



Enjoy Tennis Funding – 10 Grants of £350

Information Pack & Application

2023





Ben Neal Enjoy Tennis Development Officer

Please arrange a meeting with Ben when applying for this grant. The goal of the grant is to assist you in starting a sustainable Enjoy Tennis Program that will continue going forwards as part of your club program.

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FUNDING DETAILS- ENJOY TENNIS

Tennis Ireland Ulster Branch are offering **TEN** affiliated Tennis Clubs £350 grants to support Club outreach into the Community.

This year there are ten £350 grants available for Tennis Clubs to deliver an Enjoy programme to encourage people with disabilities to play tennis. Clubs can apply for a maximum of one Enjoy Tennis grant per year and work must be completed by 1st March 2024. Applications will be assessed on a first come first served basis.

Any club can apply and UBTI may give priority to Clubs who have not previously received grant funding in the 4 year cycle to 2021.

This grant is for tennis programmes **SEPARATE** to those already funded by others, including Ulster Tennis, to maximise growth in tennis participation through a varied Club programme and Club membership.

WHAT IS THE ENJOY TENNIS PROGRAMME?

The Enjoy Tennis programme is for players with a disability to learn and enjoy playing tennis in Clubs. It includes;

- Players with intellectual or physical disabilities;
- Blind Tennis/Visually Impaired Tennis;
- Autism; and
- Wheelchair Tennis and Acquired Brain Injury.

WHY ORGANISE AN ENJOY TENNIS PROGRAMME AT MY CLUB?

Organizing an Enjoy Tennis programme can have the following benefits;

- Recruit new members and provide a service in the community for new players as players with disabilities gain the same benefits as players without disabilities ;
 - Social , confidence, fun, competition, achievement
 - Reducing Anxiety Levels
 - Opportunity to Interact with others, in a way that may not otherwise happen
 - Fitness /weight reduction
 - Important opportunity for integration/inclusion
- Opportunity to develop coaching programme, coach & involve volunteers.
- Special Olympics Ireland has approved tennis as their next new sport.

WHAT ACTIONS WILL MY CLUB HAVE TO TAKE?

If your Club is considering applying for the Enjoy Tennis grant to set up a 14 week program you will require the following;

- To add this as a key action in your 1 Page Club Development Plan
- To decide which local organisation that provides services to people with a disability that it will link with and meet the Service Provider
- To decide when the Club courts are available (normally off-peak).
- To agree with the Coaches times that fit with their schedule and rate of payment (*see rates awarded through this grant in the criteria below.*)
- To commit to a 14 week programme with an openness to a long term arrangement with the Service Provider.
- To recruit 4 or 5 Club member volunteers as hitting partners. (An Access NI Enhanced check is required only if children are part of the programme).
- To agree with the Service provider that service provider staff are on court with the coaches & volunteers during the session.
- To agree with the Service provider that the Service Provider's insurance covers the players and the service provider staff while at the Club.
- To agree that the Service provider or the club will cover the cost of the coach after the initial 14 weeks and/or to charge a fee in order to build a reserve to deliver future programmes.
- Training will be provided by specialist coaches Mark Bullock and Louise Assioun in a group and one to one basis. To arrange this specialist training and the Sport NI Disability Awareness Training, please contact Ben Neal at enjoytennis@ulstertennis.co.uk
- To arrange appropriate equipment to deliver the programme.
- To consider how best to promote the programme In advance- on-line, e-zine, posters/leaflets, etc, and costs.
- To arrange for photos and a report during or at the end of the programme to maximise exposure.
- To read the criteria below and apply.

EXAMPLES

For examples of the Enjoy Tennis programme please refer to the following;

- Windsor Blind Tennis Programme at <http://www.nvtv.co.uk/shows/focal-point-monday-25-july-2016/> (starting point 18 minutes & 45 seconds) and <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/belfast-tennis-club-serves-up-perfect-set-for-visually-impaired-35991050.html>
- Downshire Intellectual Disability Tennis Programme at http://www.ulstertennis.co.uk/images/Newsflash_January_2017_Edition_5_Downshire_Lays_Foundations_for_Special_Olympics_Tennis.pdf
- Shankill, Dublin, Intellectual Disability Programme at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlFvt4ivYkA&feature=youtu.be>

FUNDING CRITERIA- ENJOY TENNIS

To apply please read the criteria below and complete the attached application form indicating how your Club will achieve these and submit to Ben Neal Enjoy Tennis Development Officer at enjoytennis@ulstertennis.co.uk

Please note that all criteria must be achieved and evidenced before UBTI will make payment.

CRITERIA

1. Club is affiliated to Tennis Ireland Ulster Branch in the year of the letter of offer **AND** in the year of payment of the grant award.
2. Club must submit a copy of their 1 page Club Development Plan aligned to Ulster Branch & Tennis Ireland strategy.
3. Club lead coach must attend the specialist one to one training before the programme starts, this will be done over Zoom. Club Lead & Assistant Coaches delivering programme must hold a valid Disability Awareness Training Certificate through DSNi within the last 3 years or have attended a Disability Awareness Training by the end of the programme, and before payment is made.
4. Club Lead & any Assistant Coaches delivering programme must have a valid Access NI Enhanced check through Ulster Tennis within the last 3 years.
5. Club Lead & any Assistant Coaches delivering programme must have a valid Child Safeguarding workshop certificate through Sport NI within the last 3 years.
6. Club Lead Coaches delivering programme must have a valid First Aid certificate within the last 3 years.
7. Club Lead & any Assistant Coaches delivering programme to have valid and appropriate insurance verified by a Club Committee member.
8. Clubs can apply for the following up to a maximum of £350 to include;
 - i. Coaching fees are as follows;
 - Lead Coach- Tennis Ireland Level 1 & above- £25 per hour;

(Coach invoices must be signed and dated by the coach and countersigned by Committee member stating hours worked between date on letter of offer and the 1st March which falls directly after the letter of offer date- activities outside this period will not be paid.)

Please Note: A Club Committee member should sign and date the application form attached.

FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

January 2023

Please complete all sections of the form and return to Ben Neal at enjoytennis@ulstertennis.co.uk

1. GENERAL INFORMATION	
Name of affiliated Tennis Club:	
Has your Club received a grant for Enjoy Tennis programme in the last 4 years? If so, please provide details.	
Affiliated to UBTI in 2023?	Confirm: Yes/No
Clubmark registered or accredited:	
Please confirm if any other grants are being used in this programme, including Ulster Tennis Grants:	Confirm: Yes/No
Scheme location (if different from Club):	
How to register for programme through Club if funding is awarded:	XX Coach Name XX Mobile: Email:

2. DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES APPLYING FOR

Ref	Club Activities	Day & Time	Number of weeks	Target Participants <i>(Please Note: A participant can only be counted once)</i>	FUNDING REQUESTED FOR ACTIVITY				
					COACHES <i>(Rates: Lead Coach: £25 per hour/PTR- £17.50 per hour/Assistant Coach- £15 per hour)</i>				
1	Enjoy Tennis	<p><u>Example:</u> <i>(please amend to suit)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intellectual Disability Tennis : Wednesdays 10-11am 	<p><u>Example:</u> <i>(please amend to suit)</i></p> <p>14 weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From October 2021 to March 2022 	<p><u>Example:</u> <i>(please amend to suit)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TARGET PARTICIPANTS: 20 	<p><u>Example:</u> <i>(please amend to suit)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coach- 1 hours per wk x £25 per hour coach x 14 wks = £350 <p><u>Invoice Total - £350</u></p>				

TOTAL FUNDING APPLIED FOR:

£350

3. CLUB COACH QUALIFICATIONS	
Club Lead Coach Name:	
Club Lead Coach Qualification:	
Confirmation that Club Lead will attend specialist training via Zoom and lead coach and any Assistant Coaches delivering programme hold a valid Disability Awareness Training Certificate through DSNI within the last 3 years or have attended a Disability Awareness Training by the end of the programme.	Confirm: Yes/No
Confirmation that Club Lead & any Assistant Coaches meets Child Safeguarding Requirements – <i>Access NI Checked through UBTI in last 3 years</i>	Confirm: Yes/No
Confirmation Club Lead & any Assistant Coaches meets Child Safeguarding Requirements – <i>Safeguarding course in last 3 years</i>	Confirm: Yes/No
Confirmation Club Lead Coach has undertaken a <i>1st Aid Course in the last 3 years.</i>	Confirm: Yes/No
Confirmation that Lead and any Assistant Club Coaches hold appropriate and valid insurance	Confirm: Yes/No

4. OTHER CRITERIA	
Confirm that Club has adopted an approved UBTI 1 page Club Development Plan aligned to Ulster Tennis & Tennis Ireland Strategy	Confirm 1 Page Plan Adopted & Attached: Yes/No
	Current Number of Club Members:

5. EVIDENCE REQUIRED BY ULSTER TENNIS -PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU WILL FORWARD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THE PROGRAMME AND BY 1st MARCH 2023

An invoice from the Lead and any Assistant Coaches to cover coaching for activities taking place from the date of the letter.

- *This must be signed and dated by **both** a Club Committee representative and the coach.*
- *Please note that the Club must be affiliated to UBTI in the year to claim costs.*

Evidence that Club Lead attended the specialist training and lead coach and any Assistant Coaches delivering programme hold a valid Disability Awareness Training Certificate through DSNI within the last 3 years or have attended a Disability Awareness Training by the end of the programme.

A report/monitoring form is submitted to UBTI at the end of the programme including the following;

1. The number of participants;
2. Quotes from the Coach, a Committee member and a participant on the benefits of the programme; and
3. A minimum of 2 photographs for publicity purposes (*please ensure that all participants have provided your club with photographic consent before submitting to UBTI.*)

Club Committee Representative Name: _____

Club Committee Representative Telephone No: _____

Club Committee Representative Email : _____

Date of Application: _____

Applications and information should be submitted to

Ben Neal Enjoy Tennis Development Officer at

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