



Disability Cricket Champion Clubs (DCCC) Grant Scheme 2026

Guidance Notes for Applicants

1. Aims

- 1.1 The Disability Cricket Champion Clubs (DCCC) Grant Scheme (the “**Scheme**”) aims to support Clubs to provide regular cricket opportunities for disabled individuals.
- 1.2 The Scheme is funded by the England and Wales Cricket Trust (**EWCT**), a wholly owned charitable subsidiary of England and Wales Cricket Board Limited (**ECB**).

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 The Scheme is open to ECB affiliated Cricket Clubs in England and Wales (each, a “**Club**”).
- 2.2 In order to apply for a Grant under the Scheme, Clubs will need the following:
 - Affiliation to ECB* via its County Cricket Board (CCB)
 - Constitution, Articles of Association or equivalent governing document
 - Valid Public Liability Insurance
 - Recent Club bank statement (dated within past three months)
 - Adoption of the ECB Safe Hands Policy
 - Adoption of the ECB Anti-Discrimination Regulations
 - To certify that all individuals carrying out roles in connection with the delivery of the project and who require a DBS check, have obtained the necessary clearance.

*Includes Clubs affiliated to ECB nationally, via the African Caribbean Cricket Association (ACCA) or National Asian Cricket Council (NACC).

3. What the Grant must be used for (“Approved Grant Activities”)

If awarded a Grant, Clubs will be able to spend the Grant in one or more of the following areas of Approved Grant Activities for the 2026 cricket season only:

- **Additional Equipment** - the purchase of additional equipment that assists with make the game more accessible.
- **Coaching Fees** - to pay a coach(es) to support the delivery of disability cricket sessions; however, there must be at least one coach engaged in each session from the host Club, to promote integration within the Club set-up, as well as increasing the confidence of the coaching workforce and sustainability of disability cricket within the Club.

- **Promotion** - the promotion of disability cricket sessions at the Club through physical and digital assets and taster sessions.
- **Hosting of Disability Cricket Activity** - including but not limited to Lords Taverners Super 1s sessions, or Disability Pathway Cricket

4. Amount of Grant

- 4.1 Each application will be assessed on its own merits.
- 4.2 The amount of grant is £500 per Club.

5. Key Dates

- Tuesday 5th May 2026 - Scheme opens to applications.
- Friday 18th October 2026 - Closing date for Clubs to submit their application.
- Friday 27th November 2026 – Last date for claims and supporting evidence to be submitted.

6. Scheme Criteria

- 6.1 As part of the online process on IMS, Clubs will be required to provide a brief project description to demonstrate how the Grant will enable them to:
 - Introduce disabled people to cricket at their Club, and/or
 - Increase the frequency that disabled people play cricket at their Club, and/or
 - Improve the cricket experience for disabled people at their Club.
- 6.2 All applications will be assessed against the Scheme Criteria set out above, and consideration will be given to ensuring a reasonable geographic spread of supported Clubs across England and Wales.

7. Application Process

- 7.1 Clubs interested in applying to the scheme must complete an application via the online Investment Management System (IMS) at <https://ims.ecb.co.uk>
- 7.2 Once submitted, ECB (on behalf of the EWCT) will aim to respond within 30 days of receipt of a compliant application.
- 7.3 If an application cannot be supported under the Scheme, the Club will be notified and, where reasonably possible, given guidance and assistance to engage with the scheme or a similar scheme in subsequent years.

8. If an Application is Successful

- 8.1 If a Club's application is successful, the Club will receive an email via DocuSign with a link to the Offer Letter, usually within 30 days of receipt of the Club's completed application.
- 8.2 To accept the Grant, the two contacts (authorised signatories) of the Club will be required to electronically sign and return the Grant Offer Letter (using the DocuSign process) within 30 days.
- 8.3 Following receipt of the signed Offer Letter by ECB, Clubs which have not previously received funding from the scheme will be sent a complimentary kit bag containing plastic playing equipment and a range of balls and markers to help facilitate coaching drills and games. The kit bag will be delivered to the key contact's address, as set out in the application.
- 8.4 Once the Club has completed its Approved Grant Activities, the Club will need to submit a claim, together with supporting evidence, on IMS.
- 8.5 Supporting evidence should include (where applicable):

- The number of disability cricket sessions which have taken place including, without limitation, number of attendees / participant figures and dates of sessions, and or
- Proof of purchase of any equipment designed to make cricket more accessible, and / or
- Proof of expenditure incurred in the promotion of disability cricket sessions, and / or
- Any additional feedback and photos, by no later than Friday 27th November 2026.

8.6 The Disability Grant Admin will review the Club's feedback, supporting evidence and claim, and if correctly completed and in accordance with section 8.5 above, the Grant will be paid in a single payment to the Club's designated bank account as provided on the application, usually occur within 10 working days of receipt.

9. Contacts

Should you have any queries relating to the scheme or IMS, please email: disabilitycricket@ecb.co.uk or grantmanagement@ecb.co.uk