

Bromley & District Table Tennis Association

Development Policy

Introduction

1. In recognition of declining numbers of players and clubs over many years, the Bromley & District Table Tennis Association (BDTTA) wishes to promote participation in table tennis within the BDTTA area.

Aim

2. To increase overall participation in table tennis within the BDTTA area, which in turn will hopefully increase membership of the BDTTA league.

Objectives

3. To increase participation in table tennis by (in order of priority):
- a. Encouraging participation in table tennis by juniors with development if and as required commensurate with the BDTTA Aim.
 - b. Encouraging participation in table tennis by all ages with development if and as required commensurate with the BDTTA Aim.

Development Activity

4. Notwithstanding the finance and resources available at any given time, development activity will be flexible in order to meet the above objectives. Such activities may include for example:
- a. Provide support to coaching activities in pursuit of BDTTA's objectives.
 - b. Establishment of a Junior Development League(s).
 - c. Publicising table tennis and facilities within the BDTTA area.
 - d. Liaising with other bodies (and supporting as required) e.g. Table Tennis England, Kent County Table Tennis Association (KCTTA) and Bromley Council.
5. Development activity must be focussed on achieving the objectives, therefore in view of the limited finances and resources available, routine support for club activities is not envisaged.

Development Fund

6. The Development Fund has been established to support the BDTTA's aim and objectives, with the intention of supplementing to this annually, dependant upon generated surpluses and any donations. The amounts shall be agreed by the BDTTA Management

Committee based on the programmed level of activity and potential future requests. It is a fundamental obligation upon the BDTTA by its members that it must receive benefit in return for any award of funds. This will vary dependant upon the case in hand in terms of timescale and outcomes, for example:

- a. Assistance to purchase equipment to kick start regular coaching sessions for new players; then numbers attending on a regular basis will be a key factor. Note: ownership of any purchased equipment remains with BDTTA until the BDTTA Management Committee confirms that an acceptable level of benefit has been delivered (outcomes achieved).
- b. Assistance towards coaching course costs; then the coach will be expected to use such training to deliver at least (xx) hours coaching for BDTTA's benefit.
- c. Assistance towards junior development; then numbers taking part and ultimately transferring to the BDTTA senior league will be key factors.

7. Should the activity fail then the BDTTA Management Committee will assess the benefit received at that time and if considered insufficient, it may for example; require reimbursement of funds (or proportion thereof) used to purchase equipment or re-claim any unspent funds.

Development Management

8. BDTTA Development will be managed by the Development Officer (an embedded role on the BDTTA Management Committee) but overseen by the Management Committee itself.

9. All successful applications will be reviewed by the Management Committee on a regular basis (see Progress Reporting below) until a point in time when the stated outcomes are considered to have been achieved.

Applications and Process

10. Applications can be made by:

- a. BDTTA Club Secretaries,
- b. BDTTA registered players (endorsed by their club secretary),
- c. Other bodies/individuals, who can demonstrate beneficial outcomes to the BDTTA.

11. Applications shall be made on the form attached at Annex A and submitted to the Development Officer. All applications will be assessed in the first instance by the Development Officer and then presented to the BDTTA Management Committee for consideration. Key factors will be:

- a. How the application meets the BDTTA's objective(s).
- b. Support required in terms of money and resources.

- c. The predicted outcomes in relation to BDTTA's objective(s).
- d. Funds obtained and/or applied from other sources

Approvals

12. All Approvals will be accompanied by a statement detailing the amount of award, which generally will be a percentage of the requested amount, together with any conditions, which the BDTTA Management Committee may wish to impose.

Rejections

13. Applications which are considered by the Committee not to be appropriate for BDTTA funding will be rejected with an explanation of the Committee's decision.

Progress Reporting

14. Regular progress reporting will be required from recipients to aid effective management. To that end the Development Officer will request such feedback, which will be dependant upon individual requirements. Timely responses will be required.

Annex A
Application for BDTTA Development Funds

Applicant, name, address & contact (telephone & e-mail) details:

Description of requirement (inc. location):

How does this requirement meet BDTTA's objectives?

What are the predicted outcomes?

Programme of key dates and activities:

Other sources of funding (received or applied for):

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Costing (inc. breakdown into individual elements if appropriate):

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Annex B

Funding Sources

1. The following is an initial list of potential funding sources for facilities, equipment and training (not definitive), which should be explored prior to making an application to BDTTA:

www.tabletennisengland.co.uk

www.kentsports.org

www.londonsportscoaching.org

www.kctta.co.uk

www.sportengland.org

www.cash-4-clubs.com

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/Awards-For-All