

Funding for Sports Groups

➤ **Key funders for sports groups include:**

- **Awards for All:** This is a small grants fund jointly run by several lottery distributors in England. It makes grants between £500 - £5,000 to community and voluntary groups for sports, arts, heritage, charitable and other community activities.
- **The Foundation for Sports and the Arts:** makes grants to many local groups (but not football clubs) from money provided by the Football Pools operators.
- **The Football Foundation:** the largest funder of grassroots football. Funding is available for youth football kits, community and education programmes and women's football.
- **Sportsmatch:** Sportsmatch can match £ for £ commercial business sponsorship for a grass roots sporting event or activity. Sportsmatch acts as an incentive by offering to double the pot of money available from your sponsor on a £ for £ matching basis.

➤ **Sports Club Status**

The Charity Commission now recognises as charitable the "promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for the playing of particular sports". As a result sports clubs can now apply for charitable status, and associated tax benefits. In addition the government has introduced a package of tax benefits for Community and Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs). Interested sports clubs should get advice from Sport England.

➤ **Useful Websites**

www.nvs.org.uk
www.sportengland.org

www.culture.gov.uk
www.activesports.org

Information about funders and fundraising techniques can be found at Norwich & Norfolk Voluntary Services and your district council Sports Development Team. Please contact us, or them, for further information.