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CRITERIA FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

General

As part of its responsibility for promoting the Sport of Pétanque in Kent the KPA is willing, in special cases, to provide financial assistance to clubs to enable them to improve or extend their playing facilities. The funds available for this purpose are very limited and it is not possible to provide assistance automatically for every capital project undertaken by clubs. Generally speaking clubs are expected to be financially independent of the Association and to finance the installation and upkeep of their facilities from their own fund raising efforts and where applicable by arrangements with the venue owners, sponsors or other grant giving bodies. Help must therefore be given selectively and directed at where it will do the most good. There is no set formula or fixed amount which is applied in giving help to clubs. Each application is looked at strictly on its own merits. However, the guidelines below indicate those factors which are likely to influence the outcome of the application.

Factors which are likely to support a favourable response

- The work is for the extension or improvement of the core playing facilities such as the playing surface or lighting
- The owner of the terrain confirms that any removable assets such as lighting will remain the property of the club
- Club members are themselves bearing most of the cost
- Club members are themselves providing much of the required labour
- The improved facilities will lead to an increased club membership and / or extra team(s) in the KPL
- The new facilities will be an asset available for regional and / or national events

Factors which are likely to result in a less favourable response

- The work is simply routine maintenance
- The work is for ancillary items such as tables and shelters etc.
- There is a risk that any investment will be lost because the club's tenure of the terrain is uncertain
- Most of the work is being paid for or carried out by the owner / third party
- Club members are themselves raising little of the overall cost
- Unskilled work is being paid for rather than being undertaken voluntarily by club members

Details which must Accompany Applications for Financial Assistance

- A detailed description and account of the proposed work with estimates of the cost of materials, plants hire etc. to be paid for by the club.
- Details of any work to be carried out or materials supplied by the venue owner
- Details of any funding to be received from outside sources
- Details of the funds which have been raised by the club (including a copy of its last annual accounts)

Payments of Grants

Any grants awarded will normally be paid after the works have been completed and upon submission of the final costing.

Prior Notice

Where a club is proposing to make improvements for which it is likely to require financial help from the KPA, prior notice must be given to the treasurer by 31 December in the year prior to the year in which the work is intended to be carried out in order to facilitate budgetary control. Clubs which do not provide this prior notice may find that financial assistance cannot be given in that financial year.

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