



Messaging Update

Clubs and Leagues

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This week's bulletin contains information on Inspired to Play Grants, a spotlight on Gateshead Fell CC, group bookings for The Hundred and Bowl like Bob.

Inspired to Play Grants



Just a quick reminder that applications for the ECB's Inspired to Play Grant will close in two weeks, with a deadline of Friday 16th July.

The grant aims to increase the number of children (boys and girls) and/or women participating in the game by supporting the delivery of new/enhanced recreational cricket activity in England and Wales during the months of June - September 2021

Who can apply?

The scheme is open to all ECB affiliated cricket clubs in England and Wales.

What type of recreational cricket activity is eligible?

- All Stars Cricket or Dynamos Cricket
- Summer School programmes, such as camps for children
- Women's Softball activity
- Other recreational cricket activity for boys and girls and / or women

How much can be applied for?

Fixed grants are available up to a maximum of £1,250

- Children's cricket – £1,000
- Women's cricket – £250

How to apply

- Download and read the guidance notes (PDF) [here](#).
- If you are eligible, please visit ims.ecb.co.uk to register and apply.

This is a fantastic opportunity for any of your National Programmes clubs to open up to even more children this summer, via a grant that will help them to run All Stars and Dynamos Cricket through the next few months.

Bowl like Bob

On Tuesday 13th of July, Edgbaston will be turning #BlueForBob to celebrate the life of Bob Willis and raise money and awareness for better research into prostate cancer, which sadly claimed the life of the former England captain in 2019.

In the build up Sky Sports Cricket and the Bob Willis Fund are looking for the best imitators of Bob's iconic and utterly unique bowling style from the country's club and grassroots cricketers.

As part of the day's broadcasting on the big day in Birmingham Sky will be hosting a Masterclass to not only analyse Bob's bowling style, but also to showcase the very best clips from those who've tried to #BowlLikeBob too.

@skycricket and the @bobwillisfund Twitter handles will also be sharing clips posted on the #BowlLikeBob hashtag too - so perfect your curved run up, send that rear arm pumping and get posting!

Shining a spotlight on recreational cricket - Gateshead Fell Cricket Club



Gateshead Fell Cricket Club have fully transformed as a club in the past three years. From 2019 to the current season, the club has doubled participation across most of their programmes. Despite the challenges around COVID, Gateshead Fell increased its All Stars Cricket numbers from 52 to 121, and they have seen massive growth across all their junior age groups which now includes three U9 teams, four U11 teams, and a second U13 team.

The club has also had success with women's and girls' cricket, growing opportunities for girls from training only in 2019 to sustaining three teams this summer – at U11, U13 and U15 age groups, and has also doubled its number of women's teams.

More recently, Gateshead Fell have become a Champion Club for Disability Cricket and have started working with Durham Cricket to set up a disability offer in Gateshead as part of the Super 1s programme the county runs. All of these programmes have been sustained through good recruitment of coaches with the club increasing its team managers/coaches from 18 to 41.

The Hundred is coming - group bookings available

The logo for 'The Hundred' cricket competition. It features the words 'THE HUNDRED' in large, bold, white capital letters on a green background. Below this, '100 BALL CRICKET' is written in smaller, bold, black capital letters. The background is a vibrant green with a pink and white geometric shape on the left side.

THE HUNDRED
100 BALL CRICKET

The Hundred begins on July 21 with Oval Invincibles and Manchester Originals Women's teams kicking off the competition. If you'd be interested in making a group booking for your cricket club to attend any matches, fill in the form below and we'll be in touch very soon.

[The Hundred Booking Interest Form](#)

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