

Benefits of the Scheme

It enables the Council's Development Officers to

1. maintain an up to date database of qualified, active coaches.
2. assist in identifying coach education needs.
3. promote coach education opportunities
4. develop, through time, more highly qualified and professional coaches.

It enables the ACCESS Members to

1. gain free access to Angus Council leisure facilities operated by Sports & Countryside Services, during their voluntary coaching activities.
2. obtain grant aid for coach education courses.
3. access advice and information on relevant coaching topics.

Coach education

All Access members will receive information on up and coming coach education courses so that they can develop and progress their coaching skills.

How to Register

Coaches must complete the appropriate ACCESS application form, 'Routes to Leisure' form, produce proof of qualifications, proof of residency in Angus and/or proof of coaching within a club based in Angus.

Club Helpers must complete the appropriate ACCESS application form, 'Routes to Leisure' form, produce proof of residency in Angus. In addition, the Club Helper must have their ACCESS application form completed and signed with their own details and the details of the Head Coach of the club. The Head Coach may be contacted for clarification.

Coaches and Club Helpers will be issued with an ACCESS/'Routes to Leisure' card. If the card is mislaid or lost this must be reported to the Development Officers immediately. All cards will have an expiry date of 30th September. For applications made June to September the expiry date will be 30th September in the following year.

Contact our ACCESS Line on 08452 777778 if you want this leaflet translated into Chinese, Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi or Gaelic, or in large print, audio or braille.

For application forms and grant aid forms please contact:

Sports & Countryside Services
The Yard
Queenswell Road
Forfar
DD8 3JA
Telephone (01307) 475368



A local support scheme for coaches and club helpers



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Introduction

The Angus Coaches Complimentary Entry Support Scheme (ACCESS) is an initiative of Angus Council's Sports & Countryside Services. It is supported by the elected members of Angus Council and the Council's Education department. The scheme is designed to offer locally based assistance and recognition to sports coaches and club helpers and aims to provide support services for applicants who are committed to developing sport at a local level.

Eligibility for the Scheme

The term coach refers to any individual with nationally recognised sports coaching qualifications

The term Club Helper refers to any individual who assists within local clubs and wishes to gain nationally recognised sports coaching qualifications.

Sports must have a governing body that is recognised by Angus Council and/or sportscotland.

Applicants must be resident within Angus and /or work with a sports club within Angus.

Coaches and Club Helpers will only receive free access when using the leisure facilities for club coaching activities.

Coaches and Club Helpers will not be given preference in facility use over the general public.

Coaches and Club Helpers must swipe the ACCESS/ 'Routes to Leisure' card when using the leisure facilities.

Paid Coaches or Club Helpers are not entitled to free facility access.

Grant Scheme

Grants are available to Coaches and Club Helpers who have met the criteria laid down for ACCESS and also meet the other criteria listed here.

Paid coaches or Club Helpers are not entitled to grant aid support.

Grants can be given for Coaches and Club Helpers who wish to gain official, nationally recognised coaching/ instructor qualifications in order to improve the quality of local coaching at club/ community level.

Any member of the ACCESS scheme can apply for grant aid. Should non-members wish to apply they would first have to enrol in the scheme.

Grants can be awarded for:

- Travel
- Attendance fees
- Tuition
- Subsistence up to 30% of allowable costs.

Grants will not be awarded for:

- Personal clothing
- Equipment
- Examination fees
- Entrance fees
- Car hire
- Transport of equipment
- Any other items falling out with the categories indicated.

The maximum grant is £250. The maximum award payable to any one Coach or Club Helper in one financial year is £300. Subject to these restrictions a coach may apply for several grants in one financial year or may submit one application for multiple events.

Application forms are available from the Development Officers, Angus Council, Sports & Countryside Services, The Yard, Queenswell Road, Forfar, DD8 3JA. Sections A, B & C of this form must be completed in full and returned prior to the course taking place.

Subject to all criteria being met, notification of provisional award will be made in writing as soon as possible after submission. The final grant given cannot exceed the provisional award.

Following the course, Section D of the form must be fully completed and returned with all supporting receipts, not copies. This section must be received by the date stipulated on the provisional offer or no award will be given.

Angus Council will consider all grants on their own merit using the above as conditions and are under no obligation to offer a grant to any or all applicants. No discussions will be entered into with regard to refusal or size of the grant award.

Conditions of grant may vary.

All applications for other awards, grants or sponsorship must be declared on Section A of the form and these will be considered in determining the award.

Claims for assistance, which relate to less than £30 expenditure will not be considered.

Applications will fail if they do not meet the deadlines stated above, are not fully completed and signed by appropriate people, are not fully supported by receipts, are for less than £30 or if the coach receives payment.

Grant aid may also be available through The Coaching Tayside & Fife Scholarship programme for qualifications level 2 & above. Contact development officers for full details.