourage & promote coaching of our youngsters, in particular.

It is also recognised that some clubs have the ability and desire to organise their own coaching sessions utilising professional coaches in addition to those directly organised by the League. The League does not discourage this and the Committee have indicated their willingness to fund these initiatives either wholly or partially, again the League's finances allowing, per rule M11 and according to the merits of the proposed event. Any club wishing to organise such an event and wishing the League to provide financial assistance, should formally notify The General Secretary of the proposed event. Sufficient time interval should be given to enable a Committee appraisal of the application for funding. The Committee, as accountable custodians of the League's funds, require such applications for funding of these events to be totally transparent to the membership and so all applications for funding must contain the following minimum information:

1. Name of person and organisation requesting funding.
2. Date of the proposed event.
3. Venue of the proposed event.
4. Wherever possible details and numbers of players to be coached.
5. The names of the coaches and the amount of their fees that are payable by the applicant.
6. Amount of that organisations own funding of the event and how it is to be raised.
7. Amount of funding requested of the League.

The Committee may require further clarifications before granting approval and please note that funding is restricted to the payment of the coach's fees only. If the application for funding is approved by the Committee and the event proceeds, the responsibility for making all necessary payments to coaches will be with the applicant. The applicant will then apply to the League for reimbursement of those costs in the manner & amount agreed. An application for reimbursement should contain the following:

1. Details as per items 1,2,3 and 7 above.
2. An attendance sheet detailing the names of the players attending for coaching, how much they each paid for the event and signed by each of those players.
3. Name(s) of the coaches, how much they were paid and signed for by them.
4. Details of who the League should make reimbursement to.

It is hoped that by communicating this guidance and procedure will result in applications being made and processed efficiently and provide transparency to all. Should any application for funding be rejected then the applicant will be advised of the reasons for such rejection.