

New Developments in Community Chest Funding

Community Chest has been operational since 1999, supporting the development of grassroots sport throughout Wales. Every Local Authority area has a grant awarding panel to ensure local decision making.

Sport Wales continues to be committed to this small grant scheme, which has clearly demonstrated that it makes a difference by creating new and additional opportunities, as well as improving the quality and standards of existing opportunities.

Tennis

In tennis the Level 2 Coach Assistant qualification allows coaches to work under the umbrella of a licensed Level 3 coach and their programme. A Level 2 coach cannot work independently. It is only by achieving the Level 3 qualification that coaches can truly work on their own and gain a professional licence.

Tennis clubs are therefore, eligible to apply for a Level 3 coach qualification through Community Chest.

Gymnastics

In Gymnastics a Level 2 coach is able to run sessions in a registered club environment under the guidance of a Level 3 coach. In order to assume charge of a club and run independently, the coach must be a Level 3. Gymnastics currently recognises Level 4 and above as performance coaching.

Gymnastics clubs are therefore, eligible to apply for a Level 3 coaching qualification through Community Chest.

Fitness Related Projects

Organisations must ensure that any instructor(s) delivering fitness based sessions are REPs (Register of Exercise Professionals) registered for the appropriate activity they are delivering, or that they are working towards registration.

Also, any fitness related coach education courses must be REPs recognised.

For more information on REPs registration, please contact:

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Or to view their FAQs please click [here](#).

Dance

Sport Wales will look at Dance applications as a combination of Exercise, Movement and Dance. Sport Wales defines Dance as *"an Activity that contains elements of exercise, movement and dance, collectively delivered in a sporting and / or physical activity context"*.

Netball

Please note that we only fund up to the Level 2 awards in both coaching and umpiring at a grassroots level.