

Report of Div Report

For Consideration at NRC Meeting on September 26th 2011

NRC Training Fund

At the last meeting of the NRC in June 2011 we discussed some options for expending NRC Funds and agreed that the best way forward was to establish a grant fund to assist clubs with coach education and rowing related training. I set out below the draft proposals for the **NRC Training Fund**

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Remit of Grant Fund

The remit of the grant fund is to offer clubs grants of a maximum of 50% towards the cost of coach education courses (eg Level2/3 etc) and other related rowing training eg Launch Driving, trailer driving etc. Grant availability will be subject to the availability of funds within the Northern Rowing Council Annual Budget. The Executive will agree the annual overall size of the fund on an annual basis (at the September meeting), subject to the availability of funding.

The grant fund will be advertised through North East Rowing and be highlighted on the NRC Site.

Eligibility for Grant

Applications for grant will be made in writing by clubs within the Northern Region (Div 1), not by individuals

Clubs may then fund individuals undertaking training related to the development of rowing

Conditions of Grant

Grants will be awarded to clubs, not to individuals up to a maximum of 50% of the cost of any training. The level of grant awarded will be at the discretion of the Grants Sub Group (See below)

Grants will normally be expended within 6 months of award. Any extension to this time period will need to be approved by the NRC sub group (see below)

Clubs will undertake to enter into a formal agreement with individuals receiving grant to ensure appropriate volunteer time is given for a two year period. Any variation to this requirement must be formally approved by the NRC Sub group prior to any individual receiving assistance.

Any individual not completing the agreement will be required to repay grant on a pro rata basis related to how much time they have committed. (for example, one year volunteering would require repayment of 50% of grant received). Repaid grant will be reinvested in the regional fund for the benefit of others

Grant Determination

Applications from clubs to be submitted to the Div Rep quarterly on the prescribed form. This will include a requirement to make a case for why the grant should be awarded. The Div Rep will make recommendations to a small sub group of the Executive comprising

the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer who will formally agree the award of grant and at what level. All decisions will be reported on a regular basis to the Executive and an annual review of the scheme will be presented to the NRC AGM

Each funding round will be advertised through NE Rowing. It is suggested the funding rounds for 2011/12 are

	Applications Close	Sub Group Meet	Awards publicised
Quarter1	Friday November 25th	Monday Dec 12 th	Monday 19 th DEcember
Quarter 2	Friday March 2 nd	Mon March 19th	Mon March 26th
Quarter 3	Friday June 2 nd	Mon June 18 th	Monday June 25 th
Quarter 4	Friday Sept 1 st	Monday Sept 18 th	Mon Sept 25th

Grant Payment

Grants will be paid to clubs upon confirmation from the course leader that the training has been successfully completed or the production of a certificate of completion

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is Recommended that:

1. The establishment of the NRC Training Fund as set out above be agreed
2. The Executive agree the level of funds to be committed for the 2011/12 year.